

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: January 8, 2025

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 5:27 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, Jason Foltz, Jennifer Johnson, Charissa Johnson, Amanda Lackey

Fiscal Officer Report:

Approval of January 2, 2025 Reorganization Minutes

Approval of December 4, 2024 Regular Session Meeting Minutes

Motion: A motion to approve the December 4, 2024 Regular Session Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Blain. Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Motion: A motion to approve the January 2, 2025 Reorganizational Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Blain and seconded by Trustee Boring. Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Monthly Reports provided by Fiscal Officer Dearlove- December Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status Report, Payment Report and Receipt Report.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated at the Reorganizational meeting they discussed paying down the loan at Peoples State Bank and if they want to do this she will need approval to increase the appropriations in the amount of \$40,000.00. A brief discussion was held.

Motion: A motion to increase the appropriations in the amount of \$40,000.00 was made by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Wilson. Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove said at the January Reorganizational Meeting they discussed the Zoning Commission and BZA pay and possibly changing this to a salary. She stated she looked over what they were paid in the past and it is \$35.00 per meeting. Trustee Blain stated he thought the Zoning Board should be paid for 12 meetings per year and any extra meetings that might arise to ensure they retain board members. A brief discussion was held.

Motion: A motion to pay the Zoning Board members for twelve months and any special meetings at the rate of \$35.00 per meeting and pay the Board of Zoning Appeals per meeting they attend at the rate of \$35.00 per meeting to be paid at the end of each year was made by Trustee Blain and seconded by Trustee Boring. Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Boring:

Reported he received a letter from the lady who is in charge of the Benefit Walk they are having in May that starts over at the Amvets.

Trustee Wilson:

Reported that they need to get new tires for the pickup truck. Fiscal Officer Dearlove asked if they knew what the cost would be? Jason Foltz stated he thought somewhere around \$1000.00 to \$1200.00 for the tires.

Trustee Blain:

Reported there was an issue at the Hanby Park and he had Jason put a lock on the gate. He stated he had received complaints from surrounding neighbors about cars in and out of there also.

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#### Zoning

Zoning Inspector Corns presented his monthly and year end reports. He stated that permits were down this year from the previous year. Reported that Wayne Gniewkowski resigned from the Zoning Board as of December 31, 2024. He stated that he would like the trustees to approve appointing Sandy Davis to the Zoning Board position. Reported the Variance that was scheduled for last month has been continued to February 24, 2025. Inspector Corns asked for clarification on who is to be contact person or persons to speak with the Zoning Attorney. He stated several Zoning Board and Board of Appeals members have asked to contact the Zoning Attorney. He stated that in the past the contacts have been himself and Debbie Morgan. A brief discussion was held. The trustees stated Inspector Corns and Debbie Morgan will remain the contact individuals to the Zoning Attorney.

Motion: A motion to appoint Sandy Davis to the Zoning Board was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Blain. Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Inspector Corns stated that with the appointment of Sandy Davis to the Zoning Board, we now have an opening for the Alternate position to the Zoning Board if you know anyone interested.

#### Fire/EMS

Chief Weekly presented his monthly and year end reports. Reported call volume was up 29% in 2024. Reported they received \$87,000.00 in grant funds in 2024. Reported he would like to acknowledge the following donations: Beard Family donated \$500.00 to the department and the Buckeye Lake Eagles donated \$5,000.00 to the department. Reported the Village of Thornville Acting Police Chief Rob Vanderbosch contacted him about parking the Village of Thornville Police cruisers in the parking lot at the station. He told them that in the past they had allowed the Sheriff's Department to park cars there so he did not think it would be an issue. The trustees stated they had no problem with the police cruisers parked there.

#### Public Comments

Amanda Lackey stated that the Village of Thornville is participating in the America 250 celebration for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States in 2026. She stated any community, village or township can apply to be an America 250-Ohio Community. The Village of Thornville is planning some events for this celebration, and if they would be interested in participating the contact person for the village is Tasia Savage.

#### Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 P.M. by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Blain. 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.