

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: July 13, 2022

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 6:44 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, Paul George, Bob George, Floyd George, R. Stevens, Brad Blain, Jenny LaRue, Chuck Daley

- Approval of June 8, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Trustee Wilson stated that he had one change, under his report it should be Township Road 28 and Township Road 390 not Township Road 94 and Township Road 390 for level coating.

Motion: A motion to approve the June 8, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes with the changes of Township Road 94 and Township Road 390 to Township Road 28 and Township Road 390 for level coating, was made by Trustee Colman and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Richie Boring, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye.

Motion: A motion to close the bids for the Level Coating black top was made by Trustee Wilson and was seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Richard Wilson, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye; Richie Boring, abstained.

Trustee Wilson said they received one bid from The Shelly Company for a total bid of \$139,587.00 (one hundred thirty-nine thousand five hundred eighty-seven dollars). Trustee Wilson stated that the breakdown on that is: Township Road 28 is \$32,368.00 (thirty-two thousand three hundred sixty-eight dollars) and Township Road 390 is \$107,219.00 (one hundred seven thousand two hundred nineteen dollars). Trustee Colman asked how many miles of road is this? Trustee Wilson said that Township Road 390 is 1.7 miles and Township Road 28 is a half mile. He stated that the completion date for the project is August 22, 2022.

Motion: A motion to accept the bid from The Shelly Company in the amount of \$139,587.00 was made by Trustee Wilson and was seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Richard Wilson, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye; Richie Boring, abstained.

Fiscal Officers Report:

- Fiscal Officer Dearlove submitted the June 2022 Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status, Receipt Report, Payment Report and Fire Department Payroll Report.
- Reported that the other half of the American Rescue Funds (ARP) were deposited yesterday.
- Asked Zoning Inspector Corns if the V3 Invoices would be reimbursed to the township by the developer? He said yes they should be reimbursing us.
- Reported that there was a mileage increase from the IRS and it is now .62.5 cents per mile from the period of July-December 2022.
- Reported that the approximate balance left of the Buckeye Lake grant is \$5,900.00. She stated that they have talked in the past about putting lights at the park. Trustee Coleman stated that the cost for the lights was \$6,387.26.
- Stated that the e-mail Chip McNeer sent out was not received because it went to her spam folder. She said that she will send him an e-mail and explain why she did not receive it. Trustee Coleman said that is fine, he sent it to him to bring to the meeting tonight so he made copies of the e-mail for everyone.
- Reported that she just received a complaint letter in the mail and she just gave it to Trustee Boring. He stated that it was about standing water in front of a house on Township Road 493. Trustee Coleman said that he had already talked to this lady and told her the best way to handle it was to send in a complaint letter. Brief discussion was held. Trustee Coleman said he thought maybe they could have fire department go down and try to blow the drain out.

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Trustee Reports:

Trustee Boring:

- Stated that they still need to address the Chris Parks issue at some point. He asked Trustee Coleman if he could work on this now that the park was finished. Trustee Coleman stated that he doesn't have the time right now. Trustee Boring stated that everyone one is busy, maybe you will be able to find some time.

Trustee Wilson:

