

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: June 12, 2024

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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	Absent	Richie Boring	Present
Richard Wilson	Present	Bradley Blain	Present

Visitors: Anna Cox, David Lyle, Jeff Zemolong, Bruce Moore, Linda Savage, Jenny LaRue, Chase Bennett, Bosworth

Credit Card Review-Anna Cox said this is a review of the Thorn Township credit cards and authorized users.

Approval of the May 8, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion: A motion to approve the May 8, 2024 Regular 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 Report-

Fiscal Officer Dearlove was ill and not in attendance at the meeting.

She did prepare for the meeting the following reports: May Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status Report, Payment Report, Receipt Report and the Fire Department Monthly Payroll Report.

Public Comment

Jeff Zemolong (on behalf of Amvets) Stated he is in attendance tonight regarding the empty lot in the Amvets parking lot that needs vacated before they start building the new boat docks. He stated that the Amvets already owns the lots to the right and left of this empty lot. When they submitted the paper work to the state for the boat docks, they informed them that they own the lots to the left and right but no one owns this empty lot. He went down to the County Engineers Office and they told him to have the lot surveyed, which they have done, and then come to the township for approval to have lot vacated. Jeff presented all the required paper work to vacate this empty lot and is asking the township to vote on the Amvets request to vacate this empty lot. Brief discussion was held regarding the empty lot. Trustee Wilson stated that once the township approves to vacate the lot, a copy of tonight's minutes will be sent down to the county engineers office and they will send it over to the commissioner's office who will have to have a public hearing.

Motion: A motion to approve vacating the empty lot between lot no. 40 and lot no. 39 was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Blain.

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

Bruce Moore- (resident on Township Road 406) Has a couple questions. Does township have an ordinance against Air B&B's in our township? He stated that this past year several have popped up on his street and he was just wondering if there was ordinance against this. He stated that sometimes there are quite a few people at these B & B's and a lot of noise coming from them. Mr. Moore was told no the township does not have an ordinance against having an Air B & B. He asked if the township has had any other complaints about the B & B's? Trustee Boring stated yes he received a couple phone calls this past weekend about one.

His second concern is about people parking alongside their road and getting on boats and going out on the lake. He said they have had contractors and other individuals park and go out on the lake for hours and they would like to know if something can be done to stop this. He stated that he has called the Sheriff's Department and they said there is nothing they can do without signs that say no parking. He asked if they could put up no parking signs for non-residents or something like that. Trustee Wilson stated that they have signs that say "No Parking on the Pavement". Mr. Moore stated that residents park there because they live there, they just don't want others parking there and going out on the lake.

Trustee Blain stated that the township can't say that one person can park there and someone else cannot

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park there. Trustee Blain said there is a Noise Ordinance in the township and he believes it is 11:00 P.M. Zoning Inspector Corns stated that the Noise Ordinance only applies to bars in the township.

Chase Bennett- Introduced himself, stated he is running for Perry county Commissioner. He said he has been attending meetings in the county to listen to what is going on and hear the concerns residents have in the county.

Jenny LaRue (Perry County Health Department)- Talked briefly about the Sharrows Project along Buckeye Lake Trail. She said this will be regional trail markings around Buckeye Lake and is paid for by ODOT. She also spoke briefly about the 358 Bike Trail and how to best connect riders from 358 to Honey Creek Road. She gave a couple options for this connection. She said first option would be to come off of 358 and continue on down in front of Champs Pizza. Second option was to use side roads to connect to Honey Creek Road. Trustee Wilson stated he is not in favor of the trail going in front of Champs and taking up the parking area there. Ms. LaRue agreed; she was not in favor of that option either. She also said that she has grant funding to purchase signage for the 358 project but she has a deadline on this grant. She would like to purchase 2 signs for the 358 Bike Trail with this funding, however the township would have to store the signs and put them up once the project is completed in two years. The Trustees told her that they had no problem with her purchasing the signs. Ms. LaRue stated she will go ahead and purchase the signs.

Linda Savage (Lions Club)- Stated she is here tonight to get approval from the township to add Julia Cooperrider's name to the Food Pantry Sign and have a ceremony of some kind in the future for her. The Trustee's stated they have no problem with this.

Zoning Report

Zoning Inspector Corns presented his monthly reports.

Reported that things are picking up and getting busy again in the township.

Reported he is currently working on a variance down on Honey Creek. The 2nd hearing is coming up on June 24th.

Fire/EMS Report

No Report

Trustee Report

Trustee Blain

Reported that he met with the gentleman from OMTARA about the township insurance.

He said the new equipment was not listed so he added them on to the list for insurance purposes (tractor, track hoe and the squad).

He said that he had some concerns with our brine tanks, he didn't say what; only that he was going to get with Fiscal Officer Dearlove about it.

Trustee Wilson

Reported they put a new drain in down by the Lily Pad Park.

Reported they will be working on repairs on Township Road 81 tomorrow. He said Jason has estimated the cost for the repair work (patching it) will be about \$12,000.00.

Reported they have mowed for the second time this season.

Trustee Boring

Nothing new to report.

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Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 P.M. by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring.

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.