

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: March 12, 2025

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 5:57 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, Mike Charback, Will Dunfee

Fiscal Officers Report

Approval of February 12, 2025 Regular Session Meeting

Motion: A motion to approve the February 12, 2025 Regular Session Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Blain and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Abstained, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

The following monthly reports were provided by Fiscal Officer Dearlove: February Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status Report, Payment Report and Receipt Report

Fiscal Officer Dearlove reminded everyone that a Purchase Order number must be listed on all purchases. She stated that she has printed off a copy of purchase orders and blanket certificates for the Road Workers and the Fire Department so they can make sure to have the purchase order number on all purchases.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove asked for an update on the Training Facility that was started last fall. Chief Weekly stated that he is planning a weekend field day to start working on it now that the weather is getting warmer.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Boring

Reported he will be meeting with Tracy Holman from Bureau of Workers Compensation on April 3, 2025 at 9:30 A.M. in regards to grant money available thru their agency for the township. Mr. Holman will be explaining what is available and what it can be used for at this meeting.

Trustee Wilson

Reported at last meeting we discussed the trees in the canal down at Honey Creek. Trustee Wilson said that Trustee Blain spoke with the owner of the property and he gave them permission to work in their right-a-way to do whatever needed done. Trustee Wilson stated that some of the trees on the other side are ready to come down but not in the right-a-way. A brief discussion was held. Trustee Wilson and Trustee Blain are going to take pictures and go from there, get in touch with the property owner.

Trustee Wilson said the township needs to put bids out for the re-surfacing of Township Road 81. He said it will probably be around \$147,000.00 to \$150,000.00 to resurface the road. Fiscal Officer Dearlove said she will get the advertisement placed in the paper. She asked what is the deadline for the bids? Trustee Wilson said April 8, 2025 is the deadline.

Trustee Blain

Stated the only thing he has is about contacting the owner of the property down at Honey Creek and let him know about the issues there.

Zoning

Zoning Inspector Ed Corns presented his monthly reports.

He reported no decision was rendered at the Honey Creek Variance Hearing. They have 30 days to make and rendered that decision.

Reported he received a couple e-mail complaints. He is waiting for the official written complaint forms to follow up on them, once he receives those he will forward the information to the trustees as well.

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Fire/EMS

Chief Weekly presented his monthly reports.

Reported he was awarded \$3,500.00 from Energy Cooperative for bullet proof vests. He stated that he would like to request additional EMS funds to be able to purchase 10 new vests. The quote is for \$6,190.00 for ten vests. A brief discussion was held.

Motion: A motion to approve \$6,190.00 to purchase ten bullet proof vests was made by Trustee Blain and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Asked about an incentive for shift supervisors of \$2000.00 per year for the three shift supervisors, for a total of \$6000.00. A brief discussion was held.

Motion: A motion to approve adding \$2000.00 per year; prorated over 12 months as an incentive to the three shift supervisors pay was made by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Blain. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Stated that he received resignations from Tanner Wilson and Zach Ankrom from their full time positions. He said Tanner Wilson will be remaining as part-time to the department.

Motion: A motion to approve the resignations of Tanner Wilson and Zah Ankrom was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Asked for approval to hire Jarrad Tracy and Gabe Miller as full-time Fire Fighter/Paramedics to the department.

Motion: A motion to approve hiring Jarrad Tracy and Gabe Miller as full-time Fire Fighter/Paramedics to the department was made by Trustee Blain and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Reported he also received resignations from Larry Thomas and Chase Robinson that needs to be approved.

Motion: A motion to accept the resignations of Larry Thomas and Chase Robinson was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Public Comments

Will Dunfee stated that he would like a copy of the minutes that were approved at tonight's meeting.

Mike Charback- Presentation to go over the OTARMA Risk Survey on various policies and safety procedures for the township.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 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