

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: December 8, 2021

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 6:25 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: Bill Collinson (BBL), Jason Foltz, Deborah Raney (Perry County Health Dept.), Brad Blain, John Ulmer, Judge Cooperrider, Todd Howard, Gail Davidson

Fiscal Officer Report:

- Approval of October 26, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes:
- Approval of November 10, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: A motion to approve the October 26, 2021 Special Meeting 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 approve the November 10, 2021 regular session minutes was made by Trustee Coleman and seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Abstained, David Lyle; Aye

- Fiscal Office Dearlove submitted her monthly Reports: November Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status Report, Receipt & Payment Report, FD Payroll Report and Revenue Status Report.
- Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she has the following resolutions to be voted on at tonight's meeting.
 - **Resolution 2021-10 for the Appointment of Full-Time Fire Chief (Jeremy Weekly)**
 - **Resolution 2021-20 –Thorn Township and Full-Time Fire Chief (Jeremy Weekly) will participate in Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund**
 - **Resolution 2021-25- Adoption of plan for Full-Time Fire Chief (Jeremy Weekly) to participate in Ohio Deferred Compensation Plan**

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Wilson to approve Resolution 2021-10 (contract to hire Jeremy Weekly as Full-Time Fire Chief for Thorn Township) and was seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Coleman to approve Resolution 2021-20-for Thorn Township and Jeremy Weekly to participate in Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund and was seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Wilson to approve Resolution 2021-25-Adoption of plan for Jeremy Weekly to participate in Ohio Deferred Compensation Plan and allow Fiscal Officer Dearlove to deduct money from Jeremy Weekly's payroll check for this participation and was seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

- Thorn Township Health Renewal- Fiscal Officer Dealove advised that the township is currently with United Health Care; however, she has received a quote for Anthem, which would be a decrease of \$618.22 per month for same coverage they currently have with United Health Care.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Coleman to approve the change of health care providers as of January 1, 2022; from United Health to Anthem and was seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

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- Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that the Capital Improvement Grant has been extended to December 31, 2022.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Coleman:

- Stated at last meeting he asked them to be thinking about hours of operation for the park, and asked what their thoughts were on this. A brief discussion was held, and they decided to wait until the next meeting for a decision on this.
- Trustee Coleman asked if they should allow Chief Weekly to have a \$25.00 phone reimbursement? A brief discussion was held and it was decided to speak with Chief Weekly about this before they make a decision.
- Attended a meeting with South East Development- one of the topics of discussion was about Rural Area Internet and use of CARES ACT money for this. Gentleman from Muskingum County also talked about Facebook or Twitter account's being set up and used as a means to publish meeting minutes and other information.
- Reported that the new dredge is here and is at Lieb's Island.
- ODNR will be putting culvert in at Honey Creek Road and Zion Road starting this on Tuesday, to run their dredge pipe through.
- Attended meeting with BLRC and Perry County Commission Scott Owens was there and stated that the county has applied for grant money to remove the old sewer plant (green box) on Honey Creek Road. He also reported that Licking County has applied for a grant to raise Interstate 70 in the flood areas.
- Attended meeting of Community Development Committee.

Trustee Wilson:

- Advised at the last meeting that Mr. Eberts would like to have stone put down over the grass area where they put the drain in. He stated that Mr. Eberts is still calling him and wanting the stone put down and would also like to have gravel instead of cold mix in the ditch. A brief discussion was held and the trustee's decided that they will leave it as is; the township is not going to put gravel down in the grass area. Trustee Wilson will send an e-mail to Mr. Eberts and advise him about their decision.
- Reported that Jason and Todd have been working out at the Vernon Hanby Memorial Park cleaning up the fence line.

Trustee Lyle:

- Trustee Lyle said his report will be short and sweet. He just wants to say "Thank You".

Zoning Inspectors Report:

- Zoning Inspector Ed Corns provided his monthly reports to the board.
- He reported zoning had the meeting on the PRD for down at Honey Creek, and it has been tabled for 60 (sixty) days and will be discussed at the February meeting. Zoning Inspector Corns stated that he will be having a phone conference with the developer and our planner about the proposed development plan; the developer has made some changes, it went from 79 parcels to them now wanting 150 to 175 parcels and from houses to town homes.
- Trustee Wilson asked what is best way to reach him? Zoning Inspector Corns stated that people can call him and leave a message during the day, or contact him in the evenings. Their best way is to e-mail him and he can return a reply much quicker.

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Fire Department/EMS Report:

- Captain Tolliver present Chief Weekly's monthly reports.
- Reported that they have two new FF/EMT's (Anthony Walah and Caleb Westerlund) that they would like to have approval to hire.
- Reported that CJ Maisenbacher is now a Paramedic.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Lyle to hire Anthony Walah and Caleb Westerlund as part-time FF/EMT's to the department and was seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes Were:** Robertt Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Public Comments:

Judge Cooperrider, John Ulmer, Deb Ramey and Bill Collison were in attendance to ask the township for support, and provide further information and answer questions regarding the proposed Bicycle/Walking Trail on Township Road 358. Judge Cooperrider explained that this will be a five-year project. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she would like to know where the grant money will go, who will be responsible for paying the bills for the project and who will be keeping track of the funds. Judge Cooperrider stated that she did not know, but she would get this information to her. She stated that she does not think this will be a reimbursement grant like the park was. Judge Cooperrider stated that she would like for the township to approve and vote on a Letter of Intent for this project at tonight's meeting. After further discussion and questions asked about the project, Trustee Lyle suggested that they wait and have another meeting next month to get answers to some of the questions asked at tonight's meeting and allow the incoming trustee to be present at the meeting. The trustees were in agreement to wait until the new township trustee comes on board next month to pursue this project any further.

Ben Carnes- Stated that he is here tonight regarding the increase of road mileage on Township Road 1174. They would like to requested a copy of the paper work that shows where the property was given to the township. A brief discussion was held. Trustee Wilson stated that he will look through some of the township files and see if he can find the information for them.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 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.