

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: August 10, 2022

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 5:54 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, Brad Blain, Tasia Savage, Jason Foltz, Ronald Ronnetic, Don Waller, Rhoda Stevens, Ed Corns, Jeremy Weekly, Jon Spohn

Fiscal Officer Report:

- Approval of July 13, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: A motion to approve the July 13, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

- Fiscal Officer Dearlove submitted the July 2022 Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status, Receipt Report, Payment Report and Fire Department Payroll Report.
- Fiscal Officer Dearlove gave the new insurance cards for the vehicles to Trustee Wilson to put into the vehicles.
- Reported that the remaining balance of the Buckeye Lake Park grant is approximately \$7,800.00; and she spoke with Tim Robinson and we cannot use these funds for the purchase of a mower. She said it is close to end of August and we need to be thinking about what and if we still need something at park, I know we discussed lighting for the park in previous meetings. We have to use money by December 31, 2022 or send it back to the state.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Boring:

- Nothing to report at this meeting.

Trustee Wilson:

- Reported that all the paving is completed for this year and we have one road left to chip & seal and that project will be complete for the year.
- Reported there are a couple plugged drains in Robinwood that they will have to take care of later on when they get time.
- Reported the air conditioner at the Food Pantry broke and they had to buy a new one.
- Reported there was a question about the cemetery here behind the shop as to whether it is in the Village of Thornville or in the township. He reported that he contacted Jackie Hoover at the Perry County Recorder's office and she researched it and said the cemetery is definitely in the Village of Thornville.

Trustee Coleman:

- Reported he attended a meeting with BLRC topics were: Scott Owens reported at the meeting that the Kayak Park is open, he also said that Perry County is seeking funding to tear down the old green box on Honey Creek Road. Tom Johnson was also at this meeting and stated that Thornville and Thorn Township will be driving force for economic development in the future for this region. Reported they are still working on the board of directors and bylaws for the CIC.
- Attended meeting with the Bike Trail Committee- their event will be on August 20, 2022; and they will be expecting 700 to 1000 riders this year.

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- Attended a couple of meetings with the Community Development Committee. The deadline for submission of the projects for the Appalachian Grant money was August 8, 2022. He said that the submissions will go to MORC and they will score them and give their recommendations to the county.
- Reported that he followed up on complaint from last month on Township Road 493 and returned the follow up form to Fiscal Officer Dearlove. He stated that he and Jason went down there with fire department and forced water through the 4" drain. He said it is working better but not like it should be. Trustee Coleman stated that Tom Epply said he thinks it needs replaced with a 6" drain and said they could run it through his property. He stated that this was verbal permission, they have nothing in writing from him to do this.
- Reported there are a couple businesses working out of the park. He stated one is a kayak rental company and the other is a construction company that puts in docks around the lake; and they are backing up to the water and unloading their materials from the truck onto a barge and they are rutting up the area doing this. A brief discussion was held. It was decided to verbally let these businesses know that they cannot do this at the park.
- Lights at the Park: Trustee Coleman stated that he got a current quote for the lighting at the park from Gibson Electric and the cost is now \$6,714.15 (six thousand seven hundred fourteen dollars and fifteen cents) for 3 lights. Trustee Coleman said that the contractor would need the material cost up front, which would be \$5,214.15 (five thousand two hundred fourteen dollars and fifteen cents). Trustee Wilson stated that he doesn't think we need to spend this much money on lighting at the park. He stated that he and Jason researched some lights and they can do it for less than \$1000.00. A brief discussion was held on the purchase of the lights at the park.

Motion: A motion to purchase three lights for the park from Gibson Electric in the amount of \$6,714.15 was made by Trustee Coleman and was seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Nay, Robert Coleman; Aye.

- Reported that he spoke with Drew Canon and Angela McCord about the collection of Bed Tax. Angela is taking over the collection of Bed Tax for the county. He stated that Thorn Township now has 7 Airbnb's or Bed & Breakfast and we are losing about \$5000.00 to \$8000.00 dollars a year not collecting this tax. He said that Angela is e-mailing him a break down on the B&B's in the county. Trustee Coleman stated that they told him that we need to get the word out there that the township has a 3 per cent tax either thru letters, our web site or face book. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated we have already sent out letters and we do not have a face book account but she can have it put on our web page. A brief discussion was held. Trustee Coleman will do further research into this.

