

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: April 14, 2021

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 7:03 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, Ron Koehler, Mike Fry, Ron Combs, Rodney Tyler Stoltz, Brad Blain, Sandy Davis, Jason Foltz, John Santo, Rod Stoltz, Patricia Steane, Marty Finta

**Motion:** A motion to approve the March 10, 2021 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 approve the March 29, 2021 special session minutes was made by Trustee Coleman and seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

**Reports:**

**Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove:** Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove provided the March 2021 Reports: Fund Status Report, Receipt and Payment Report, Fire Department Payroll Report and Bank Reconciliation.

She reported that healthcare renewal is coming up and after having Megan get updated quotes, it looks like United Health Care will be about \$300.00 less for the same coverage they currently have. She is recommending that they go with United Health Care.

She also stated that she received a citizen complaint in the mail regarding a noise complaint and she is not sure what she is to do with it. Trustee Coleman stated that the lady called him regarding noise and our noise ordinance for the township and he told her to fill out a complaint form and mail it into them.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove asked what the status is on the quotes for the fire department for the various projects they wanted done. She stated that by looking at the submitted quotes that there would not be enough covid-19 money left to do all of this. Chief Weekly stated that the priority right now would be the kitchen cabinets. A brief discussion was held on this.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove asked Chief Weekly how close they were to having the new squad completed. He stated that it is done and will be delivered on Friday. She stated that she will get the final bill paid.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that the 6 (six) month credit card review is due and Anna Cox has all the paperwork for review. Compliance Officer Cox stated that there are no changes from the last review in October, 2020. No new people added or removed and no new cards added or removed and no credit card limits have changed since last review.

**Trustee Robert Coleman:**

Trustee Coleman stated that he applied for an extension on the \$75,000.00 (seventy-five thousand dollar) Paddle Enhancement Grant which would have been up on June 30, 2021. He stated that he received a letter confirming the extension until October 31, 2021.

He stated that he attended a zoom meeting with the Perry County Community Improvement Committee, topics were about the Senate passing a bill for more CARES ACT money for the State of Ohio and also the passage of Senate Bill 6, which will be for Broad Band Infrastructure within the state.

Trustee Coleman also reported that he has had several meetings with ODNR regarding the dredging of Buckeye Lake. He stated that they currently do not have a dredge schedule for the lake. He stated that the park will be done and the water will not be up to where the dock will be. He said that ODNR said that they will come in and mechanically dredge out in front of where the dock is located at the park. Trustee Coleman said that GM Contracting will be done around the end of May and once will get all their bills paid we can then get the dock installed.

Trustee Coleman said that he has shared information with Dave Snider from the Perry County Soil and Water Conservation, ODOT and the new owners of the property located on State Route 13 by the car lot at the county line. He stated that they would like to take care of the flood waters in front of the Dollar General Store and Black Bird Lane by running it down Boundaries Road, under State Route 13 and through their property and divert it into the lake. They would like to do this before they start any building activity on the property.

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He also reported that he has met with some property owners that want to develop around the lake. They have mentioned a couple concerns about zoning; #1-they would like to see a preliminary PRD in place, and #2-after the final PRD is awarded, they should have more than 2 years to start the project.

#### **Trustee Richard Wilson:**

Trustee Wilson reported that he has found a used salt water tank that they can get for \$5,500.00 (fifty-five hundred dollars). A brief discussion was held and the trustees were in agreement that it was a good price for the tank.

A brief discussion was held regarding a new Trac Hoe being purchased. Jason Foltz will get a quote for the total cost for the equipment and a trail and submit it to the fiscal officer.

Trustee Wilson said that they need to put out bids for asphalt for the roads. Trustee Coleman asked if they were going to do any chip & seal this year. Trustee Wilson stated that after the asphalt is finished we will see what money is left and go from there.

He also reported that the logging company that was working out on Township Road 37 has finished and there was only minor damage to the road. They gave Trustee Wilson a check for the road damage in the amount of \$1000.00 (one thousand dollars).

