

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: February 12, 2014

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 6:00PM to 8:54PM in the Township Hall. Robert Coleman called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Billie Dearlove	Present	Robert Coleman	Present
Richard Wilson	Present	David Lyle	Present

VISITORS: Julian Dornon, Casey Casto, Kurt Grindley, Robert Combs, Ron Combs, Ed Corns, Lee Morgan, Joey Shafer, Tim Mohler, John Ulmer, Cheyenne Wells and Kevin Howell.

Motion: A motion to approve the October 9, 2013 regular meeting minutes with the Trustee reports to be added as an addendum at a later date was made by Richard Wilson and seconded by Robert Coleman. Votes were: Richard Wilson, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye.

Motion: A motion to approve the December 2, 2013 special meeting minutes with a correction of ORC #122.22G1 was made by Robert Coleman and seconded by Richard Wilson. Votes were: Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye.

Motion: A motion to approve the December 11, 2013 regular meeting minutes with a change in the wording that Theresa Forson clipped the mirror of the dump truck to read that she destroyed the mirror was made by Richard Wilson and seconded by Robert Coleman. Votes were: Richard Wilson, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye.

Motion: A motion to approve the January 8, 2014 regular meeting minutes was made by David Lyle and seconded by Richard Wilson. Votes were: David Lyle, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye.

Reports

Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove provided copies of the January 2014 bank reconciliation. She also provided a fund status report, payment register, receipt register and appropriation status report. An EMS payroll register was also provided for January 2014. Billie provided an update on the plaque for the dedication of the township complex to Dr. Rarick. She had forwarded a sample of the plaque to Mary Ann Gibson for approval and is waiting to hear back from her. Billie also reported that the mailing address on the Finley Fire account had been changed. When Finley Fire was contacted about this, Billie was informed that Jon Spohn had changed the address. Chief Cheyenne Wells was informed that no one under any circumstances is authorized to change anything on any vendor accounts and he needs to relay that to the entire department. Billie had been contacted by BWC with questions regarding Teresa Forson. Cheyenne Wells will provide information regarding her return to work date as well as if her return was to light or full duty. Billie also requested that fire department employees use a legible signature when charging and signing for things on behalf of the department.

Trustee Robert Coleman had received an estimate from JV Production for a new recording sound system for the township meeting room. The total cost including installation will be \$1120.00. Bob had received an invitation to attend a breakfast meeting sponsored by Unique Paving and The Shelly Company. He inquired about replacing the portable phones in the Trustees office and it was decided that we will not replace the phones. Bob reported that the Trustees had met with County Engineer Kent Cannon to sign off on the township road mileage. He would like for the Trustees to go through the list and confirm the mileage is correct. Bob had met with Rick Godey who was in charge of the 2013 storm clean up grant program. The program has been cancelled so we will not receive any further assistance with cleaning up Honey Creek.

Motion: A motion to approve the purchase of a recording sound system from JV Production was made by Robert Coleman and seconded by David Lyle. Votes were: Robert Coleman, Aye; David Lyle, Aye;

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Richard Wilson, Aye.

Trustee Richard Wilson reported that he had been in contact with Jesse Powers of Community Action on the ability to tear down old houses that have been vacant for over 90 days. If anyone knows of any such houses, get the addresses to Rick and he will work to see what can be done as far as demolishing it. Rick again reported on trees on Twp Rd 403 that need to be removed. They are on the property of Robert Joseph and we need to contact him to see if we can get permission to remove. Cheyenne Wells volunteered to look for a phone number for Mr. Joseph and attempt to contact him.

Trustee David Lyle reported that a sign needs to be put up on Twp Rd 82. He was advised that this is something that the State is responsible for. Dave will contact ODOT and request that they do that. Dave reported that folks have been going onto the township property on Ridenour Road and taking firewood. He will purchase no trespassing signs and get them posted.

Zoning Inspector Casey Casto provided a zoning update and submitted paperwork for January 2014. Casey submitted his verbal resignation effective February 28, 2014.