- Reported that he has been dealing with three right-away issues.
- The first one is at Fireman's Park where Eberts and Mark Busby live. Mr. Busby went down to county and got some paper work and he claims that the township right-away ends at 51.24 feet. Trustee Wilson called Kent Cannon, the Perry County Engineer and said to have Mr. Busby have a title search down on the property. A brief discussion was held, and the trustees were in agreement that per the recommendation of Kent Cannon, Mr. Busby needs to have a title search done.
- The second right-away issue is at Township Road 1074, two residents are having a dispute over a fence, and the resident on the rights says township does not own the road all the way back to his house, that it stops back at the sign. Resident dug a hole in middle of road and put a fence up. Trustee Wilson stated that he talked with both residents and thought he had situation straightened out. However, they now have taken the turn-around out at end of the road, which will present a problem for fire department getting equipment back out of there. They will have to back all the way down the road.
- The third issue is at Horvath's Harbor. He stated that when the township agreed to let him use that right-away, Mr. Horvath agreed to not allow cars to park on the right-away. Trustee Wilson said that he was down by there about three weeks ago and cars were parked on right-away and in front of Mr. George's garage. He said he spoke with Mr. Horvath and he said he would make sure no one was parking on right-away. Trustee Wilson said they are still parking on the right-away. Mr. George gave the trustees a copy of what Mr. Horvath agreed to do, and stated that it has not happened. A brief discussion was held. Fiscal Officer Dearlove asked Zoning Inspector Corns if he would contact the Zoning Attorney and have him send Mr. Horvath a letter about parking on the right-away. Zoning Inspector Corns stated that he would take care of it.
- Trustee Wilson said now that park is finished, we do not need to have a steering committee anymore. The three people on the committee are Robert Coleman, Chip McNeer and Adam Langley.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Wilson to dissolve the Thorn Township Steering Committee and was seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

Trustee Coleman:

- Stated that they have already talked about the issue down on 493, and will have fire department blow the drain out. Fiscal Officer Dearlove asked Trustee Coleman if he would fill out the township's section on the complaint form for action taken and return it to her. She explained that she keeps these complaint forms on file in case someone comes back and asked what action was taken by the township on this complaint. Trustee Coleman said once fire department goes down he will fill in the action taken section and return it to her.
- Reported that Mr. Brian Ruff who lives on Township Road 1062 called with complaint about mosquitos and bugs around his house, so he went to his house. Mr. Ruff said that the neighbor beside him has dredged out the creek and now water is backing up in front of his house. Trustee Coleman said that he explained to Mr. Ruff that this is not an issue that the township addresses, this is an issue between him and his neighbor.

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- Reported that he returned the packet of material back to Chip McNeer that Fiscal Officer Dearlove asked him to return to him.
- Attended a meeting of the BLRC Trail Committee- topic of meeting was about them trying to acquire some property in the Edgewater Beach area to extend the bike trail thru Thornville and Thorn Township to Licking County.
- Reported that another tree came down at end of road around Copper Penny area and ODNR removed the downed tree.
- Reported that the benches and fence was installed at the park, and 20 tons of sand was donated by The Shelly Company to put at the dry launch. Joe Fitch donated his truck to haul the sand.
- Reported that he received an e-mail from Licking County 911, they needed the address for the park. Trustee Coleman said that he filled out the application for the address, and he gave the paper work to Fiscal Officer Dearlove. The address for the park is: 9250 Honey Creek Road N. W.
- Received phone call from Tammy McAdams, who is volunteer for the parks and recreation here in the county; and they will donate an address sign for the park. He asked the other trustees where this address sign should be placed. It was decided that the address sign will be placed on the big park sign.
- Had Grand Opening of the Park on July 6, 2022 and several dignitaries were in attendance at the event. He also stated that the township must now maintain this park for ten years.
- Township has received two accommodations, one from the State Senate and the other was from Escape to Buckeye Lake, which will be hung in the Thorn Township Administrative Building. He reported that Thorn Township is now mentioned as a part of Escape to Buckeye Lake.
- Attended the Community Development Committee meeting in June. The topic was about applying for the grant the state has available for Appalachia Ohio. He stated that the group decided at last meeting that they need to pull resources together to include Somerset, Thornville and Thorn Township to apply for this grant. He asked the other trustees what they want to use this money for, he said first thing he thought of was the Vernon Hanby Park on Ridenour Road or maybe for paving and curbing at the Canoe/Kayak Park. He said they have another meeting next week, so be thinking about it and e-mail or call him with some ideas. Trustee Coleman stated that a lady from MORPC (Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission) was also in attendance at this meeting and stated that they also have money out there that can be used to create destinations for tourism.
- Chip McNeer E-mail - Trustee Coleman said that they are asking to put the tourism buoy on the townships leased property at the park. A brief discussion was held. Trustee Coleman stated that Mr. McNeer would like for the township to make a decision and vote on this at tonight's meeting. Discussion followed.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Boring not to allow the installation of the buoy on the townships leased property at the park and was seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye; Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Nay.