He also asked about power washing of the buildings. He stated that the company that washed the buildings for them last fall called to see if we wanted the buildings washed again this year. Trustee's agreed that buildings did not need power washed at this time.

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

Trustee Lyle reported that he had a meeting with Jenny LaRue and Scott More, who is chairman of the Perry County Park Board regarding the bike/walk path on Township Road 358. The township will need to sign a 15 (fifteen) year lease agreement with the county in order for Jenny to get ODOT money for the path. The county would be responsible for all the maintenance of the bike/walk path for those 15 (fifteen) years. Ms. LaRue will be at the next meeting to discuss the lease agreement with the township. She is looking at the park on Ridenour Road as next year's project.

He also provided a sketch of the park sign for the park on Ridenour Road. He stated that Harmon Wyeth, who resides in the township will be making and donating this sign to the township for the park. A brief discussion was held on the design of the sign.

#### **Zoning:**

Zoning Inspector Ed Corns provided his monthly reports to the board. He stated that the zoning commission at their last meeting made a recommendation for a district change for the property located on Township Road 79, from Northwest Residential to Rural Business District. Mike Fry, who is one of the owners of the property, was in attendance and gave a brief overview of what he will do with the property. Inspector Corns stated that the township will now have to have a Public Hearing on this change within 30 (thirty) days. It was decided to have the public hearing on May 12, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. via zoom meeting.

Inspector Corns asked about the process for driveways on township roads. He stated that he has been getting a lot of calls about this. Trustee Wilson stated that they go out and look at the site and see what size culvert they will need. Inspector Corns stated that he will have the property owners contact him. He next addressed the Property Maintenance Code. Inspector Corns explained the difference between Zoning Code and a Property Maintenance Code and gave an overview of how the Property Maintenance Code would work. A brief discussion was held on this topic with several residents providing their thoughts and concerns regarding a Property Maintenance Code for the township. Trustee Wilson and Trustee Lyle both stated that they were not in favor of this Property Maintenance Code that has been presented for the township. No action was taken on this topic.

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

Fire Chief Weekly presented the monthly reports to the board. Chief Weekly asked that board to approve the hiring of Kyon James as a part-time fire fighter and EMT-advanced to the department.

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### Motion:

A motion was made by Trustee Lyle to hire Kyon James as part-time to the department and was seconded by Trustee Wilson. Votes were: Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Chief Weekly stated that Travis Donahue submitted his resignation; he has acquired a full time position with another department.

He reported that the new medic will be delivered this Friday morning and they will be getting it into service as soon as possible. He also reported that they have the Ford medic unit that they are declaring surplus and will be putting it up for auction on Gov Deals. Trustee Lyle asked if there are any departments within the county that is interested in this unit? Chief Weekly stated that the Village of New Lexington has reached out to them with interest in purchasing this unit. Chief Weekly stated that if it is sold from municipality to municipality you do not need to put it out for auction.

The trustee's stated that if New Lexington is interested offer it to them at the price of \$25,000.00 (twenty-five thousand dollars).

He reported that the department received a \$4100.00 (forty-one hundred dollar) grant from the Fellers Foundation and the funds will be used to purchase a Treadmill for the department.

Chief Weekly said as previously discussed the kitchen cabinets being replaced would be the priority project right now and the cost would be around \$10,000.00 for replacement. Trustee Coleman stated that the quotes are all about the same amount, just pick one and go with it.

### Public Comments:

Marty Finta IV-

Mr. Finta gave an updated report on the Snug Harbor project. Mr. Finta IV stated that Ohio Real Title Agency, LLC will be handling all of the cash contributions from the Snug Harbor project to the township, and he present a copy of the Escrow Agreement for a cash contribution in the amount of \$50,000.00 (fifty thousand dollars) to the Thorn Township Trustees for the Capital Improvement Community Park and Recreation/Conservation Project, providing that the Snug Harbor Phase III plat is recorded within 60 (sixty) days of the agreement date, or the held funds in escrow shall be released and returned to SHVLH.

### Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 P.M. by Trustee Lyle and seconded by Trustee Coleman. **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.