RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSION

April 12, 2023

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 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	Absent

Visitors: Anna Cox, T P Jenkins, Linda Savage, Jeff Zemulong, Brad Blain, T. J. Edwards, Grant Dandson, Jeff Roelle, Ashley, Moore, Todd Brune, Mark Shonebarger

Fiscal Officer Report:

- Approval of March 8, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

- Fiscal Officer Dearlove submitted the Fund Status, Receipt Report, Payment Report and Fire Department Payroll Report. Submitted the March 2023 Bank Reconciliation Report.
- PRD-Nest at Buckeye Lake: Fiscal Officer Dearlove said that the Zoning Commission voted to deny the PRD application for the Nest at Buckeye Lake. She stated now the township must decide on a date and time to have a Public Hearing within 30 days.   It was decided to have the Public Hearing on May 10, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. to consider the PRD Application for the Nest at Buckeye Lake.
- Reported she received paper work from the Perry County Commissioners for the approval of vacating some township alleys. She also received a letter from the Perry County Commissioners in regards to Ashely Moore's request to have an alley vacated and they need a copy of the township's resolution for this request.   Fiscal Officer Dearlove explained that they township has not voted on this request and they will need to do that.
- Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she would like for it to go on record that township residents are not charged for EMS services and asked Chief Weekly if he would go into further detail on this. Chief Weekly stated that a resident received a bill for a non-transport fire rescue call in error.   He stated that he called PMG our billing company to make sure this will not happen again. He said that he would like for it to go on record that no township resident will ever receive a bill like that and if they do; they will make sure that it is corrected.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Boring:
- Reported that he received an e-mail from ODOT that they have approved funding for the bike path. It will be 100% funded. They will do the feasibility studies, draw up the plans and put the job out for bid. He said this funding will start in 2026. The only thing the township will have to do is approve whatever part of the road
they will need for the bike path.
- Reported that the new tractor is ready to be delivered any time now. Fiscal Officer Dearlove said that she has the invoice so she will go to the bank and get it paid.

Trustee Wilson:
- Said at the last meeting Fiscal Officer Dearlove said that they had about $6000.00 of American Rescue Plan (ARP) money left to spend. She stated that it is $6400.00 that is left to spend.

He said that they purchased a leaf blower to clean debris off the road when they saw the trees up, also need new tires for the dump truck, which will cost about $5500.00 for both trucks and he purchased some culvert pipe which cost $374.00. He said that should use most of that money up.

- Stated that they need to close the bids for the Resurfacing Project.

Motion: A motion to close the bids for the Resurfacing Project for Thorn Township was made at 5:09 P.M. by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Absent.

- Trustee Wilson said that they received one bid from The Shelly Company, Thornville, Ohio. He said that the cost for resurfacing for Township Road 94 is $67,270.50 (sixty-seven thousand two hundred seventy dollars and fifty cents) and the cost for Township Road 391 is $70,894.50, (seventy thousand eight hundred ninety-four dollars and fifty cents) for total cost of $138,165.00 (one hundred thirty-eight thousand and one hundred sixty-five dollars). He said both of the roads are just under a mile.

Motion: A motion to take this bid under consideration and go thru the paper work and make sure it is all there was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Absent.

- Fiscal Officer Dearlove said that they will have to get with Trustee Coleman and get a date set for a Special Meeting to vote on the resurfacing project bid.
- Trustee Wilson asked Fiscal Officer Dearlove to take a look at the numbers and come up with estimate of what they have to spend on Chip & Seal for the roads.

Department Reports:

Zoning Inspectors Report:
- Zoning Inspector Ed Corns was not in attendance at tonight's meeting. He will drop off his monthly reports.

Fire/ EMS Report:
- Chief Weekly presented his monthly reports.
- Reported that they received a $5000.00 (five thousand dollar) grant from SFM to purchase five, 45 minute SCBA bottles.
- Reported he submitted all the paper work to request their first draw of the full time employee grant money from the State of Ohio.

Public Comments:

Ashley Moore: presented her petition and paper work for the closure of the alley that runs thru her property in Thornport. Trustee Boring stated that they would like time to look her petition and paper work over. He said they will have a Special Meeting at a later date to make a decision on this.

Jeff Zemulong: Said he was here tonight about the PRD Application for the Nest at Buckeye Lake. Trustee Boring said that they will be having a Special Public Hearing Meeting on May 10, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.to make a decision on that and the public will be able to ask questions and make their comments at that meeting.

Mark Shonebarger: Said he is here tonight to ask for the townships support for signage for the bike trail in Thorn Township. He stated that to do this the township would need to approve a resolution to support the signage for the bike trail and then it would go to ODOT. He stated that they have asked for

this support from the surrounding areas also. He stated this will help with funding from ODOT for signage.

Tom Jenkins:
Stated that he has 2 items to address tonight.

1. He would like to suggest that they notify the community about upcoming zoning and township meetings. He said township has a web page, put it on there so residents can see it, not all residents read the paper. Trustee Wilson said all of the Thorn Township meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at 5:00 P.M. unless they are a special meeting, which is post on the board and in the paper.

2. He said he lives at corner of Township Road 484 and Honey Creek Road. Stated that he put six cement blocks out to keep people from turning the corner and coming into his yard. He said a Top Cat driver ran over and smashed all six of the blocks. He said they did come out and clean up the mess but did not replace the blocks. He said now there is construction going on in the area and they are cutting the corner into his yard again. He said he would like the township to consider moving their sign over to his side of the road and maybe this will detour people from cutting into his yard.

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

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           Billie Dearlove   Richie Boring

_____   _____Absent_____
           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.