Motion: A motion to accept the resignation of Casey Casto as Zoning Inspector effective February 28, 2014 was made by Robert Coleman and seconded by Richard Wilson. Votes were: Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Fire/EMS:

Cheyenne Wells provided an update and a year to date run summary. He requested permission to purchase 2 refurbished Toughbooks for purposes of submitting runs electronically. Discussion followed. Cheyenne reported that Todd Swinehart and David Smith had submitted resignations from the fire department. He also reported that Austin Bragg was back in town and wanted to join the department again. Kelly Zigan was in attendance and wanted to be approved as a volunteer. She is currently in EMT training. Cheyenne reported that Duane Moore is getting a knee replacement and will need to provide a medical release before coming back to the fire department. Cheyenne requested assistance for Brice Mapel who is attending rescue technical school. The request was denied. He also requested permission to order 3 new sets of turnout gear which will amount to \$4,560.00. Billie will get with Cheyenne and determine where this will be paid from.

Motion: A motion to approve the purchase of two refurbished Toughbooks in the amount of \$2,620.00 was made by David Lyle. There was no second to the motion.

Motion: A motion to approve the purchase of one refurbished Toughbook in the amount of \$1,310.00 was made by Richard Wilson and seconded by Robert Coleman. Votes were: Richard Wilson, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Motion: A motion to accept the resignation of Todd Swinehart and David Smith was made by David Lyle and seconded by Richard Wilson. Votes were: David Lyle, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye.

Motion: A motion to approve the reinstatement of Austin Bragg as a volunteer and a paid part time employee was made by David Lyle and seconded by Robert Coleman. Votes were: David Lyle, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye.

Motion: A motion to approve Kelly Zigan as a volunteer was made by Richard Wilson and seconded by David Lyle. Votes were: Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye.

Public Comment:

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Kevin Howell from Wichert Insurance was in attendance to provide an update on age limits for drivers of fire department equipment. It is the understanding of the Township as well as the Fire Department that drivers under the age of 23 should only drive in an emergency. With regard to driving and training, Chief Wells will work on creating a best practice policy for new driver training. Kevin indicated that he is more than willing to assist with creating the document.

John Ulmer was in attendance to request renewal of the mowing contracts at both cemeteries for 2 years.

Motion: A motion to renew the cemetery mowing contracts for 2014 and 2015 with John Ulmer was made by Richard Wilson and seconded by David Lyle. Votes were: Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye.

Additional Zoning Matters:

Several residents were present with an interest in serving on the Zoning Commission as well as the BZA Board.

Motion: A motion to approve Tim Mohler and Joey Shafer to the Zoning Commission effective immediately was made by Robert Coleman and seconded by Richard Wilson. Votes were: Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

Motion: A motion to approve Todd Brune as a member and Casey Casto as an alternate on the BZA Board effective immediately was made by Robert Coleman and seconded by Richard Wilson. Votes were: Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

The Boards will be as follows:

Board of Zoning Appeals

Kurt Grinley
Robert Combs
Julian Dornon
Todd Brune
Larry Roberts
Lloyd Rife, Alternate
Casey Casto, Alternate

Zoning Commission

Tim Mohler
Joey Shafer
Rick McCance
Joe Blaine

Motion: A motion to move to executive session per ORC 122.22G2 at 8:20 pm to discuss township employee matters was made by Robert Coleman and seconded Richard Wilson. Votes were: Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Yay.

Motion: A motion to come out of executive session at 8:51 pm was made by Robert Coleman and seconded David Lyle. Votes were: Robert Coleman, Aye; David Lyle, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye.

Motion: A motion to hire Ed Corns as the new Zoning Inspector effective immediately was made by David Lyle and seconded by Robert Coleman. Votes were: David Lyle, Aye; Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye.

Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 8:54PM was made by Robert Coleman and seconded by David Lyle. Votes were: Robert Coleman, Aye; David Lyle, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye.

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Billie Dearlove

Robert Coleman

Richard Wilson

David Lyle

All formal actions of the 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.