

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: May 12, 2021

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 5:57 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, Ed Corns, Jason Foltz, Chad Schrock, Pat Steane

**Motion:** A motion to approve the April 14, 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

**Reports:** April 2021 Reports: Fund Status Report, Receipt and Payment Report, Fire Department Payroll Report and Bank Reconciliation.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove said that she received a grant packet that pertains to the fire department that she received from OTARMA that she will give to Chief Weekly. She also reported that she received an email from Chief Weekly, stating that they need a resolution to get from the county auditor a certificate of estimated revenue for the fire department for the upcoming levy. She stated that there is a process that they have to go through on this levy renewal. Trustee Coleman said that he picked up this packet from the fire department today. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that this was not the correct packet and she would need to get with Chief Weekly to get the correct procedures for this and they will have to then have a special meeting for the resolution that is needed.

**Trustee Robert Coleman:**

Trustee Coleman reported that the extension for the Paddle Enhancement Grant to October 31, 2021 was approved. He also stated that he received from Marty Finta the signed Escrow Agreement from Ohio Real Title Agency, LLC. He gave the document to Trustee Wilson. He also reported that he attended a zoom meeting with Community Improvement Committee (CIC), they asked him to do presentation on the township about the developments and updates on them. He stated a guy was at the meeting from Ohio Find It Here, which promotes state funding and tourism for counties and townships in Ohio and he invited him to come to tonight's meeting. Bob stated that they have been talking about Township Road 496 and whether to pave it or not. He stated that he got in contact with the agent for the development and he is suggesting that they do not pave the road for another year or two because that road is coming completely out and being re-directed. Trustee Coleman stated that he has a hard copy from BLRC with all the concepts and designs in it on the 496 development and they are still available on line as well. He stated that he will turn this over to zoning because it shows how they will be re-directing that road. Trustee Lyle asked if the township will first have to approve them moving this road, and Trustee Wilson agreed with him. Trustee Coleman said yes it would have to go through zoning first and then be approved by the township. He stated that it could take a year or two to happen, but he is just suggesting we not pave it right now. Trustee Wilson stated that this development has been going on for 5 or 6 years now and who knows how long it is going to take them to get started. He said he thinks they should not wait on them and should pave it now.

Trustee Coleman also reported that he met with ODNR on the dredging in front of the park and everything is good to go, there will be no permits or anything needed for that.

**Trustee Richard Wilson:**

Trustee Wilson reported that there is a drainage problem at Fireman's Park. A drain that runs under the road to the canal is plugged and they might have to work on that. He also reported that he has ordered that salt water tank and he got them to come down in price to \$5,250.00 (five thousand two hundred fifty dollars).

**Motion:** A motion to close the bids on the Asphalt Project was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

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Trustee Wilson stated that they received one bid from The Shelly Company for a total bid of \$120,360.00 (one hundred twenty thousand three hundred sixty dollars). Trustee Coleman asked if the bid gave the break down per road on the bid. Trustee Wilson said yes. He asked how much the cost was for 496. Trustee Wilson said it is \$47,940.00 (forty-seven thousand nine hundred forty dollars). Trustee Wilson said that if they pull that road out, they will have to have the project re-bid and this will push them back another 30 to 45 days. Trustee Wilson said that his opinion is that they pave the road but it is whatever they want to do. Trustee Lyle said that we might be waiting another 3 or 4 years on them on this project. Trustee Wilson also said that they are saying that they are going to move this road and they have not even come to the township about moving the road. Trustee Coleman said that all he knows is what the gentleman told him that they were planning on re-directing that road and not to pave it, but you are right Shelly Company will want to re-bid this. Trustee Lyle said he thought they should leave the road in.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Trustee Lyle to accept the bid from The Shelly Company in the amount of \$120,360.00 (one hundred twenty thousand three hundred sixty dollars) and was seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Nay, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Trustee Wilson said that they need to take a look at raising their wage scale so they can get someone hired for road work. A brief discussion was held on the cost of wages, health insurance and other related costs to hire someone. Trustee Wilson said, just be thinking about this. He also said that he has a check that Marty Finta gave him from the Ohio Real Title Agency, LLC in the amount of \$50,000.00. Trustee Wilson said that in order for the escrow agreement that we received the signed copy of tonight had stipulated that Snug Harbor Phase 111 plat be recorded within 60 days of this agreement or the funds went back to SHVLH. So he made some phone calls to the county to get it pushed through and get recorded within 60 days. Fiscal Officer Dearlove said that if he is going to dictate where this money is to go to, he can have it back. She said that she is not going to cash that check and let him dictate where this money is going. She said for the last 20 years he has been saying that he was going to give the money to the fire department and township and now he wants to give the money to the Capital Improvement Community Park and Recreation/Conservation Project. She stated that she is not comfortable intertwining Marty Finta, ODNR and GM Contracting. She said if he wants to change the escrow agreement and give the money to the fire department or the township like he has said he was going to do, that is fine, otherwise he can have the check back. Trustee Wilson said he would like to have an update on the park, everyone has been asking him what is going on down there. Trustee Coleman said that he just gave Fiscal Officer Dearlove the approved paper work for the extension of the Paddle Enhancement Grant until the end of October of this year and there is \$55,000.00 left of it. He said the Capital Bill money is good until the end of this year, and he is not sure of what is left in it. Fiscal Officer Dearlove said she would get that information for Trustee Wilson. He said he is still trying to get the dredging done and he does not have the boat dock bought yet. He said once the contractor is paid, he will then go buy the boat dock. Trustee Coleman said there will not be any money left for curbs and paving so he will have to find money for that. Trustee Wilson ask when the contract end date is with the contractor on the park. Trustee Coleman said he wasn't sure but he would find out and let him know.

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

Trustee Lyle said he received a letter from Pat Steen who lives next to Hanby Park on Ridenour Road and she would like to have all of the dead trees taken out at the property line so she can put up a new fence. He also reported that Jenny LaRue informed him that the Bike/Walk path project for Township Road 358 has been phased out because the stone can only be used for a parking, and that the Vernon Hanby Memorial Park has been moved up on the list. He also reported that the Perry County commissioners have hired Karen Glade to collect the Bed Taxes for the county if we are interested in contacting her about this.

#### **Public Comments:**

Chad Schrock stated that he is with the Bike Buckeye Lake. He said he was here tonight to see what the status was on the park and see if it could be used as a rest stop for their August ride, but it looks like the park will not be finished in time for that. He asked if they had any suggestions of another area they could use. The trustee's suggested maybe he could use the Lily Pad Park or possible the property next to it owned by Frank Correll.

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Jason Foltz gave some information on the mower that he would like for the township to purchase. Jason also suggested that they get in touch with the school to see if they know of a student that is willing to work and learn, maybe contact a place like C Tech and try and get someone like that to keep the wages down. Fiscal Dearlove will take a look at the numbers for the possible purchase of a mower and also wages to hire a road worker. She asked Trustee Lyle if he would contact the schools and talk with them about someone available to work. Trustee Wilson reported that he had spoken with Village Administrator Traci Sturgill and she gave him a paper stating that Thorn Township would be receiving \$841,000.00 of Covid money. Trustee Coleman said that he had talked with County Commissioner Scott Owens and was told that as of right now the money had not been designated to anyone yet, just to the counties. Mr. Owens said if and when that changes he would be in touch with them.

### **Zoning:**

Zoning Inspector Corns provided his monthly reports to the board. He reported that the zoning commission is looking at updating the regulations for temporary pools.

### **Meeting Adjourned:**

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 P.M. by Trustee Coleman 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.