

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: March 8, 2023

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 5:35 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: See attached sign in sheet

Fiscal Officer Report:

- Approval of February 8, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval of February 8, 2023 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

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

Motion: A motion to approve the February 8, 2023 Public Hearing 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 submitted the Fund Status, Receipt Report, Payment Report and Fire Department Payroll Report. Submitted the January and February 2023 Bank Reconciliation Reports.
- Stated that she would like to set up an account with Millersport Hardware if the trustees do not have a problem with that. The trustees were ok with setting up account with Millersport Hardware.
- Reported that she spoke with Patti Hayes at Peoples State Bank and the loan paperwork is ready for the tractor purchase. She said once the tractor is ready the trustees will have to stop in at the bank and sign the paperwork.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Boring:

- Stated that they have some Old Business to address from last month's Public Hearing. He stated that they need to make a decision and vote on the proposed Zoning Resolution District Change request from Rural Business to Special Use.

Motion: A motion to deny the Zoning Resolution District Change from Rural Business to Special Use was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Richie Boring; Aye.

Trustee Wilson:

- Reported he has an estimate in the amount of \$137,555.00 for the resurfacing of Township Roads 94 and 391. He asked Fiscal Officer Dearlove to look at the numbers to let them know if they can do both or just one of the roads. He stated that they might have to adjust on what they chip & seal this year. Fiscal Officer Dearlove said so what we usually budget for road resurfacing; is this amount in addition to that? Trustee Wilson said they usually budget \$120,000.00 to \$125,000.00 to resurface roads, if we do these two roads we will probably have to pull back on our chip & seal projects. He said they have not discussed any chip & seal projects yet. He said last year we used the Cares Act money for chip & seal and did quite a few roads. Fiscal Officer Dearlove said that there is about \$6000.00 left of the American Rescue money left and she told the trustees to get with Jason and she where to use these funds so she can get them off the books and close out that fund.

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- Reported that he met with Perry County Engineer Kent Cannon to talk about Issue II money for next year. He said Kent told him that this doesn't come up until later this year, and to come back then.
- Reported they have been working on cleaning out ditches and culverts.

Trustee Coleman:

- Reported he had a random drug test last month and gave paper work to Fiscal Officer Dearlove for his file.
- Reported he spoke with Engineer Kent Cannon and had them clean out the big culvert on Zion Road just past Peoples State Bank.
- Reported that he will be attending another meeting with the Branding Committee. He asked if the township would like to have a logo? A brief discussion was held. Trustee Boring asked Trustee Coleman to do some research into this and find out if other townships have logo's.
- Stated that last month he reported that Fairfield and Perry County donated \$5000.00 each to Bike Buckeye Lake. He said that Terry Fisher, Jenny LaRue and himself met with Perry County Engineer Kent Cannon for support of the road bike signs. He said that the county will install all of the signs on the bike trails. He stated that Bike Buckeye Lake will be coming to the township to ask for their support in maintaining these signs.
- Reported he attended a meeting with the property owners just north of the Kayak Park-topic of the meeting was to discuss diverting the water down by Dollar General.
- Met with ODNR and they want to dredge in front of the Kayak Park again.
- Attended a meeting with the attorney for the Nest Project and some of the residents from the Honey Creek area. They walked both sides of the creek and discussed their questions and concerns for that area.
- Received an e-mail from Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow regarding geese control around the lake. He stated that they can pull a permit to help control the geese around the Kayak Park. He said the permit is on line and it is free. Brief discussion was held. Trustee Boring asked Trustee Coleman if he would take care of getting the permit for the park.

Department Reports:

Zoning Inspectors Report:

- Zoning Inspector Ed Corns presented his monthly reports.
- Reported things are starting to pick back up with zoning permits.

Fire/ EMS Report:

- Chief Weekly presented his monthly reports.
- Attended Perry County Fire Chief's meeting
- Submitted for \$10,000.00 grant to replace fire hose; submitted Grant for State Fire Marshal for \$10,000.00 to purchase SCBA bottle; submitted Grant for State EMS; Submitted Grant for Energy Cooperative for additional bullet proof vests.
- Reported that ten Thorn Township Firefighters attended free training in Lima for Leadership and Fire Attack.
- Stated that the Fire Fighters Association is sponsoring a conference September 16th & 17th. There will be three speakers and Hot Class for Thorn Township members. He stated this conference will be free for them to attend.
- Reported the insulation was installed and lights replaced at the fire house.
- Reported that Aaron Berkley has submitted his resignation and Jason Emmert informed him that he will not be renewing his certifications in May.

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Public Comments:

Christy Borland stated as you can see we are well represented here tonight, so did I understand you, that you denied the request for the Zoning Resolution District Change from Rural Business to Special Use? Trustee Boring stated that is correct we denied it.

Several residents had questions regarding the process for alley closures. A brief discussion was held. Trustee Boring said that if anyone wants to have an alley closed, they must first get a petition, bring it to township meeting after they have gotten the required signatures on the petition and then the township will submit it to the commissioners.

A resident stated that she has two lots side by side, one is residential and the other is commercial; and she asked why is that? Zoning Inspector Corns stated that all of Thornport on the east side of the canal is commercial. He stated that any home on a lot before zoning went in was grandfathered in, anything after zoning then the lot can only have a commercial structure built on the lot. A brief discussion was held.

Butch Yontz asked if the camp ground was going to go in on the lot by his house. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that the trustees voted on that at the beginning of the meeting and the request for the district change was denied so it will not be going in.

A resident stated that there is a need for more “no wake buoys” around the north side of the bridge around the kayak park.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 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.