- Brief discussion about maybe allowing food trucks to set up in the park and charge a donation fee or something to that nature. This donation money could be designated for maintenance and up keep of the park.
- Trustee Coleman asked Fiscal Officer Dearlove when she would have final tally on what is left on the park grant. She said she would have numbers to them by the weekend. A brief discussion was held on what to spend remaining money on. Trustee Coleman stated that the lighting at the park is the big thing. Jason Foltz said if the township is going to have to mow and maintain the park, then a new mower would be handy. No decisions were made at this time.

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Zoning Report:

- Zoning Inspector Ed Corns presented his monthly reports.
- Reported that the possible junkyard at Zionsville that he mentioned last month has been turned over to the State of Ohio
- Reported that he has sent out a letter pertaining to the structure across from the entrance of Robinwood.
- Reported that the possible development on Township Road 496 is moving forward and they have indicated that they will be filing paper work on or before July 29, 2022, if the does happen then Zoning will have a Public Hearing on this on August 15, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

Fire/ EMS Report:

- Chief Weekly presented his monthly reports.
- Reported that you may have noticed two Perry County Sheriffs cars sitting in the departments lot. These two officers live outside of Perry County and to eliminate them from driving all the way to New Lexington to get a cruiser, he gave them permission to park the cars in their lot.
- Reported that they received the EMS Grant from the state in the amount of \$752.00.
- Reported that he met with the new homeowner of property located at 11084, in which the owner is going to tear house down and build a new one. He stated that possibly the fire department could use this structure as a training exercise and burn it down, but the owner would have to go thru the process to have this done and have EPA approval.
- Reported that he put together a policy for full time employment for the department and sent the trustees a copy of that to look at. He also stated that the current employee handbook needs to be updated. Fiscal Officer Dearlove said that she does have an electronic copy of the handbook and she can make copies for trustees to look over and they can make changes and send it over to her and she can red-line any changes and send it to Attorney Jeff Stankunas to look over and go from there.
- Reported that department has five people that are interested in the full time position. He also asked if one of the trustees would be interested in sitting in on the interviews, which will be August 15, 2022. Trustee Boring said that he would be willing to sit in on the interviews. He also asked Fiscal Officer Dearlove to participate in the interviews.
- Worked with Red Cross last Saturday and installed 35 smoke alarms
- Working on turnout gear issue, they were ordered last year and we still do not have them.
- Feno cot sold on Govdeals for \$500.00 and we should be getting check soon.
- Reported he is completing the Maxwell Leadership training through the Ohio Fire Chief's Association.
- Aiden Smith dropped his assigned position; he was hired full time at Bellefontaine
- Reported that the governor signed HB 377 which increased part time hours worked from 1500 to 1976 hours.
- Reported they received a \$500.00 donation from Buckeye Lake Area Chamber of commerce.
- Reported that Dr. Larrimore (medical director) came in and did advanced airway training with some of the department.
- Reported that there was a structure fire on State Route 204 and the crew performed very well, the first truck was on the scene within 4 minutes from dispatch time.

Public Comments:

Jenny LaRue: Reported that she went to the Zoning Board meeting last month to suggest that they do Land Use Update and they told her she needed to bring this to the trustees. She said with the possibility of the bike trail on 358, you would be ahead of the game with the update. She said this is just something to think about.

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Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Coleman at 6:25 P.M., to go into Executive Session pursuant ORC 121.22G1 to discuss personnel matters and was seconded by Trustee on.

Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

Motion: A motion to come out of Executive Session at 6: 44 P.M. was made by Trustee Wilson and was seconded by Trustee Coleman. **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 6:44 P.M. by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Coleman. **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.