

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: February 12, 2025

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 5:39 P.M. in the Township Hall. Trustee Wilson called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Members:

Billie Dearlove	Present	Richie Boring	Absent
Richard Wilson	Present	Bradley Blain	Present

Visitors: Anna Cox, Kevin & Betty Elder, Will Donfee, Jason Foltz

Fiscal Officer Report:

Approval of January 8, 2025 Regular Session Minutes

Motion: A motion to approve the January 8, 2025 Regular Session Minutes was made by Trustee Blain and seconded by Trustee Wilson. Votes were: Richie Boring; Absent, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Monthly reports provided by Fiscal Officer Dearlove: January 2025 Bank Reconciliation Report, Fund Status Report, Payment Report and Receipt Report.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove explained due to not receiving any gasoline tax money from the county since December 2024 she had to do an Interfund Advance from the General Fund into the Gasoline Fund in the amount of \$10,000.00. She stated that she contacted the State Auditor's Office and they told her this would be the proper way to handle this until she received the funds from the county. She has been in contact with the Perry County Auditor's Office and they said they mailed the checks out, so they re-issued the checks in the amount of \$26,780.72 and she picked them up today. She said she needs a motion to approve the Interfund Advance for \$10,000.00 into the Gasoline Fund.

Motion: A motion to approve the Interfund Advance from the General Fund in the amount of \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand dollars) to the Gasoline Fund was made by Trustee Blain and seconded by Trustee Wilson. Votes were: Richie Boring; Absent, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that PMMG, who does the EMS Billing contacted her regarding the 2025 Medicare Rate increase, and approval is need in order for them to charge the rate increase.

Motion: A motion to approve the 2025 Medicare Rate Increase was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Blain. Votes were: Richie Boring; Absent, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated she needs to increase the Appropriations for EMS Equipment in the amount of \$80,000.00 and will need a motion to approve this.

Motion: A motion to approve increasing the Appropriations for the EMS Equipment in the amount of \$80,000.00 (Eighty Thousand dollars) was made by Trust Blain and seconded by Trustee Wilson. Votes were: Richie Boring; Absent, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Boring: Absent

Trustee Wilson:

Reported he has been talking with County Engineer Kent Cannon about trying to get some Issue II money for the roads this year.

Reported that Trustee Boring called him and stated that he received a phone call about trees in the canal on Copper Penny Road and wanted the township to get them out of there. Trustee Blain stated that he

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thought the owner of the property had said the township was not to go in there unless they had permission from him to be on the property. Trustee Wilson stated yes, they received a letter stating that from the owner of the property. A brief discussion was held. Zoning inspector Corns stated that he had a contact number for the owner of the property that he would get to the trustee's so they can contact the property owner about this issue.

Reported that Tracy Thompson from the Bureau of Workers Compensation stopped and left his card. He said that the township has about \$24,000.00 in grant money left that they can use. Brief discussion was held. Trustee Wilson will give Trustee Boring Mr. Thompson's business card and have him call him when he gets back.

Trustee Blain:

Reported that the date set by the Perry County Commissioners for the Solar Panel Meeting has been changed from March 5, 2025 to March 12, 2025.

Fire/EMS Report:

Chief Weekly presented his monthly reports.

ISO Evaluations: He stated that the ISO Evaluations are done every ten years but we are at the 6-year mark and they are reaching out to see where we are at as far as the recommendations that were made at the last evaluation. Fiscal Officer Dearlove asked what ISO was? He stated that they do the fire department ratings and this is what bases our resident's insurance premiums on as to how well the department ranks.

Reported he has completed class and is now a Certified Fire & Life Safety Educator.

Reported that Ryan Guenther, Brant Griggs and Aaron McKenzie have resigned, and Larry Thomas is taking a few months off from the department due to the increase in overtime at his full time job.

Reported they have had several major repairs (pump of rescue, station heat and stations generator).

Zoning Report:

Inspector Corns presented his monthly reports.

Reported the Zoning Board will start working thru the Zoning Code and he will be giving them recommendations.

Reported that he would like to have a joint session educational training with the zoning attorney and both the appeals board and the zoning board once a quarter. He will be getting a quote for the cost on this. He stated that he would like to open this up to surrounding zoning departments also if they would like to attend and have them pay something towards the cost of the training also. He would also like to meet with surround zoning inspectors.

Trustee Wilson asked about the what is going on with the property at Honey Creek Road and Zion Road? He stated that he is getting a lot of questions about it. Zoning Inspector Corns said he has only heard rumors, no one has contacted him in an official capacity about the property. He said it does look a lot better since they have cleared off the property.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she received a phone call from Risk Management and they would like to schedule a meeting and she suggested that they give him a call once Trustee Boring gets back.

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Public Comments:

Kevin Elder asked if Eastern Cottontail has been in contact with Thorn Township regarding their project? He stated that they are supposed to contact surrounding townships. Trustee Wilson and Trustee Blain both stated they have not been contacted. Mr. Elder asked if the township would send a letter stating that they have not been contacted by Eastern Cottontail.

Will Donfee stated he is here tonight regarding vacating the alley at 14600 Township Road 1062. He stated he has spoken with the Perry County Engineers office and they explained he need 25 signatures and the Thorn Township Trustees to approve vacating the alley. He said he is building onto a house and if the alley is vacated it will bring the property up to code for him to build onto the house. Zoning Inspector Corns stated that if the alley is vacated it would bring the property in compliance with setback requirements. A brief discussion was held.

Motion: A motion to approve vacating the alley at 14600 Township Road 1062 was made by Trustee Blain and seconded by Trustee Wilson. Votes were: Richie Boring; Absent, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Road worker Jason Foltz said he would like to purchase the following pieces of equipment from ODOT; a brine tank for \$2000.00; hot box for \$1000.00 and a spare tire for \$300.00. A brief discussion was held.

Motion: A motion to purchase from ODOT a brine tank for \$2000.00; a hot box for \$1000.00 and a tire for \$300.00 was made by Trustee Blain and seconded by Trustee Wilson. Votes were: Richie Boring; Absent, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 P.M. by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Blain. Votes were: Richie Boring; Absent, 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.