

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: September 9, 2020

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 6:54 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, Chief Jeremy Weekly

Visitors: No visitors present

Motion: A motion to approve the August 9, 2020 special session minutes was made by Trustee Lyle and seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Motion: A motion to approve the August 9, 2020 regular session minutes was made by Trustee Coleman and seconded by Trustee Wilson.

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

Reports:

Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove: Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove provided the August 2020 Fund Status report, Receipt and Payment report, Bank reconciliation report and FD Payroll report. She presented Purchases Orders for the board's signatures.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove advised the board that they need a resolution accepting the Amounts and Rates from the county.

Motion: A motion for a "Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor", and that a certified copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Perry County Auditor, was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye; David Lyle; Aye.

She also advised that she needed approval to increase the appropriation in 1000-130-139-000 -Zoning in the amount of \$4000.00 (four thousand dollars).

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Coleman for approval of an increase in Zoning -1000-130-139-000, in the amount of \$4000.00 (four thousand dollars) and was seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated she received an email from Zoning Inspector Ed Corns and Zoning Secretary Deborah Morgan regarding Rick McCance and the boards offer to appoint Mr. McCance to the open position of alternate of the Zoning Commission. Mr. McCance said that he would rather serve as an alternate on the Board of Zoning Appeals. After a brief discussion, the consensus of the board was to recommend that Mr. McCance serve as an alternate on the Zoning Commission.

Trustee Robert Coleman:

Trustee Coleman advised that he had a meeting August 19th with the Ohio Southeastern Economic Development and they are going to set up a future meeting with Jay Hottinger to try and get more money for the park extension.

He also reported that he bought 10 (ten) new folding tables for the township to use for larger meetings in the shop area, and the expense of the tables can come out of the covid money.

He also reported that one complaint came out of the Zoning public hearing meeting on August 31st and it was a complaint about the deputy fire chief not wearing a mask. Trustee Coleman said this is not the townships problem, any complaints are to be directed to the Perry County Health Department.

The Zoning Commissions decision from the Public Hearing on August 31, 2020 was to continue the PRD with the developers because they felt they did not have enough information at this time.

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Trustee Coleman asked what the township needs to do regarding the CARES ACT, just pass a resolution. Fiscal Officer Dearlove and Chief Weekly stated yes.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Coleman that /thorn Township accept and pass a resolution for the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES ACT); House Bill 481 and was seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Trustee Coleman stated that a resident contacted him about using the township building to have a community meeting on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 P.M. and he put it on the calendar. Trustee Coleman said that Joe Burton from Robinwood was coming to meeting tonight but had to cancel out. He stated that Mr. Burton has an issue with his sewer which runs through the road and the road would have to be dug up. He advised the county that they can dig the road up, but they would have to get an Excavation Permit at the cost of \$50.00 (fifty dollars) and they would be responsible for putting the road back. The county stated that they could not do that. Trustee Coleman said he has the permit and he will just wait and see what develops. He also stated that he had a meeting today, (September 9, 2020) with EDG, GM Contractors and Jeremy Osley out of Cleveland was on the phone with them, to go over the contract for the park. Trustee Coleman said that he is sending a sample contract and PDF to our attorney for him to review and once he has reviewed it they will have to set up a meeting to sign the contract and go over the line items and decided what they want to keep and what they don't want. He also informed the fiscal officer that the company has no problem with the township payment of \$20,000.00 for reimbursement increments at a time.

Trustee Richard Wilson:

Trustee Wilson asked Fiscal Officer Dearlove if the township could prepay with the county for 150 (one hundred fifty) tons of cold mix, which would be \$12,000.00 (twelve thousand dollars). He said that the county does not always have the mix when they go to get it or are upset if we take to much mix. Fiscal Officer Dearlove said that she does not like to do that. He also reported a drainage issue down on 407. He said that a new home was built down there that sits higher than the other houses around it and is causing water issues with the neighbors. Trustee Wilson said the best option to alleviate the problem is to go through the driveway back to the lake. This property is on the neighbor's land, so he will talk with them to see if they can do this. He also said that they need to thank Jason Foltz and Dave Cox for staying late to take care of the clean up after the storm damage from a few weeks ago. He advised that he received Dave Cox's resignation last week and they need to advertise for the position.

Trustee David Lyle:

Trustee Lyle advised that OTMARA will come up with a liability waiver form for the township to use for volunteers. This form can be used for the people that want to go in and clean up the trees and shrubs at the park on Ridenour Road or any other time that we have volunteers come in to do something. He should have the waiver form by the next meeting. He also advised that he has drafted a letter to send to the Perry County Commissioners to explain our fire departments budget. A brief discussion was held. Fiscal Officer Dearlove said that she will go over the letter and make sure the numbers are accurate and make revisions and get it back to the trustees for their signatures.

Fire/EMS:

Chief Weekly presented his monthly report for August 2020. He stated that he has received a quote to power wash the firehouse in the amount of \$1,800.00 (one thousand eight hundred dollars) which can come out of the CARES ACT money and he also would like to use some of this money to build a lobby onto the firehouse for a public waiting area. Trustee Wilson is also going to get a quote on power washing from Kyle Kaufman for the firehouse and the township building. He reported that Mr. Koehler from the 911 center sent out flyers to all the departments explaining the levy that will be going on the ballot. He also reported that face masks were donated to the fire department and EMS. Chief Weekly said he has received several applications and he would like for the board to approve hiring part time the following individuals, Chris Shoup FF/Medic; Micah Cormier FF/Medic; Ryan Guenther FF/EMT; Aaron Halcomb FF/EMT and Aiden Smith FF/EMT. A brief discussion was held about hiring these individuals.

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Motion: A motion to appoint Chris Shoup, Micah Cormier, Ryan Guenther, Aaron Halcomb and Aiden Smith as part time to the department was made by Trustee Coleman and was seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Ed Corns was not in attendance at the meeting. Fiscal Officer Dearlove received his monthly reports and permits prior to tonight's meeting and put copies in each of the board members packets.

Motion: At 6:35 P.M. Trustee Coleman made a motion to go into executive session pursuant Ohio Revise Code 121.22G1 to discuss employee personnel matters and was seconded by Trustee Lyle.

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

Motion: At 6:53 P.M. Trustee Coleman made a motion to come out of executive session and was seconded by Trustee Lyle. **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 6:54 P.M. by Trustee Coleman and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **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.