

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: January 13, 2021

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 6 :13 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

**Visitors:** Anna Cox, Jeremy Weekly, Ed Corns, Rylie Rodich, Leslie Rodich, Marty Finta

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

**Motion:** A motion to approve the January 2, 2021 Reorganizational Meeting minutes was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

**Reports:**

**Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove:** Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove provided the December 2020 Reports: Fund Status Report, Receipt and Payment Report, Fire Department Payroll Report and Bank Reconciliation Report.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she had on the agenda for tonight that the zoning inspector would not be in attendance but he will actually be at the meeting so please disregard that. She also stated that the Perry County Commissioners had requested a copy of the December 9, 2020 meeting minutes and she had sent them a draft copy of the minutes. She will send them a copy of the approved and signed minutes of that meeting. She also stated that she provided the board with copies of previous minutes and paperwork regarding Marty Finta and the Snug Harbor updates that he presented in 2012 and 2013.

**Trustee Robert Coleman:**

Trustee Coleman reported that David Hansen, who is the Perry County Director for CIC (Community Improvement Corporation) gave him a list of businesses in Thorn Township that are eligible for Covid 19 money for small businesses. The funds available to them were in the amount of \$2,500.00 (twenty-five hundred dollars). Trustee Coleman went around to each of these businesses and informed how they could apply for this money.

He also asked about advertising for the vacant road workers position on the township webpage. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that if they write up something, she will have it put on there. Trustee Wilson said he would get something put together for her to put on the web page. Trustee Coleman also stated that they need to get the Excavation Road Form put on the web page and remove the bid documents for the park.

He advised that there is a new business in Thornport called Eagle Healthworks, Smart Addiction Treatment Center, located at 14882 State Route 13.

Trustee Coleman stated that back a few months ago they received a copy of a Property Maintenance Code, he suggested that the trustee's review it and discuss in the future.

Trustee Coleman asked if they want to continue to have in-person meetings or go to zoom meetings. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she must get internet in the building before they can use the computer in this building for zoom meetings. The fiscal officer and the trustees all agreed to continue in-person meetings for now.

**Trustee Richard Wilson:**

Trustee Wilson asked about cell phone reimbursement for road worker Jason Foltz. He stated that he uses his personal phone for work related activity. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated, that if they want to reimburse him that can be done the same as they do for her and the trustees in the amount of \$25.00 per month. He would have to submit a copy of his phone bill to her.

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**Motion:** A motion was made by Trustee Wilson to reimburse Jason Foltz \$25.00 per month for his cell phone bill and was seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Trustee Wilson asked if they were going to purchase any new equipment this year. He stated that last year they had tried out two different size track hoes, (a large and small one) and he would like to try out a medium sized one. The cost would approximately be \$130,000.00 (one hundred thirty thousand dollars), and this price included the 30% off state bid. Fiscal Officer Dearlove asked if this piece of equipment is the most important purchase that they will be needing. A brief discussion was held and they decided to go ahead and try one out.

#### **Trustee David Lyle:**

Trustee Lyle stated that Jenny LaRue from the Perry County Health Department contacted him about attending next months meeting to discuss putting the Walk Path/Bike Path adjacent to Township Road 358. He stated that she can apply for a \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollar) grant to cover the cost to put the path in but she would need the township's approval to get the grant. Fiscal Officer Dearlove advised Trustee Lyle to have her email her to be on the agenda for next month. He also stated that there are some trees that need to be taken down in the park on Ridenour Road before they fall onto the road.

#### **Fire & EMS:**

Chief Weekly provided his end of the year reports to the board. He stated that it was a record year for them. Jeremy also stated that he received resignations from Chris Shoup and Larry Thomas, however Larry rescinded his resignation and will remain with the department. He stated that he does have two new people that he would like to appoint to the department as part-time, they are Travis Donahue and Brandt Griggs.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Trustee Lyle to appoint Travis Donahue and Brandt Griggs to the department as part-time and was seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Chief Weekly said that he received \$1,700.00 (seventeen hundred dollars) from Energy Co-Op to purchase two Air SVA bottles and he also received \$1415.00 (fourteen hundred and fifteen dollars) for Covid PPE reimbursement from the State of Ohio.

He also reported that he has a quote from First Net/AT & T to provide wifi servicing for 5 mobile hot spots for the computers in the trucks. The cost for them would be \$170.00 per month. He said that the devices are provided for free from First Net they would only have to pay the month fee. A brief discussion was held.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Trustee Wilson to approve the wifi servicing of 5 mobile hot spots from First Net/AT & T in the amount of \$170.00 (one hundred seventy dollars) per month and was seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Chief Weekly also asked about a possible \$ .50 cent per hour raise for the department's personnel. He stated that the cost would be around an additional \$18,000.00 (eighteen thousand dollars per year. A brief discussion was held. Fiscal Officer Dearlove said she would like to look at the numbers first, just to make sure on everything and address this at the next meeting. They agreed to discuss this next month.

#### **Zoning:**

Zoning Inspector Ed Corns provided his monthly reports to the board. He stated that he will have his year end reports for them at the next meeting. He stated that permits were up for 2020 and that the drop box is working out well so far. Trustee Lyle asked him if a zoning permit application has been submitted for the property on State Route 13, where they are clearing out all the trees. Zoning Inspector Corns stated that he has not received any requests from them.

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### **Citizen Comments:**

Marty Finta was in attendance and gave an update on Snug Harbor. Mr. Finta presented the board with what appeared to be the same documents for a cash contribution pledge as he had presented back on May 9, 2012 and April 10, 2013 to the township. Mr. Finta said that the township should receive a check for approximately \$90,000.00 within 90 days.

At approximately 6:10pm, Fiscal Officer Dearlove advised Chairman Robert Coleman that she was excusing herself from the meeting.

### **Meeting Adjourned:**

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 P.M. by Trustee Lyle and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

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Billie Dearlove

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David Lyle

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Richard Wilson

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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.