

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: November 13, 2024

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. in the Township Hall. Trustee Boring called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Members:

Billie Dearlove	Absent	Richie Boring	Present
Richard Wilson	Present	Bradley Blain	Present

Visitors: Anna Cox, Kevin & Betty Elder, Nathan Brown

Fiscal Officer Report

Approval of October 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
Approval of November 6, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion: A motion to approve the October 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Blain and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Motion: A motion to approve the November 6, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Blain and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove was not in attendance at tonight's meeting however she did provide the following reports for the trustee's review and signatures: October Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status Report, Payment Report, Receipt Report, Fire Department Payroll Report.

Trustee Boring stated that Tatum Dennis has decided to forgo taking health insurance benefits through the township, so we will need a motion to approve for him to get health care reimbursement like we give to the fire department. He stated the amount is \$5000.00 yearly and will be prorated for 2024 in the amount of \$1650.00 starting the 1st or 2nd week of December, 2024.

Motion: A motion to approve Tatum Dennis to receive health care reimbursement in the yearly amount of \$5000.00 and to be prorated in the amount of \$1650.00 for 2024 was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Blain. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

A brief discuss was held about changing the date of the December regular council meeting. The trustee's agreed to move the date to December 4th at 5:00.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Boring

Nothing new to report

Trustee Wilson

Reported he has a License Agreement from Kimberly Hazley from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the existing storm drain that the township put in around Fireman's Park that flows into Buckeye Lake. He stated there is also a permit fee in the amount of \$1500.00 that the fiscal officer will need to send to Kimberly Hazley. He stated that they need a motion to accept & sign this agreement and permit fee.

Motion: A motion to accept the License Agreement and Permit Fee in the amount of \$1500.00 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

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Reported he was appointed to Issue II Board to represent the trustees in Perry County for Issue II Funding.

Trustee Blain

Reported he is still working with Perry County Commissioner Owens on the resolution on the Large Scale Solar (Ohio Revised Code 303.58).

Zoning

Zoning Inspector Ed Corns provided the monthly zoning reports.

Reported that the Amvets are submitting their permit for new boat docks (5 docks) and they are donating one of the docks to the Thorn Township Fire Department; and they are asking to have the permit fee's waived. He explained the trustees have the authority to waive this fee if they so choose to do. He stated the amount they would be waiving is \$500.00, or \$100.00 per dock.

Motion: A motion to waive the Permit Fee's for the Amvets since they are donating a dock to the Thorn Township Fire Department was made by Trustee Blain and was seconded by Trustee Boring.

Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Fire/EMS

Chief Weekly presented his monthly report.

Reported that Lt. Kyle Weekly submitted his resignation from the department effective December 1, 2024.

Motion: A motion to accept the resignation of Lt. Kyle Weekly effective December 1, 2024 was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Blain. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye; Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Reported that he would like the approval to hire Josh DeWinter as full time to the department to replace Kyle Weekly.

Motion: A motion to hire Josh DeWinter as full time to the fire department was made by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye; Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Chief Weekly asked for the appointment to the department for Jalen Richardson as a paid per call member and Ben Fox to part time paid.

Motion: A motion to appoint Jalen Richardson as a paid per call member and Ben Fox as part time paid to the fire department was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye; Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Reported they have live fire training set for 11/24/2024 at 6710 High Point Road. He stated they have all the approved paperwork from the EPA for this training.

Reported he has been monitoring response times and their average dispatch to on scene is 5 minutes and 16 seconds.

Public Comments

Kevin & Betty Elder: Stated he and his wife are here tonight representing the Citizens for Fair Fields, LLC; who are advocating for the denial of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project in Walnut Township. He stated they are trying to get letters of support from all the adjacent townships and all the townships and villages in Fairfield County. He stated they are asking Thorn Township if they would consider submitting a letter of denial for this solar project to the Ohio Power Siting Board. He said the deadline for the letter is December 13th, and they have a packet with information about the project and sample of letters received so far from other townships and villages. A brief discussion was held.

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Motion: A motion to submit a letter of denial to the Ohio Power Siting Board was made by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Blain. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Nate Brown: Said he wanted to see if the trustees had heard anything for the attorney on the issue of cleaning up the property on 204. Trustee Boring stated no they have not heard from him but they have read the revised code and he is not interested in pursuing this; not sure what the others think. Trustee Wilson stated that he is waiting to hear from the Health Department. Trustee Blain said it is a lengthy and costly process and would take quite a while for the township to get reimbursed from the county.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 P.M. by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Wilson. Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Billie Dearlove

Richie Boring

Richard Wilson

Bradley Blain

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.