

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: July 10, 2024

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 5:36 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, Melissa Brofford, Aundrea Antritt, Richard Layton, Bruce Moore, Amanda Lackey

Fiscal Officer Report:

Approval of June 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** A motion was made by Trustee Blain to approve the June 12, 2024 minutes and was seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove provided the monthly reports: June Bank Reconciliation Report, Fund Status Report, Payment Report, Receipt Report and Appropriation Status Report.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove provided the monthly Zoning Report for Inspector Corns since he was not able to be at tonight's meeting.

**E-mail from Ben Boyer regarding the Bike Path:** Fiscal Officer Dearlove asked if anyone has spoken with Ben Boyer about this. Trustee Boring said he has and the planning committee or consultants need the township to make a decision on the extension of the 358 bike path. Trustee Boring said that he moves that they deny the extension coming straight down in front of Champs Pizza. He stated that Ben Boyer is against it going that way also because that property is owned by ODOT for 4 lanes on State Route 13. A brief discussion was held on the various options for the bike path. The trustees discussed another option that they could go left and follow the township road to Zion Road and over to Honey Creek Road.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Trustee Boring to deny the extension coming straight down in front of Champs Pizza and was seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

**Fraud Training:** Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she received an e-mail regarding Fraud Training. The training is done on line and is mandatory by the State of Ohio for all elected officials and employees of the township.

**Fire Department Pay Increases (including Chief Weekly):** Fiscal Officer Dearlove said that a few weeks ago she, Trustee Boring and Chief Weekly met and talked about pay increases for the full-time employees of the Fire Department. She said that she is asking that the trustees approve a 2% pay increase for the full time employees and an increase for Jeremy as well. She said that the trustees can decide on an amount of increase for Chief Weekly. A brief discussion was held. Trustee Boring said that Chief Weekly should get a 3% pay increase.

**Motion:** A motion to approve a 2% pay increase for all full-time employees of the fire department and a 3% pay increase for Chief Weekly was made by Trustee Blain and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

#### Trustee Reports

**Trustee Boring:**

Reported that they have already discussed everything he had for tonight's meeting.

**Trustee Wilson:**

Reported that The Shelly Company has completed the resurfacing on Township Road 15.

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Reported that the Amvets has requested that Township Road 79 be closed for a Fund Raiser on July 20, 2024.

Reported that the county will start Chip & Seal on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> for Township Roads 390,391,94 and 426. This should be completed in 3 to 4 days.

Reported he received a complaint about Township Road 88 about tar picking up on tires. Trustee Wilson told the individual that they are looking into it.

#### **Trustee Blain:**

Reported the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities went off without a hitch and there was a nice turn out. Chief Weekly took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Hot Dog eating Contest.

He stated they will be starting the planning for next year's festivities and the company that did this year's fireworks has agreed to do them next year.

**Zoning:** Zoning Inspector Corns was not in attendance at tonight's meeting.

#### **Fire/EMS Report:**

Reported that the Staffing Grant has been extended until March 2025.

Reported the 2nd quarter grant has been submitted.

Reported all apparatus have had annual preventive maintenance done.

Reported the fire inspectors have completed 35 business inspections. This number doesn't include re-inspections as some had to be re-inspected to make sure violations were corrected.

Reported the crews were very involved in Buckeye Lake Fireworks along with Thornville Festival.

Reported that starting in September they will be going to a 48/96 schedule; 48 hours on and 96 hours off. This will be on a 6 months' trial basis to see how it works out.

Stated that he is asking for approval for the hiring of Drake Chilcote and Kyle Letki as part-time to the department.

**Motion:** A motion to hire Drake Chilcote and Kyle Letki as part-time to the department was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

#### **Public Comments**

**Aundrea Antritt:** She stated that they are here to express dissatisfaction in the Air B & B on Township Road 406. She stated that over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend they had large parties there, people parking along the road, loud music & fireworks being let off to name a few. She asked if something can't be done about these Air B & B's?

Trustee Blain suggested they file a complaint with Air B & B.

She stated that the owners of the B & B Property live in Atlanta, they are not even around here to monitor it.

Trustee Wilson asked her if they were blocking the roadway? She stated yes they were.

Trustee Wilson asked Chief Weekly if the Fire Department could do something about occupancy requirements. Chief Weekly stated he does not think they can because it is a house, but he will check on the fire code and with the fire marshal about it.

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Trustee Boring said they can check with the Thorn Township Zoning Commission about what can be done but the current Air B&B's would be grandfathered in.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove suggested they file a complaint about the B & B and list the owner on the complaint form and send it to Thorn Township Trustees who could then also contact the owner.

**Mayor Lackey:** Mayor Lackey from the Village of Thornville introduced the new Village Administrator Melissa Brofford.

### Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 P.M. by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

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Billie Dearlove

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Richie Boring

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Richard Wilson

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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.