Zoning Report:

- Zoning Inspector Ed Corns presented his monthly reports.
- Reported that he has been in contact with the realtor, surveyor and the owners of the property that has the covered bridge on it on State Route 13. They are having trouble with the platting of lots on the property. They must have at least 300 feet of road frontage per the township zoning and per ODOT, the driveways to each lot must match up straight across from any drive way on the other side of the road. Zoning Inspector Corns stated that he gave them a few suggestions to look at.
- Reported that the meeting on the PRD for the development at Honeycreek Road and Township Road 496 will be on August 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
- He asked if the trustee's had read the letter he e-mailed to them from the zoning attorney, regarding the parking issue at Horvath's? The trustee's stated yes they had read it. Trustee Coleman said that he spoke with Tom Horvath and he said they have the parking issue taken care of. Trustee Wilson said he told him the same thing but that is not the case. He said he has been

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- by there a couple times the last few weeks and they are still parking in areas that are no parking zones. A brief discussion was held.
- Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that they need to have the zoning attorney send the letter certified to Mr. Horvath and the trustees were in agreement with this. Zoning Inspector Corns will notify the zoning attorney to send the letter out certified to Mr. Horvath.
- Zoning Inspector Corns stated that he will be moving out of the township. He stated that he would like to continue to be the zoning inspector for Thorn Township and asked the trustees if they would allow him to maintain his position with the township. All three trustees were in agreement to allow Ed Corns to remain the zoning inspector for the township even though he will not reside in Thorn Township.
- Mr. Waller asked Zoning Inspector Corns if there was a traffic study done regarding this potential development at Honeycreek Road and Township Road 496? He stated that yes they did have one done, however he has not read over it yet and it will be available at the meeting on Monday night and he encouraged them to be at the meeting.

Fire/ EMS Report:

- Chief Weekly presented his monthly reports.
- Reported that he completed follow up documents to submit to Energy Cooperative for the Round Up grant awarded to the department last year.
- Reported he is working on EPA permission for training in a vacant house on Honeycreek Road.
- Reported he talked with Chief Magers from West Licking Fire District who is taking over Hebron Fire Department on August 16, 2022.
- Reported that it is time for the renewal of the contract with OSU for their medical director. He stated the cost is \$5000.00 and other than the dates nothing has changed with the contract. Chief Weekly said that he recommends that they renew the contract for medical direction with OSU.

Motion: A motion was made to renew the contract with OSU for Medical Direction in the amount of \$5000.00 (five thousand dollars) was made by Trustee Coleman and was seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

- Reported that they received a \$500.00 (five hundred dollar) donation from Buckeye Lake BLASST.
- Reported that Brandon Thompson submitted his resignation.
- Assistant Chief Spohn stated that he interviewed and recommends that they rehire Kyle Weekly as a part-time FF/Medic to the department. A brief discussion was held.

Motion: A motion was made to re-hire Kyle Weekly as a part-time FF/Medic to the department was made by Trustee Wilson and was seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

- Chief Weekly said that their MARCS radios will need replaced next year and he spoke briefly about purchasing refurbished radio's instead of new ones. He said he will have all the information on this to go over at the next meeting.
- Zoning Inspector Corns asked if they could clean out a couple of the bays in the shop so they can put the tables out for the Public Hearing on August 15, 2022. He also asked if they would think about purchasing a PA system for future use when they have large meetings like this.

Public Comments:

- **Tasia Savage:** Said she was here tonight about restoring and cleaning up the cemetery that was discussed earlier in the meeting. She said that she has been to the Village of Thornville council meeting and they said they were not sure who actually owns the cemetery and she needs to find out in order to start work in the cemetery. Trustee Wilson said that he would give her a copy of the paper work that he received from the recorders office.

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Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 P.M. by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. **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.