

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: July 14, 2021

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 6:39 P.M. in the Township Hall. Trustee Coleman called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

**Members:**

Billie Dearlove	Absent	Robert Coleman	Present
Richard Wilson	Present	David Lyle	Present

**Visitors:** Anna Cox, Jason Foltz, Todd Howard, Mike Tolliver, Ed Corns

**Motion:** A motion to approve the June 9, 2021 regular session minutes was made by Wilson and seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye

**Motion:** A motion to approve the May 12, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Trustee Wilson; Aye, Trustee Lyle; Aye.

**Fiscal Officer Reports:** Fiscal Office Dearlove was on vacation and was not in attendance at the meeting. She did submit her monthly Reports: Fund Status Report, Receipt and Payment Report, Fire Department Payroll Report. Trustee Coleman stated that she has delivered the Fire renewal levy paperwork to the Perry County Board of Elections, and the new insurance cards from OTARMA are here and they were given to Trustee Lyle. It was also stated that as of June 30, 2021 with the removal of all state mandates and the state of emergency, that all public meetings will no longer be virtual and must be in-person meetings.

Trustee Coleman stated that we need a motion to increase the Road Maintenance appropriations by \$50,000.00 for chip & seal road work.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Trustee Wilson to increase the Road Maintenance Appropriations in the amount of \$50,000.00 (fifty thousand dollars) and was seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

**Trustee Robert Coleman:**

Trustee Coleman reported that he attended a meeting with the Perry County Commissioners and Mitch Altier –discussion was about water and sewer availability for the future development projects in the Thornport area. He stated that the commissioners are going to schedule a meeting with the Village of Thornville regarding this matter. He also attended a meeting with Community Improvement Corporation (CIC), the topic of the meeting was jobs in Perry County and the speaker at the meeting was Mike Gicobe who is the President of Ohio SE Jobs Ohio. Also in attendance at the meeting was Jason Jolley, who is a Professor of Rural Economic Development at Ohio University. His topic was about accessing economic business opportunities in the county. Trustee Coleman also gave an update on the park project and stated that after all the bills are paid and the dock has been installed there should be an estimated amount of \$9,891.23 (nine thousand eight hundred ninety-one dollars and twenty-three cents) left over.

**Trustee Wilson:**

Trustee Wilson stated that the chip and seal work on the township roads has been completed and they think they came in a little under budget on the work. He also reported that the resurface work by Shelly Company has also been completed, and he reported that he has received two applications from individuals for the road worker position. One of the applicants wanted more money than we can pay and the other applicant will be here at 6:00 P.M. to talk to the Board about the job. Trustee Wilson asked Trustee Colman if the work at the park is complete? Trustee Coleman stated that they poured concrete yesterday and today and they said they would be done this week.

**Trustee Lyle:**

Trustee Lyle stated that he has received a packet of what Jackson Township has regarding off road vehicles, (such as 4-wheelers, side by sides, gators), to allow them on our township roads. He said he would like for them to look over the packets so they can discuss it at the next meeting. Trustee Wilson asked about the liability issue for the township if they allow these vehicles on the roads. Trustee Lyle

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said that the owners will have to carry insurance on the vehicles just like they do on their automobiles. Trustee Coleman asked if this would include golf carts also? Trustee Lyle stated that he assumes it will. Trustee Coleman said they might want to get with the attorney on this about the liability issues for the township if they would allow these vehicles on our roads.

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

The monthly reports were present by Mike Tolliver. He reported that they received an EMS Grant in the amount of \$3,495.85 (three thousand four hundred ninety-five dollars and eighty-five cents) and this will go towards supplies and equipment for the EMS department. He stated that Walnut Township will be closing Fire Station #2 in Fairfield Beach, and this may increase the runs for our department. He also stated that the department would like to purchase a 2014 Ford Explorer for \$15,000.0 (fifteen thousand dollars); and that Chief Weekly has spoken with Fiscal Officer Dearlove and the funds are available to purchase this vehicle. He said this vehicle would be an Incident Command vehicle and allow Truck 291 to return as an EMS chase vehicle and to pull UTV.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Trustee Coleman to purchase the 2014 Ford Explorer from Redd PSE in the amount of \$15,000.00 (fifteen thousand dollars) and was seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

He also reported that the department has switched over to a new scheduling and payroll software and it should make things easier for the fiscal officer to do payroll. He also reported that both of the fire trucks passed annual pump testing. He reported that Chief Weekly was trained on the MDT software, which was paid for by LCRCC. The old washer sold on Govdeals for \$588.00 (five hundred eighty-eight dollars). Chief Weekly will be working on public information for the upcoming levy renewal and they have a Thermal Imager that is out of service and the cost to fix it is \$2500.00 (twenty-five hundred dollars) and Chief Weekly is looking at other options for it. He stated that Chief Shults stepped down from the department and Mason Wilkins had resigned. Chase Connors was removed from the department for disciplinary reasons.

#### **Zoning:**

Zoning Inspector Corns provided his monthly reports to the board. He stated that junk vehicles were talked about at the last meeting, he said that he has spoken with the zoning attorney and that he will be getting all the documentation together to have a conference call with the board at the next meeting. He also reported that to bring our Zoning Code up to legal standards will cost from \$2,500.00 up to \$5000.00, and it will take about four to six weeks for this process to be done. He stated that the Zoning Commission is looking at changing the swimming pool code and adding Cloud Zoning before this is done. They would like to have the changes done and approved and have the code brought up to legal standards by the first of next year.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Trustee Coleman to have Pete Griggs revise the Zoning Code with the stipulation that the cost does not exceed \$5,000.00 (five thousand dollars) and was seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

#### **Public Comments:**

Todd Howard introduced himself to the board and stated that he is the applicant for the road worker position with the township. Mr. Howard gave a brief summary about himself and his family and his previous job employment and work experience. A brief discussion was held about hiring Mr. Todd. Jason Foltz stated that he had no problems with the hiring of Mr. Todd and Trustee Lyle was in agreement also.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Trustee Lyle to hire Todd Howard as a road worker with a six-month probationary period at \$17.00 (seventeen dollars) per hour with single plan health insurance coverage and start date of August 2, 2021; and was seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Trustee Lyle and Trustee Wilson both stated that they would both be on vacation next week.

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### Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 P.M. by Trustee Wilson 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