

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: March 12, 2014

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 6:00PM to 7:54PM 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, Ed Corns, Kurt Grindley, Robert Combs, Ron Combs, Rich Cady, Brian Althoff, Cheyenne Wells, Jonathan Spohn, Mike Tolliver, Timothy Phipps, Lindsay Phipps, Nick Cornellius and Tyler Phipps.

#### Reports

**Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove** provided copies of the February 2014 bank reconciliation. She also provided a fund status report, payment register, receipt register and appropriation status report. An EMS payroll register was provided for February 2014. Billie reported that she was still looking for the Ohio Rural Zoning Handbook. Kurt Grindley reported that he checked and the handbook is no longer available. Julian Dornon sent him copies of the handbook which he scanned and made copies and created a binder. He indicated that he could make additional copies for the other zoning members. Billie advised him to bring his receipts and we will reimburse him. Billie provided Trustee Lyle a Grassroots Clippings newsletter which contained information regarding public records training. Billie also gave the new Marathon gas cards to the fire department. Billie gave Chief Cheyenne Wells a copy of the letter from Finely Fire for the employee file of Jonathan Spohn indicating he had changed the mailing address on the township account. Billie provided copies of financing terms she had received from Peoples National Bank for possibly financing a new fire engine.

John Ulmer was present to request signatures on the cemetery mowing contracts for 2014 and 2015. Approval of the renewal was made at the February 12, 2014 regular monthly meeting.

**Trustee Robert Coleman** reported that once again, there were parking problems at Robinwood. The county was involved and were working to get the problems solved. Bob also reported that Joe Barnhart will be repairing the cracks in the walls of the township meeting room.

**Trustee Richard Wilson** reported that he will be attending a meeting on the CDBG grant in New Lexington on behalf of Thorn Township. Rick also recommended that we think about getting another salt water tank before next winter. He estimated that it would cost approximately \$4,500.00. This will be a matter for future discussion.

**Trustee David Lyle** reported that he would like to rent a ditch cleaner/mower combination to clean out ditches. He thought this might be a better option than purchasing a new mower. Dave stated that he was informed by Phil and Wes Harlan that we no longer have an open account with Central Auto Parts – Thornville (formerly NAPA). There seems to be some confusion on this as a check to them had just been signed by all of the trustees including Dave Lyle. Trustee Coleman indicated that we were no longer buying oil from that vendor as we were able to get a much better price buying it in bulk. Dave presented information on a product for pothole repair which was called “The Good Stuff”. This may be something we want to try on our roads.

**Zoning Inspector Ed Corns** provided a zoning update and submitted paperwork for February 2014. Ed indicated that he thought it would be a good idea to retain an attorney to represent the township in zoning matters/issues. Billie will provide Ed with the name and contact information of the attorney Casey Casto brought in to do the zoning workshop last year. Ed also submitted his resignation from the Zoning Commission effective February 28, 2014.

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### Fire/EMS:

Cheyenne Wells provided an update and a year to date run summary. He requested permission to purchase radio batteries from Staley in the amount of \$2,374.76. Discussion followed and it was decided that the purchase of 1 battery and 1 charger would be approved and the amount not to exceed \$700.00. Cheyenne reported that Rich Nethers had submitted his resignation from the fire department. He also reported that there are 2 new prospective members who will be attending the next meeting to meet the Trustees. Cheyenne inquired as to the status of the SOP's. Trustee Coleman indicated that he still has questions and changes that he feels need to be made. Discussion followed. Cheyenne indicated that we need to look into getting ice guards for the gutters. Trustee Lyle will look into costs and report back.

**Motion:** A motion to approve the SOG's with the first paragraph removed was made by Dave Lyle and seconded by Richard Wilson. Votes were: Dave Lyle, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; Robert Coleman, Nay.

### Public Comment:

Timothy Phipps was in attendance to inquire about the status of the building he purchased from the township. Trustee Coleman advised Tim that since the matter was in litigation, we could not discuss without legal counsel being present. Bob did indicate to Tim that he will work very diligently to get in touch with the attorneys and work to get the matter resolved.

Rich Cady, Brian Althoff and another resident were in attendance to inquire as to what the process is to have the township take over a road. The road in question is Canoe Lane down on the lake. They were advised that the first step is to get a signed petition by affected residents and bring back which will then be forwarded to the Perry Commissioners.

Resident Ron Combs was in attendance to again inquire as to the reason we are working to open Twp Rd 358. He was again advised that the purpose of this is to encourage economic development of that area in the future.

### Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:54PM was made by Robert Coleman and seconded by Richard Wilson. Votes were: Robert Coleman, Aye; Richard Wilson, Aye; David Lyle, Aye.

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Billie Dearlove

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Robert Coleman

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Richard Wilson

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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.