

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: March 13, 2024

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 6:22 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	Bradley Blain	Present

Visitors: Anna Cox, Mark Shonebarger, Hayley Conn, Sheridan FFA, Erin Davis, Larry Ethun, Mike Fornataro

Fiscal Officer Report

Approval of February 7, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion: A motion to approve the February 7, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Blain. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove presented her monthly reports: February 2024 Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status Report, Payment Report and Receipt Report.

District Change Recommendation: Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that Zoning Inspector Corns can explain this recommendation later in his meeting and we can set a date for the Public Hearing on this.

Public Comments

Sheridan FFA Agricultural Issues CDE 2024 Presentation- The Sheridan Agricultural Issues Team gave a presentation on the pro's and con's about Solar Panels on Farmland. Hayley Conn, (Ag Teacher from Sheridan High School) stated that this team will be competing later in the year at the State Contest and this is their first presentation to a public group. The team members were: Aslynn Breagel, Audrey Davis, Brooklyn Miller, Jordan Fitz and Megan Kessler.

Mark Shonebarger from Bike Buckeye Lake stated that he is here on behalf of Jenny LaRue about a possible grant for the purchase of road signs and thermal plastic road markings for the roads that are part of the bike trail. No action taken on this at tonight's meeting.

Mike Fornataro from BLRC provided an activities summary and highlights presentation on what they do and what they can do for the township.

Larry Ethun stated that he is here tonight representing the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, and he is the Vice Flotilla Commander for the Buckeye Lake Flotilla. He said they would like to put containers with brochures about boating safety at the Canoe/Kayak ramps. The trustees agreed he could put the containers and brochures at the ramp area.

Zoning

Zoning Inspector Ed Corns presented his monthly reports for January and February 2024.

He said we need to discuss the Zoning Reclassification that was filed for the property located at 11977 State Route 188 and set a date for a Public Hearing. He stated that the individuals who purchased the property want to do a Home School Co-Op for 10 to 15 families and have a Working Hobby Farm. He stated that he touched based with the zoning attorney and under our zoning code the only thing we have for schools is Special Use District, so the owners of the property have requested to have it changed to Special Use District. He stated that the Zoning Board has approved their request and now it moves on to the township for approval. Zoning Inspector Corns stated that the Zoning Board put in a provision that states that if the property ever left the family the property would revert back to its previous zoning district. The trustees set a date for the Public Hearing to be on April 10, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

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Fire/EMS

Chief Weekly present his monthly reports.

He thanked the township for the flowers that were sent for his father's funeral. He stated that all the donations that were received his mother gave to both Fire Departments.

Chief Weekly asked for approval for the appointment of Koen Gronbach as a part-time FF/EMT, and for the approval to appoint Anthony Hoover as a paid per call volunteer to the department.

He also reported that he has finished his Bachelor Courses for his Fire Administration Degree from Columbia Southern University.

Motion: A motion to appoint Koen Gronbach as a part-time FireFighter and EMT to the department was made by Trustee Blain and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradly Blain; Aye.

Motion: A motion to appoint Anthony Hoover as a paid per call volunteer to the department was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Blain. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Blain

Reported that Commissioner Scott Owens reached out to him about the township getting back into the BLRC. He said that Commissioner Owens feels that it would be an asset for the township to be members of the BLRC. Brief discussion held.

Trustee Wilson

Reported they have been picking up trash along the roads.

Stated that we need to advertise for the paving on Township Road 15 from State Route 256 to Highpoint Road. Asked Fiscal Officer Dearlove for an estimate on how much money they have for chip & seal this year so they can determine what they can do this year.

Trustee Boring

Nothing to Report

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 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.