

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: June 14, 2023

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 5:39 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, Jason Foltz, Gary Wills, Jeremy Weekly, Ed Corns

Fiscal Officer Report:

- Approval of May 10, 2023 Minutes

Motion: A motion to approve the May 10, 2023 Regular Session 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 Fund Status Report, Receipt Report, Payment Report, Fire Department Payroll Report and the May 2023 Bank Reconciliation.
- Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she received correspondence from Attorney Jeff Stankunas on how we want to respond to the Mr. Eberts issues and she forwarded this information on to the trustees. The attorney provided a copy of the letter that he will be sending out to Mr. Eberts and the other land owner and he had a couple questions that he needs information provided by the township. He said that he needs to know the date that the township inspected the gravel and that it does not interfere with the township's right-a-way. Trustee Wilson stated that it does not interfere with the right-a-way and it was inspected on April, 3, 2023. The attorney also needed to know who the contact person for Mr. Eberts be if he has any further questions or concerns? Trustee Coleman said for Attorney Stankunas to be the contact person. Trustee Wilson will find out the address for the other land owner and get the information to Fiscal Officer Dearlove. Fiscal Officer Dearlove will e-mail this information to the attorney so he can send out the letter to Mr. Eberts and the other land owner.
- New Visa Card- Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that we had some unauthorized charges to the township Visa Card, so she had that one cancelled and we have received a new Visa Card.
- Staples Credit Card- Fiscal Officer Dearlove reported we received a letter from Staples and they will no longer have Staples Credit Cards as of July 31, 2023. She stated that they will just have to use the township credit card for purchases at Staples.
- Fire Department Grant Funding- Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that they still have not received the grant funding for the first quarter for the fire department and we are now into the second quarter. Chief Weekly stated that he reached out to them again today but has not received anything back from them yet. Brief discussion was held.
- Credit Card Compliance Review: Anna stated that it is time for the 6-month credit card review. She said that nothing has changed since last time. We have not added or removed any authorized signers or cards. She provided the trustees with the paper work for the review.

Trustees Reports:

Trustee Boring:

- Reported that he and Trustee Coleman were both contacted by Mr. Clum on Bruno Road about a water run-off issue caused by the neighbors drive way. Trustee Wilson said he has been contacted as well. Trustee Boring said that Trustee Coleman contacted our attorney and got back with Mr. Clum on the issue. Mr. Clum then contacted him again about an ordinance he had. Trustee Boring explained to Mr. Clum, that there were amendments to that ordinance and he did agree with what he said but was still not satisfied and was going to contact the attorney about it.
- Bike Path: Reported that there will be a meeting tomorrow at 10:00 A.M. regarding the Bike Path, topic will be about funding. He stated they have completed the study.

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Trustee Wilson:

- Reported that he attended the last Bike Path meeting and the guy wanted to know what the right-a-way length was on Township Road 358. Trustee Wilson said that he told him it was a 16 foot right-away. A brief discussion was held.
- Food Pantry Roof: He asked what type of roof do we want to put on the Food Pantry, metal roof or put tar paper back on again. Brief discussion was held. They decided to have Trustee Wilson get estimates on both of them.
- Reported that he contacted Kent Cannon to get update on Issue II Funding, he said last year he forgot about us and he is just trying to stay on top of it this year.

Trustee Coleman:

- Attended last month's BLRC meeting. He reported that Licking and Fairfield counties are both strong on economic development within their counties. Stated that BLRC has contacted the developer at Snug Harbor about the Crystal Lake Lagoon going in there. He said this will basically be like a swimming pool. They also talked about 140 acres around the Millersport, Walnut Township area that will be developed with homes, retail businesses and possible hotels on it.
- Reported that the Nest Destruction Permit with ODNR has ended and has been filed with ODNR.
- Reported that he received another permit from ODNR, this one is the Geese Round Up permit. He said they go in and net the geese, do away them and bury them.
- Stated that he received a letter from ODOT that the township has been selected for funding from the Carbon Reduction Program. He said that the total program funding will be for 1 million dollars and will be available in 2026.
- Said that a new magazine came out a few weeks ago called Discover Perry County and it had a nice article in it about Thorn Township and the Kayak/Canoe Park.

Zoning Inspectors Report:

- Zoning Inspector Ed Corns presented his monthly reports.
- Reported new housing builds have slowed down.
- Reported that he received a phone call regarding a Solar Farm in our township, and they wanted information. Our zoning board got with our zoning attorney and got legislation on this and what the regulations were. He said anything under a certain kilowatt the township has jurisdiction over, if it is over a certain amount of kilowatts then the Public Utilities Committee has jurisdiction over it. The zoning board will be addressing this at a future meeting.
- Trustee Wilson asked if he received a complaint about junk vehicles (box truck, car and trailer) that needs remove on Township Road 493? Inspector Corns said yes, but he wasn't sure how much time and money the township wants to put into this. A brief discussion was held. Inspector Corns said that he will try to reach out to the owner and ask them to move it.

Fire/EMS:

- Chief Weekly provided his monthly reports.
- Received resignation from CJ Maisenbacher for his full time position with the department. He said CJ will continue to work part-time a couple days a month. He said he would like to appoint Timothy (Tanner) Wilson to replace CJ. Brief discussion was held. It was decided to wait to replace the full time position until they get this grant funding straightened out and received the first quarters funding. Chief Weekly was in agreement with this and tabled this item for now.
- Reported that he will be on vacation from June 26th to July 4, 2023.
- Reported that Boat 291 is on the water, it is docked down at the Amvets.
- Reported the stations north door is rusting out and needs replaced. He asked for the trustees to stop down and take a look at it and he will get some estimates to replace it.

Public Comments:

Gary Wills: Mr. Wills stated that he is developing the property at the end of Township Road 493 and would like to vacate a portion of the alley and he presented trustees with the petition and required signatures for vacating the portion of the alley. Brief discussion was held.

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Motion: A motion to vacate the alley at the end of Township Road 493 at Lot #86 (67.18 feet) was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 P.M. by Trustee

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.