

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR SESSION

Held: December 14, 2022

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 5:55 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	Robert Coleman	Present

Visitors: Anna Cox, Jeremy Weekly, Ed Corns, Brad Blain, Robert Loughry, Elaine Loughry, John Theibert, Jay Sell, Stan Knox, G. Sander

Fiscal Officer Report:

- Approval of November 9, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: A motion to approve the November 9, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

- Approval of November 21, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion: A motion to approve the November 21, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Coleman and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

- Fiscal Officer Dearlove provided the November 2022 Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status, Receipt Report, Payment Report and Fire Department Payroll Report for the trustee's review.
- Fiscal Officer Dearlove reported that she submitted the ODNR Final Submission to Tim Robinson and they now need to transfer funds from the Buckeye Lake Project to the General Fund. She explained this is to transfer the \$20,000.00 taken from the General Fund at the start of the Buckeye Lake Project (Initial Interfund Transfer) back to the General Fund.

Motion: A motion to transfer \$20,000.00 (twenty-thousand dollars) from the Buckeye Lake Project to the General Fund was made by Trustee Coleman and was seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye; Robert Coleman; Aye.

- Reported that the OTARMA grant (\$500.00) for safety signs was submitted.
- Reported that PMMG Billing informed her that Medicare is increasing their reimbursement by 8.7 % for 2023. She stated that we need a motion to accept this increase.

Motion: A motion to accept the Medicare reimbursement increase of 8.7% was made by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye; Robert Coleman; Aye.

- Stated that she needs information from Chief Weekly about the grant they are receiving and total wages for 2023, so she can get the information to the Perry County Auditor's Office so they can get an Amended Certificate to her for appropriations for 2023. Chief Weekly stated that he would get the information for her.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Boring: Nothing to Report

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Trustee Wilson:

- Reported that there is a drainage issue in front of TC Market that they are addressing. It goes under County Road 30 and dumps into the Lake. They are going to have the County come and put a camera down in the drain to see if they can locate where it is plugged at. Once that is done they may have to hire someone to come in and drill out the plugged drain; since this drain runs under the road.
- Reported that they are getting all the equipment ready for the winter snow and ice.
- Reported the 2nd truck is back in service.
- Asked about information to send to the county for the closure of the alleys that they approved at the last meeting. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that he would just have to submit a copy of the minutes from the last meeting where they approved to close the alleys.

Trustee Coleman:

- Reported he attended a meeting of the BLRC- topic was on the Appalachian Grant. At this meeting Fairfield County Commissioner Dave Levacy talked about the upcoming growth in the area and the housing and transportation needs.
- Reported that BLRC is starting a Steering Committee to create logo's. Trustee Coleman stated he could be on committee if no one else wants to be on it. He asked Brad Blain if he would be interested on being on the committee. Mr. Blain stated that he would like to have some information about this.
- Attended meeting of the Bike for Buckeye Lake-Topic was for funding for signage. He reported they are trying to set up a meeting with the Perry County Engineer.
- Reported that the application for the Appalachian Grant has been submitted and awards for the grant will be sometime in 2023.

Zoning Report:

- Zoning Inspector Ed Corns presented his monthly reports.
- Reported that he had issue on Bruno Road, the permit they filed was for an accessory building, and they actually are making a residence in this building. He stated that it did meeting minimum size requirements and they have gotten the permits squared away.
- Reported that the new building in Thornport across from Lucky's has been shut down. He stated being a commercial building they must obtain a fire inspection and a commercial inspection, which they failed to do so they have been shut down until these are done and they pass inspections.
- Reported that there will be a Public Hearing on January 9th, 2023 for re-zoning of the lot in Thornport (Lilly Pad Lot). The owners are asking to have it re-zoned to Special Use.
- Asked if the township had received a letter or notification from Ohio Liquor Control on the property located on Blackbird Lane. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that no she has not.

Fire/ EMS Report:

- Chief Weekly presented his monthly reports.
- Reported that he met with Fiscal Officer Dearlove and Trustee Boring regarding the grant they received for \$532,000.00 for personnel for the department, and interviews were held for three full time positions. He stated that Fiscal Officer Dearlove and Trustee Boring both sat in on those interviews. He stated that the recommendations for these 3 full time positions are: Kyle Weekly, Cj Maisenbacher and Zach Ankrom.

Motion: A motion to hire Kyle Weekly, Cj Maisenbacher and Zach Ankrom as full time to the department as of January 2, 2023 was made by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Wilson. . **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye; Robert Coleman; Aye.

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- Reported that the water softener at the station stopped working. He said they it will cost \$887.00 to fix the old one, and a new one would cost \$1,832.00 with a 5-year warranty. He stated that this can be addressed at the January 2023 meeting.

Public Comments

- John Theibert from Aspen Energy Corporation presented a brief presentation regarding their energy aggregation program.
- Stan Knox stated that he has bought the old Hatmaker property on Blackbird Lane. He stated that he would like to put in a campground on the property. It will have 203 camp sites and he has purchased a liquor license and with the approval of the township, he is going to put in a carry out and bar on the property. He stated that he is working with the county on water/sewer for the site. He also stated that he is willing to work with the township regarding traffic, entrance and exits for the campsite. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated as it was said earlier that we have not received anything yet from Ohio Liquor Control regarding this. Mr. Know said that he will check with Ohio Liquor Control tomorrow.
- Robert Loughry asked about the alley closures. Trustee Wilson stated that the minutes were approved tonight and he will take a copy down to the county this week. He stated that he would let them know when he gets everything completed.
- **Reorganization Meeting for 2023- This meeting will be held on January 2, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. at the Township Hall.**

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 P.M. by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

Billie Dearlove

Richie Boring

Richard Wilson

Robert Coleman

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.

