

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: August 12, 2020

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 7:07 P.M. in the Township Hall. Trustee Coleman called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Members:

Billie Dearlove	Present	Robert Coleman	Present
Richard Wilson	Present	David Lyle	Present

Other Township Officials:

Anna Cox, Mike Tolliver, Ed Corns

Visitors: Jenny LaRue, Michael Blin, Todd Brune, Jeff Schlmeel

Motion: A motion to approve the July 8, 2020 regular session minutes was made by Trustee Lyle and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Motion: A motion to close the bids for the Thorn Township-Thornport Buckeye Lake Public Access Phase 1 was made by Trustee Coleman and was seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Trustee Coleman stated they have received two bids.

First bid is from GM General Contractors, Heath, Ohio; with the total base price including all unit price bid items and allowances is \$246,507.00 (two hundred forty six thousand five hundred seven dollars); alternate # 1 bid price is \$109,150.00 (one hundred nine thousand one hundred fifty dollars); alternate #2 bid price is \$96,534.00 (ninety six thousand five hundred thirty four dollars) and the total bid price for alternate #3 is \$487,850.00 (four hundred eighty seven thousand eight hundred fifty dollars).

Second bid received is from Bud's Inc., Nashport, Ohio; with the total base price including all unit price bid items and allowances is \$279,267.00 (two hundred seventy nine thousand two hundred sixty seven dollars); alternate #1 bid price is \$214,787.00 (two hundred fourteen thousand seven hundred eighty seven dollars); alternate #2 bid price is \$99,068.00 (ninety nine thousand sixty eight dollars) and the total bid price for alternate #3 is \$131,300.00 (one hundred thirty one thousand three hundred dollars).

Trustee Coleman suggested that they have the design engineering firm EDG look over the bids and then they can have a special meeting within 30 days to approve a bid.

Reports:

Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove: Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove provided the July 2020 Fund Status report, Receipt and Payment report, Bank reconciliation report and FD Payroll report.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she needs some further detail on receipts being turned into her, so she knows what the item is for, (example, repair & maintenance, etc.) that way she can make sure she is taking it from the correct account. She also stated that she is going to set up PO's for Thornville Hardware, A-1 Auto Parts and NAPA, and she would like the trustees to give her an amount that would be good for that period. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that Zoning Inspector Corns had sent an e-mail to herself and Trustee Coleman regarding face mask requirements and social distancing policies for township and zoning meetings or return to zoom meetings. Trustee Coleman stated that all the chairs have been moved so they are 6 (six) feet apart, masks and hand sanitizer have been placed on the table. Trustee Coleman stated that he does not want to shut the township meetings down again. All the trustees agreed that they will not make it mandatory to wear face masks on township property and will leave it up to the individual to decide if they would like to wear a face mask or not. Trustee Coleman said if we have a meeting that would require a larger area to accommodate the social distancing requirements, then they can move the equipment out of the garage and have the meeting over there. Fiscal Officer Dearlove asked Trustee Coleman if he would let Ed know what they decided, and he stated yes, he would. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she received paperwork in her mailbox for HB 481. Trustee Coleman stated that this is federal money available to the township for all and any expenses to the township that has to do with Covid 19, it is basically a reimbursement for those expenses. Fiscal Officer Dearlove suggested that Chief Weekly get more details on this for her. She also reported that she

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received a phone call from Ted Altier and he will be shutting the company down, so the township will need to find someone to do the EMS billing. She stated that she has received information from a company in Cincinnati that Mr. Altier referred to her. She suggested that Chief Weekly call this company and get some information from them and several other companies for them to look at.

Trustee Robert Coleman:

Trustee Coleman stated that he received a letter stating that they have awarded the ODNR grant of \$75,000.00 (seventy-five thousand dollars) to the township. He said this is the Paddling Enhancement Grant for the park. He advised that the township must now pass a resolution in order to receive the grant. He asked if anyone had any questions regarding the grant. Trustee Wilson asked if the township would have to carry the workers compensation at the park. Trustee Lyle said he read the same thing in the contract. Trustee Coleman said no; the township will not have to carry the workers compensation, the contractor doing the work would be responsible to carry it. Trustee Wilson stated that he just wanted to clarify that the township would not be responsible for this.

