

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: December 13, 2023

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 5:28 P.M. in the Township Hall. Trustee Wilson called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Members:

Billie Dearlove	Present	Richie Boring	Absent
Richard Wilson	Present	Robert Coleman	Present

Visitors: Anna Cox, Mark Shonebarger, Rhonda Stevens, Jeff Ritter

Approval of November 8, 2023 Regular Session Minutes

Motion: A motion to approve the November 8, 2023 Regular Session minutes was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye, Richie Boring Absent.

Fiscal Officer Report

Fiscal Officer Dearlove presented the November Fund Status Report, Receipt Report, Payment Report, and the November 2023 Bank Reconciliation Report.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove reminded everyone that we are approaching year, so please emergency spending only for the balance of December so that she has all invoices by year end.

Credit Card Compliance 6 Month Review

Anna Cox provided the trustees with information for the 6-month credit card review. She stated that there have been no new cards or users added since the last review. She said that the Staples card was discontinued by Staples as on July 31, 2023, so we no longer have that card.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Boring: Absent

Trustee Wilson:

Reported he attended the Issue II Grant Funding Meeting last month. He said that a project must get a certain amount of points to qualify for the funding. He said that 4 projects were selected, Zanesville Road Project in Roseville, the Perry County Crooksville Paving Project, the Perry County New Lexington Paving Project, and the Perry County Thorn Township and Somerset paving project. He said that there will be a meeting tomorrow in Marietta to select which projects will be awarded the grant funding.

Trustee Coleman:

Trustee Coleman stated that he is listed as a contact on the Tractor Supply Card and the township will have to call them to have his name removed as of first of the year.

Reported he received a call from ODNR about a resident on Township Road 1071. ODNR said the resident contacted them about the drain the township put in that runs into the lake. The resident was inquiring if the township contacted them about running the drain into the lake.

Trustee Coleman stated that he is returning the following items to the township, Thorn Township Policy Handbook, a vest, his set of keys and the garage door opener.

Trustee Coleman asked if they will have to have a special meeting in December to approve this month's meetings minutes since he will not be a trustee in January and Richie is absent tonight. Fiscal Officer Dearlove said yes they will.

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Fire/EMS

Chief Weekly provided his monthly reports.

Reported that PMMG is suggesting that they raise the EMS rates by 5 percent to off-set the 5 percent increase by Medicare in 2024. A brief discussion was held.

Motion: A motion to increase the EMS billing rate by 5 percent effective January 1, 2024 was made by Trustee Coleman and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye, Richie Boring; Absent.

Reported that he is exploring options to replace the door system next year at the station. He said the current system is around 15 to 16 years old. He said that they sometimes have problems with the back door and front door not releasing and he has contacted the manufacturer and they no longer have parts for that system anymore.

Reported Medflight is conducting free 48-hour Paramedic Refresher Courses that they will be taking.

Reported the Firefighters Association and the department hosted Santa Clause & Mrs. Clause at the fire station on Sunday, December 10th and they had a great turn out.

Reported that they received a \$500.00 donation from Beard Farms (Neil & Janet Beard).

Zoning

Zoning Inspector Corns presented his monthly reports.

Reported at their last meeting the Zoning Commission passed a proposed amendment for Wind Turbine Electric Generation. He said this will now move onto the trustees for their approval or denial. He said they have 30 days to have a public hearing on this.

Zoning Inspector Corns stated that Brad Blain has resigned his position on the Zoning Commission. He said this now leaves an empty seat and Mary Alice Stidham has shown interest to be on the commission. He stated that he would like the trustees to consider appointing her to the zoning commission. No action taken at this meeting on this.

Public Comments

Mark Shonebarger & Jeff Ritter from Bike Buckeye Lake said they are here tonight to say "Thank You" to the township and especially Bob Coleman for all the support over the years. They said Bike Buckeye Lake has been passing out bicycles to children in need since 2015 and this year they gave out their 1000th bicycle. They once again thanked Bob Coleman for his service.

Rhonda Stevens said she also would like to thank Bob Coleman for his service to the township.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 P.M. by Trustee Wilson and was seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye, Richie Boring; Absent.

Billie Dearlove

Absent
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.