

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: February 9, 2022

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 6:04 P.M. in the Township Hall. Trustee Boring called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

#### Members:

Billie Dearlove	Present	Richie Boring	Present
Richard Wilson	Present	Robert Coleman	Present

**Visitors:** Anna Cox, Todd Brune, Jason Foltz, Todd Howard

#### Fiscal Officer Report:

- Approval of January 12, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Trustee Coleman stated he had a couple changes that need made to the minutes, the word fire house should be fire hose and under his report it should also state that he gave the fiscal officer a copy of his recent drug test.
- Fiscal Officer Dearlove submitted the January 2022 Bank Reconciliation Report to the trustees.
- January 2022 Fund Status Report, Receipt and Payment Report, Fire Department Payroll Report and Revenue Status.
- Fiscal Officer Dearlove gave the trustee's a copy of correspondence she received from Attorney Lowe for their review.

**Motion:** A motion to approve the January 9, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes with the changes that Trustee Coleman requested was made by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Abstain, Robert Coleman; Aye.

#### Trustee Reports:

##### Trustee Boring:

- Trustee Boring stated that the only thing he had was on snow plowing; and asked if anyone had any issues or anything that we need to discuss about it? He said the guys did a great job on the roads with this last snow storm. No one had any issues to discuss with plowing.

##### Trustee Wilson:

- Met with the Perry County Engineer Kent Cannon and received our official mileage certification for Thorn Township that the trustee's need to sign. He stated that the official mileage for 2022 is 38.355 miles of road for Thorn Township.
- He said that Reading Township would like to borrow our chipper. A brief discussion was held, and the trustee's decided that they could borrow the chipper as long as it came back to the township in the same working order that it went out at.
- Trustee Wilson asked if it would be ok for his 4H Club to hold their meetings in the township hall on Sunday evenings at 7:00 P.M.? Everyone agreed that the 4H Club could meet in the township hall. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that they should write the date and time on the board when their meetings will be, then if someone else calls in to use the building there would not be a conflict.
- He reported that he met with Marty Finta a couple weeks ago and received a check from him in the amount of \$50,000.00 (fifty thousand dollars) and he gave the check to Fiscal Officer Dearlove. He said that the check can be used for whatever the township wants to use the money for, no strings attached. Fiscal Officer Dearlove said she put the proceeds from the check into the general fund and an amended certificate will be needed from the Perry County Auditor before the funds can be appropriated.
- He reported that he has some estimates for road work for this year and gave Trustee Coleman and Trustee Boring a copy for them to look over.

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- Trustee Wilson asked if they were still thinking about purchasing a new Trac Hoe? He asked Jason Foltz to present information on several different models, and the pros and cons of them. No action was taken.

#### **Trustee Coleman:**

- Reported that he attended a Zoom meeting with the BLRC and the topic of discussion was on the Crystal Lake Lagoon. He said that he gave them an update on the township, introduced our new trustee Richie Boring and gave an update on the development on Township Road 496.
- He said he received a phone call from Eric Holloway, the attorney we had for the fire department, and he advised him that the township would no longer need his services. He said that there are no outstanding invoices or money due to Attorney Holloway.
- He said at the last meeting I talked about hiring Todd Brune to help out with the Bed Tax for the township. He stated Todd is here tonight and can discuss this with us. Mr. Brune said that first off he would like to thank the guys for a great job taking care of the roads during the last storm. He said that he would like to have a copy of the resolution for the bed tax and take a look at it to see if he can help reword it to make it better. He stated that he has a B & B himself, and just speaking in general, obviously we don't want to pay the tax, he felt that the B & B owners were bringing in outside money to the township and they are already paying taxes on the property. He said that he only found five Bed & Breakfast in Thorn Township. He said he would be willing to help out but he would want to be paid and the township would have to get him a computer. Fiscal Officer Dearlove asked Mr. Brune how much tax he was paying the county on his B & B. He stated that he is at the top range of the five B & B's in the township, and he pays about \$50.00 a month on average to the county. A brief discussion was held. No action was taken on this.
- Trustee Coleman reported that Mark Bush from ODNR has retired and Mark Snider has replaced him.
- He reported that the dock for the park should be in around the end of February.
- He stated that they need to decided what the hours of the park will be so he can get signs ordered to put up down there. He stated that in past meetings we talked about it being from "Dawn to Dusk" but no decisions have been made. He recommended that they make it from "Dawn to Dusk" and get two signs to put up at the park. A brief discussion was held.

**Motion:** A motion to purchase two signs for the park with the park hours from "Dawn to Dusk" was made by Trustee Coleman. No second was received on this motion. Trustee Boring stated that they will wait on this until they have some idea on how much the signs will cost and where they will be purchased from.

- Trustee Coleman stated back a couple months ago he got a quote from Claypool Electric for one light for the park and the cost was \$14,794.00, so he put that on the back burner. He recently got a quote from Gibson Electric for three lights and installation at the park and the cost would be \$6,387.26. Brief discussion was held. Trustee Coleman said that once they receive the dock and get it paid for he will get with Fiscal Officer Dearlove and take a look at how much money is left and then they can decide about lighting at the park.
- He reported that ODNR has almost finished with the dredge pipe.

#### **Zoning Inspectors Report:**

- Zoning Inspector Ed Corns was not in attendance at tonight's meeting, he did provide his monthly report to the fiscal officer and trustees.

Trustee Wilson stated that he doesn't want to wait very long to purchase a Trac Hoe because of the price increases on it. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that with the American Rescue Money that they have received and the \$50,000.00 from Marty Finta; that quite possibly they would not have to get a loan and that would be her preference. A brief discussion was held. Fiscal Officer Dearlove asked how much the quote was for and did that include a trailer. Jason stated no, it does not include a trailer. He said the

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quoted price was for \$159,649.52, but he is not sure this includes a shield, they could possibly have added cost for that.

**Motion:** A motion was made to purchase a Kabelco Trac Hoe from Southeastern Equipment not to exceed \$175,000.00 (one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars) was made by Trustee Boring and was seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

**Public Comments:**

Todd Brune asked about a road sign being purchased with the road name on it for Township Road 500. Trustee Wilson said they can get a sign with the road name on it but they will have to leave Township Road 500 on there also.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 P.M. by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

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Billie Dearlove

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Richie Boring

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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.