

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: September 11, 2024

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 5:23 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	Absent

Visitors: Anna Cox, Thad Cooperrider, Nathan Brown, Gary Wills, Rhoda Stevens, Chuck Daley

Fiscal Officer Report

Approval of August 14, 2024 Regular Session Meeting Minutes

Approval of September 9, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion: A motion to approve the August 14, 2024 Regular Session Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Absent.

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

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

Acceptance of the Amounts and Rates for 2025: 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 Wilson. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Absent.

Email/Flier for TAC Open House on September 23, 2024: Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated everyone received an email about the TAC Open House meeting on the 23rd.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated she needs a motion to increase the appropriations in the Road & Bridge Account by \$130,00.00 (one hundred thirty thousand dollars) for August 1, 2024.

Motion: A motion to increase the appropriation funds in the road & Bridge Account by \$130,000.00 for August 1, 2024 was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Absent.

Zoning

Zoning Inspector Corns presented his monthly reports.

Inspector Corns stated that you will see on your report that on permit was denied for a Car Port for a property on Township Road 403; the property is said to be split in half but there was no legal description showing this so he had to deny the original request. He has not heard or received anything further about it at this time.

Reported that he has received two written complaints on the property out on 204. He stated he will have to do an investigation regarding these written complaints and will have his written report on his finds at the next township meeting.

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Nathan Brown:

Stated he submitted his written complaint along with a report from the Perry County Health Department, who is now involved for the property owned by Mr. Cooperrider along with the rental property and Deer Valley Supply to clean up the trash and old tires; etc. He stated that the property owner will have 30 days to comply and clean up the areas. The Perry County Health Department will come back out and inspect the area in 30 days and if he has not complied they will fine the property owner.

Mr. Brown stated he looked back and found in 2001 to 2006 the same issues were going on with the Dillow property and both the township and zoning got involved with that issue. He stated that he has a packet for the trustees he printed off for the whole court case which shows how it was handled.

Mr. Brown also stated when he called Mid-East Ohio Building Department they had nothing on record for the commercial property, no permits, inspections, no drawings, no sprinkler systems.

Trustee Boring asked Zoning Inspector Corns if he would like to respond to what Mr. Brown has just addressed.

Zoning Inspector Corns stated all the material Mr. Brown has just presented will be investigated by him and he will have his report on his findings at the next meeting. He also stated as far as the junk vehicles on the property, laws have changed since the Dillow case and all that would fall under the township and not zoning. He stated that if the township were to have the property cleaned up, the cost would be accessed to the property taxes.

Thad Cooperrider:

Said he is not sure why all of this is being discussed at the township meeting; he said the Board of Health issues should probably be discussed with the Board of Health Department, the zoning issues at a zoning meeting and as far as the automobiles, if they fall under the township I have no problem discussing those at a township meeting. Mr. Cooperrider asked about the investigation that will be done by the zoning inspector, will this report go to zoning or to the township meeting? Zoning Inspector Corns stated that it will come back to the township meeting, not zoning meeting.

Fire/EMS

Presented his monthly report.

Reported the Fire Fighters Association held their 2nd annual Fire Conference and it was a success. The lectures were held at Thornville Elementary and the hands on training was done at Kirkersville at West Licking.

Reported they were awarded an EMS Grant in the amount of \$3900.00 from the State of Ohio.

Reported they received a BWC Grant in the amount of \$6,370.00 and they purchased gloves and hoods.

Reported he has begun to gather input from officers on 2025 needs.

Reported Larry Thomas will be stepping down from his lieutenant's position with the department.

Reported he would like to appoint Barrett Williams as a part-time Firefighter/EMT with the department.

Motion: A motion to hire Barrett Williams as a part-time Firefighter/EMT with the department was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Absent.

Public Comments

No public comments for this meeting.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Wilson:

Reported that they double chip & sealed Township Road 21.

Reported that the Heron Bay ladies would like to use the township building for a meeting on October 2, 2024. If no one has any problem with this, he will let them know it is ok. Fiscal Officer Dearlove asked if he was going to let them into the building? He stated yes he would.

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Trustee Boring

Reported he spoke with Derek Householder at the Gun Bash and he told him he had been in touch with Licking County about the water/sewer billing and they are close to getting it figured out and he will be in touch once he gets the final bill.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 P.M. by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Absent.

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.