Motion: Trustee Coleman made a motion to sign the contract for the Buckeye Kayak/Boat launch with ODNR in the amount of \$75,000.00 (seventy-five thousand dollars) and was seconded by Trustee Lyle.

Votes were: Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Trustee Coleman reported that Lisa McCandlish, who is a local realtor in the area needed a map of the Honey Creek Addition area and he had let her borrow the townships. She made copies of the map and gave the township a copy also, so now we have two maps. He also reported he had a conference call with the Perry County Commissioners regarding the 911 issues, and he does not think they are going to budge on this issue, but who knows. He said that Hapcap has completed the clean up of Township Road 85 and Honeycreek area.

Trustee Richard Wilson:

Trustee Wilson stated that the state is giving the township some road grindings from work that they are doing on State Route 188 and this will save the township some money on materials for work that needs done on some of our roads. He also stated that Thad Cooperrider is going to be giving the township some stone to help fix the road that his trucks have damaged.

Trustee David Lyle:

Trustee Lyle reported that he spoke with the Conway brothers and they would be interested in trimming up some of the trees in the park on Ridenour Road. Trustee Coleman stated that maybe we should get a waiver form for people to sign who would like to go in there and cut down some of the trees that need cleaned up. Trustee Lyle said he thought he had a waiver form and he would check and see. Trustee Lyle said that Jason ordered 3 (three) road signs that say, "Hidden Drive" and the cost will be \$170.00 (one hundred seventy dollars) for all three signs. Fiscal Officer Dearlove suggested that they check other roads and see if they might need signs. Trustee Lyle stated that he received a phone call about the road in front of Champs pizza as to what the township is going to do with it. Trustee Wilson said he would get with the county engineer about it.

Trustee Coleman said that he has received a letter of resignation from Ryan Marshall for his position on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Fire/EMS:

Chief Weekly was not in attendance, Mike Tolliver presented his monthly reports for July 2020 to the board. He stated that the department would like to appoint Michael Newman as a part time EMT/Firefighter to help fill in the gaps on 3-unit shift.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Coleman to appoint Michael Newman as part-time EMT/Firefighter on 3-unit shift. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Mike advised that the squad is back from the shop and all the vehicles are back in service. A brief discussion was held regarding replacing the squad. Fiscal Officer Dearlove advised them to get some numbers and they would look at it.

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Public Comments:

Jenny LaRue from the Perry County Health Department presented a brief presentation on the bike path and updates on the project.

Zoning:

Zoning Inspector Ed Corns provided his monthly reports and permit updates. He advised that there will be a Public Hearing on the PRD for the proposed development and that will be on August 31st at 7:00 P.M.

He stated that at some point he would like to see the township have something set up to allow payments to be made by debit and credit cards. He also said that the renewal for his computer program will be coming up. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she has received it, and she put it in his mailbox for his review. He also reported that there are now two open seats on the Board of Zoning Appeals and one open seat on the zoning commission and an alternate position for the zoning commission. He has received four applications for these positions, and he is proposing that they appoint Tom Horvath and Doug Wortman to the positions for Board of Zoning Appeals and Jim Hay to the position on the zoning commission and Rick McCance as an alternate on the Zoning Commission. These positions would be effective immediately if appointed. Trustee Lyle stated that Rick McCance has asked to be on the BZA not the commission. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that they need to check and see if he is interested in the commission position before they appoint him to the position. Joe Blaine said he could ask him and see if he is interested in that position.

Motion: Trustee Coleman made a motion to appoint Tom Horvath and Doug Wortman to the positions on the BZA and Jim Hay to the position on the Zoning Commission and was seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 P.M. by Trustee Coleman and seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Billie Dearlove

David Lyle

Richard Wilson

Robert Coleman

All of the formal actions of Thorn Township concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.