

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: March 9, 2022

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 6:08 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, Jason Foltz, Todd Howard, Daniel Logan, Garrett Smith, Brad Blain, Sandy Davis, John Hunter, Rylan Farmer, Rhonda Stevens

Fiscal Officer Report:

- Approval of January 12, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes
- Approval of February 9, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: A motion to approve the January 12, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

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

- Fiscal Officer Dearlove submitted the February 2022 Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status, Receipt Report, Payment Report and Fire Department Payroll Report.
- Fiscal Officer Dearlove reported that she received a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Eberts and Mr. and Mrs. McClellan and she will forward the letter onto the township's attorney.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Boring:

- Trustee Boring had nothing to report at this meeting.

Trustee Wilson:

- Stated that a resident reported that they almost seen an accident at Township Road 15 and Highpoint Road due to the ice on the road. He stated that because of no culvert under Township Road 15, the water was just running off onto Highpoint Road and freezing. He called Kent Cannon and he said it would be the township's responsibility to put a culvert in. They went out today and started digging and found an old culvert was in there, so they cleaned the dirt and debris out of it.
- Had a tree blow down on Township Road 19 that they had to move with the backhoe.
- Reported that he spoke with the Village of Thornville Administrator Traci Sturgill, and she stated that there are no more sewer taps available for Thorn Township through Northern Perry County Sewer. Zoning Inspector Ed Corns stated that if someone does not already have an existing sewer tap they will not be able to get a zoning permit to build.
- Asked if they want to go ahead and put the roads bids out now? He stated that with everything going on right now and the price of oil like it is we might want to get them out now. He stated that he has estimates for Fireman's Park, which would be Township Roads 1071, 1072, 1073 and 1174; and Township Road 37 from Boundries Road to State Route 204. He said that estimate is \$118,000.00 (one hundred- eighteen thousand dollars). Trustee Coleman stated that it might not be a bad idea to go ahead and get them out now. Trustee Wilson said that they usually give them 45 days to begin the work but do we want to waive that this year and have the work done

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by July 1st. The trustees were in agreement to waive the 45 days and ask for all work to be completed by July 1, 2022. Fiscal Officer Dearlove will get the advertisement for the paving out in the paper.

Trustee Coleman:

- Reported that the dock for the park was delivered February 16, 2022. He stated that he put insurance coverage on the dock in the amount of \$32,500.00 (thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars).
- Gave Fiscal Officer Dearlove a copy of the warranty on the dock.
- Stated that he has estimates for benches for the park. A 5-foot bench is priced at \$589.00 and a 4-foot bench is priced at \$519.00. Delivery and installation would cost an additional \$80.00. A brief discussion was held and it was decided to wait until everything for the park is paid and see how much money is left and then decide about putting benches at the park.
- Presented a design for the signage at the park from Lakes End. The sign would be 3 x 4-foot and the cost would be \$300.00. He thought instead of having 3 or 4 required signs that we will have to be put up, we could have the one sign with everything on it including the park hours (Open from Dawn to Dusk). He said that he has included recognition to BLRC on the sign along with the required Capital Bill Grant and the Paddle Enhancement Grant, but that is totally up to you guys if you want BLRC on there. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she thought the sign looked a little busy or crowded and would be hard for people to read. A brief discussion was held. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she thought maybe a larger sign might be better with all this on there. Trustee Boring thought maybe a 4 x 8-foot sign might be better. Fiscal Officer Dearlove asked the trustee's if they want to leave the Buckeye Lake 2036 stuff on the sign? She said that the other stuff is required but BLRC did not have any monetary involvement with the park so they do not have to be on there. Trustee Coleman asked if they want to leave BLRC on the sign? Both Trustee Boring and Trustee Wilson said that they don't care. Trustee Coleman will get with Lakes End and get a design for a larger sign and pricing for the next meeting.
- Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that in order to get the final draw on both the Capital Improvement Grant and the Paddle Enhancement Grant the signage must be up and in place and they have to send both photos of the signs.
- Trustee Coleman stated that he would like to have the park open by Memorial Day.
- Stated that he wanted to address the trees down at Honey Creek. He said that Trustee Wilson and the guys along with the county were down there and took the trees out and he wanted to say thank you for that. He said that there are more trees in that creek that need to come out. Are we going to take them out? Trustee Coleman said that ODNR said it is not their responsibility to take those downed trees out of the creek. It is on private property. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she received e-mails regarding this issue and asked if it would be beneficial to go in and remove the rest of the downed trees. Trustee Boring said that he received phone calls about the issue also. He stated that he called the county about it and they said they would come up if we would provide help. Trustee Coleman stated that he had reservations regarding this since it is private property and had concerns about a lawsuit or liability issues if someone got hurt. Zoning Inspector Ed Corns stated that he was on conference call with DJ and the owner of the property and the flooding issue was brought up and he told DJ to work with the residents to get the trees cleaned up, he will take care of his side of the creek but if it is on their side of the creek it is the residents responsibility to clean it up. A brief discussion was held.

