

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: October 11, 2023

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 5:51 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, Jeremy Weekly, Ed Corns, Kelly Mouse, Heath Milliken, Jeff Zemalong

**Fiscal Officer Report:**

**Approval of September 13, 2023 Regular Session Minutes**

**Motion:** A motion to approve the September 13, 2023 Regular Session Minutes was made by Trustee Wilson and was seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

**Approval of September 27, 2023 Special Session Minutes**

**Motion:** A motion to approve the September 27, 2023 Special Session Minutes was made by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

**Monthly Reports:** Fiscal Officer Dearlove submitted the September 2023 Fund Status Report, Receipt Report, Payment Report, Fire Department Payroll Report and the September 2023 Bank Reconciliation Report.

**Anthem Renewal:** Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she received an e-mail from Waypoint Benefits and our current health insurance premiums will have a decrease in cost by 28.02%. A brief discussion was held and it was decided that we will continue with Anthem Blue Cross as our provider.

**Motion:** A motion for approval to keep the current health insurance Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield was made by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

**Acceptance of the Amounts and Rates for 2024:** Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that they need to approve a resolution accepting the Amounts and Rates and submit a copy to the Perry County Auditor.

**Motion:** A motion for a "Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor", and that a certified copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Perry County Auditor, was made by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

**Fire Department Training Area:** Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that Chief Weekly will probably bring this up in his report, but he has talked with her about the department building a training area. She asked Chief Weekly about how much he thought this training area would cost? He stated that if the township would be willing to let them put the area on township property and Jason, who has said he would be willing to do the ground work and build the pad, then the Fire Fighters Association will take care of the rest. A brief discussion was held. Fiscal Officer Dearlove said that this is something to keep in mind to consider.

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Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she paid the balance of the cost for the new roof that was put on the Food and Pantry.

**Additional Appropriations needed:** Fiscal Officer stated that she will need approval on the following additional appropriations.

#### **Building Repairs & Maintenance-General Fund- in the amount of \$18, 430.00**

**Motion:** A motion was made to approve the appropriation of \$18,430.00 for Building Repairs & Maintenance-General Fund was made by Trustee Coleman and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

#### **Fire and EMS Equipment- \$20,000.00 each fund.**

**Motion:** A motion was made to approve the increase in appropriations to Fire and EMS Equipment in the amount of \$20,000.00 to each fund was made by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

#### **Zoning Phone- \$200.00**

**Motion:** A motion was made to approve the increase in appropriations to Zoning phone in the amount of \$200.00 was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

#### **Trustee Reports:**

##### **Trustee Boring:**

**Food Pantry:** Reported that the roof has been finished.

**Tractor:** Reported that the tractor is fixed and Jason picked it up today. Jason reported that it still had a couple of issues today. A brief discussion was held. He advised one of trustees to call about the issues.

##### **Trustee Wilson:**

**Chip & Seal:** Reported they are finished for the year.

**Concrete at Firehouse:** Reported that he thinks they need to have it sealed before winter. A brief discussion was held.

**Selling excess equipment on Gov Deals:** Reported that they have a trailer, 3 blades and 2 sets of tires that are sitting around that they would like to list for sale on Gov Deals. Chief Weekly said that he could help them list them on there. A brief discussion was held.

**Motion:** A motion to sell excess township equipment (a trailer, 3 blades and 2 sets of tires) on Gov Deals was made by Trustee Coleman and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

##### **Trustee Coleman:**

Reported that Perry County Soil & Water Conservation has been awarded a grant to clean up around the Honey Creek are in the amount of \$310,000.00.

Stated that he has a township laptop computer, printer and 2 shirts that he needs to know what he needs to do with at the end of his term in office, and would like it noted in the minutes. A brief discussion was held. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she will check but she thinks the equipment will be considered obsolete because of its age, so therefore it does not need to be returned to township. These items were purchased during Covid-19 and with Covid-19 funds in order for Trustees and Fiscal Officer could hold

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meetings via Zoom Trustee Boring moved that at the end of his term, Trustee Coleman may keep these items as long as he removes any township business from the computer.

#### **Zoning:**

Inspector Corns present his monthly reports.

Reported he received an email back from Mr. Baines regarding mowing and he had no problem if the neighbors etc. would like to mow as long as there is no damage to the land or wild life. He said he would get a copy of that email.

**Reclassification of property on Black Bird Lane:** Reported that the Village of Thornville agreed for water & sewer of 200 taps in writing, so the board approved the reclassification at their October 10, 2023 meeting and it will now move onto the township for approval. The township will be receiving a copy of that paper work.

Trustee Wilson stated that they have a couple questions regarding this proposed zoning resolution addition of Article XXXIX for Small Solar Facilities. He asked where did this information in this resolution come from? Inspector Corns stated that it came from the zoning attorney and the zoning board added in the Thorn Township portion of it and reviewed it. He also stated that the township cannot stop big solar fields, the PUCO controls that. Trustee Coleman asked about a fee for this? Inspector Corns stated that the township would set the fee's and he suggested talking with other townships and find out what their fees are. A brief discussion was held.

**Motion:** A motion to accept the Zoning Boards recommendation for Article XXXIX. Small Solar Facilities was made by Trustee Coleman and was seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

#### **Fire & EMS**

**Monthly Reports-** Chief Weekly present his monthly reports.

**Appointments:** Reported that he would like to request the approval of Nathaniel Wolfe to the department as a part time FF/EMT.

**Motion:** A motion to appoint Nathaniel Wolfe as a part time Fire Fighter & EMS was made by Trustee Coleman and was seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

**Resignations:** Reported that the following have resigned from the department, Justin Emmert and Anthony Walsh.

**Training Area-** Further discussion was held on the training area.

#### Public Comments:

**Jeff Zemolung:** Stated that he was here on behalf of the AMVETS. Gave a brief presentation on some upcoming upgrades they will be making. They plan to put in new sea wall, rebuild the boat docks and build 8 to 10 new docks and install a boat ramp. He stated that they voted to give the Fire Department a boat slip next to the new ramp.

**Kelly Mouse:** Stated that they wanted to inquire about a zoning permit they submitted. Trustee Boring said that they would have to contact Zoning Inspector Corns, who just left. Fiscal Officer Dearlove gave him the phone number to contact the Zoning Inspector.

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### Executive Session:

**Motion:** A motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22G1 to discuss Personnel matters was made by Trustee Boring at 5:43 P.M. and was seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

**Motion:** A motion to come out of Executive Session and return to regular session at 5:50 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 5:51 P.M. by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **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.