

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: May 14, 2025

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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	Present

**Visitors:** Anna Cox

**Fiscal Officer Report**

Approval of April 9, 2025 Minutes

**Motion:** A motion to approve the April 9, 2025 Minutes was made by Trustee Blain and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Monthly Reports: Fiscal Officer Dearlove presented the following reports: April 2025 Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status Report, Payment Report, and Receipt Report.

Zoning Lawsuit: Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that OTMARA has hired an attorney to represent Thorn Township for the Zoning Lawsuit.

OTMARA Renewal: Fiscal Officer Dearlove said the renewal amount this year for OTMARA will be \$30,778.00, and she needs the trustees to ok this renewal amount. All of the trustees were ok with the renewal of OTMARA in the amount of \$30,778.00.

Reallocation of \$5,000.00: Fiscal Officer Dearlove said she needs approve to reallocate funds from Road & Bridge –Supplies line to the Equipment line to write the check for the equipment.

**Motion:** A motion for the Reallocation of \$5000.00 from Road & Bridge Account from supplies to equipment was made by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove reported that she spoke with Trustee Boring this morning about amount for Chip & Seal this year and it will be around \$70,000.00 to 74,000.00 dollars this year.

**Trustee Report**

Trustee Boring: nothing new to report at tonight's meeting.

Trustee Wilson:

Chip & Seal: Trustee Wilson stated that they are looking at Chip & Seal on Township Road 82, Township Road 37 and Township Road 19 this year, and doing some spot sealing on Township Road 80 and Township Road 21.

Trustee Wilson said that he spoke with Kent Cannon and Kent would like to know what roads the township would like to have him look at for the Issue II money this year. A brief discussion was held with the trustees agreeing to have him look at Township Roads: 85, 82, 80 and 87.

Trustee Wilson reported he received a call from a resident about a tree on Township Road 21 that is leaning and the resident was afraid it was going to fall onto the road. A brief discussion was held. The trustees were in agreement to keep an eye on the tree and go from there. Trustee Wilson said he will call the resident back and let him know for now they will be watching the tree and go from there.

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Trustee Blain

Trustee Blain reported he received a phone call this month asking why the trustees were completely against development. He stated that it was the owner of the property right out here on State Route 13. Trustee Blain said he told the gentleman that he could not speak for the other trustee's but he is not against development. Trustee Boring stated he has nothing against development as long as it is done correctly according to our zoning rules and regulations. Trustee Wilson said he has not been contacted by anyone about any development in the township. Trustee Boring asked Zoning Inspector Corns is he has been contacted about the property? He stated that nothing has come to him on that piece of property.

### Zoning

Inspector Corns presented his monthly reports.

Reported that a Variance request was denied by the board and the property owner has filed an appeal with the county. He stated as it was discussed earlier, OTARMA has hired an attorney to represent the township in this matter.

### Fire/EMS

Chief Weekly provided his monthly reports.

Asked for approval for the resignation of Gabe Miller.

**Motion:** A motion to approve the resignation of Gabe Miller was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Blain. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Asked for the approval for the appointment of John Putnam to full-time as of June 4, 2025.

**Motion:** A motion to approve the appointment of John Putnam to full-time was made by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Asked for the approval to hire Brody Lawhun as a part-time FF/EMT.

**Motion:** A motion to hire Brody Lawham as a part-time FF/EMT was made by Trustee Blain and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Reported they received a \$7000.00 grant from the Fellers Foundation for the Training Center. He stated weather permitting they will be working on the containers for the training center.

### Public Comments:

No public comments

### Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 P.M. by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **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