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Department Reports:

Zoning Inspectors Report:

- Zoning Inspector Ed Corns presented his monthly reports.
- Stated that he received an e-mail from Village Administrator Traci Sturgill regarding the situation of the restriction of sewer taps, no taps available right now. He read the e-mail to the board. He said that the village wants to set up a meeting with the county and the township regarding this restriction of taps. He stated that if a lot does not have an existing tap, no building permit can be issued and there will be no new builds in the northern half of the township. This will severely effect the townships growth.
- Reported that next meeting regarding the PRD continuance on Township Road 496 will be April 11, 2022.

Fire/ EMS Report:

- Chief Weekly presented his monthly report.
- Reported that he met with Fiscal Officer Dearlove to discuss the fire departments financials, and he would like to request that the township trustees approve a \$1.00 per hour wage increase for all Fire Department personnel.
- Reported that he received a \$450.00 (four hundred fifty dollar) grant to cover going to instructor's school.
- Request for reimbursement for Assistant Chief Spohn, Lieutenant Sands, and Kyle Sands to attend "Water on the Fire" training. This will be a three-day training and the cost will be \$350.00 (three hundred fifty dollars) each, for a total cost of reimbursement in the amount of \$1,050.00 (one thousand fifty dollars. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she has money appropriated to cover training for the fire department.
- Chief Weekly stated that he would like to reinstate Tristan Shoults to the department with a rank of Captain to oversee the training of the department.
- Request to appoint Daniel Logan as part-time FF/EMT and Ethan Walker as part-time FF/EMT to the department.
- Received resignation from Adena Graham.
- Reported that the cabinets have been installed.
- A scene light relay for Rescue 291 was fixed and replaced.
- Pump gauge was fixed on Engine 291.
- Will be on vacation from March 26, 2022 until April 2, 2022

Motion: A motion to approve a \$1.00 (one dollar) per hour wage increase for all Fire Department personnel, which will go into effect as of March 1, 2022 was made by Trustee Boring and was seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Wilson to appoint Daniel Logan and Ethan Walker as part-time FF/EMT to the department and was seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

Motion: A motion to reinstate Tristan Shoults to the department with a rank of Captain was made by Trustee Wilson and was seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

Daniel Logan was sworn in by Chief Weekly at tonight's meeting. Ethan Walker was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

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Public Comments:

Sandy Davis: stated that in regards to the proposed development on Township Road 496, she has concerns about the traffic on Honey Creek Road. She stated that she read in previous minutes, that they have gone from 75 homes to 150 townhouse homes. She said the road just cannot handle this volume.

Zoning Inspector Corns explained there is a PRD process, and studies will be done, including traffic. He stated that the township has hired an engineering firm that will go thru all of the information that is collected from these studies and advise the township. He encouraged her to come to the meeting on April 11, 2022 and voice her opinions. Mrs. Davis said she also has concerns about the boats on the lake, there are already a lot of them out there, and with this development it will mean even more boats out there on the water.

Rylan Farmer: Stated that he is in the process of starting up a 501-C-3. He said he will be calling it "Buckeye Labor of Love". He stated that they will target under privileged areas around the lake. People who cannot financial afford or who may not physically be able to do repairs and maintenance to their homes and property. He stated the services they provide to the homeowners will be free of charge.

Motion: A motion to update the District Solid Waste Management Plan was made by Trustee Boring and was seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 P.M. by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

Billie Dearlove

Richie Boring

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.