

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: January 14, 2026

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 5:48 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	Bradley Blain	Present

Visitors: Anna Cox, John Ulmer, Eric Correll, Jason Foltz

Fiscal Officer Report

Approval of November 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, December 10, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes and January 2, 2026 Reorganization Meeting Minutes.

Motion: A motion to approve the November 12, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Abstain.

Motion: A motion to approve the December 10, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes was made by Trustee Blain and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Abstain, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Motion: A motion to approve the January 2, 2026 Reorganizational Meeting minutes was made by Trustee Blain and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove presented the following monthly reports: 2025 December Bank Reconciliation Report, Fund Status Report, Payment Report and Receipt Report. She also provided the 2026 Purchase Orders and Blanket Certificates for signatures from the trustees.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated she spoke with the Zoning Secretary Deborah Morgan to get information to pay the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals members and she feels the trustees need to take a look at this. She said last year you changed the pay for the Zoning Commission to \$35.00 per meeting for 12 meetings per year, whether there was a meeting held or not. She stated the Deborah sent her a print out and the zoning commission only had 7 meetings last year not 12 and all the members still received \$420.00. Zoning Inspector Corns said he thinks that if a meeting is cancelled or if someone does not show up to a meeting they should not be paid for that meeting. Trustee Blain stated that they changed this because members were complaining that they had blocked off time to attend a meeting and then it would get cancelled. He said I guess we didn't think about them just not showing up at a meeting and still getting paid. Zoning Inspector Corns stated that the Zoning Commission has months no meetings are held due to nothing to discuss. He also said on the other hand they do not have a lot of people interested in being on the Zoning Commission. Trustee Blain said a meeting being cancelled is one thing but when someone just does not show up for the meeting is another and they should not be paid for that meeting. Trustee Blain said let's just go back to the way it was, we tried paying them for 12 meetings and they abused it, so just go back to the way it was and pay them for the meetings held that they attend.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Boring to go back to way it was to pay the Zoning Commission per meeting held and was seconded by Trustee Blain. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove said the zoning secretary needs a new computer and she has appropriated money to purchase a new computer for her. Brief discussion was held.

Motion: A motion to purchase a new computer for the zoning secretary not to exceeding \$1000.00 was made by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Blain. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

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Trustee Reports

Trustee Boring

Reported he received a phone call from a lady complaining about receiving too many phone calls about open enrollment and wanted to know if they could do something about.

Trustee Wilson

Asked if they cared if the 4H club met on Sunday evenings here at the administrative office. He said he has the paper here that they have to sign. No one had a problem with them meeting here.

Trustee Blain

Stated only thing he has is that Eric Correll will be here tonight.

Fire/EMS

Chief Weekly presented his monthly reports.

Reported the renovations are nearing completion.

Wanted to thank Jason and Tate for getting the building across the street cleared of fire code violations. Stated he has sent out letters for Winterfest to local businesses that they are taking part in the event and will have a Fire Inspector roaming around.

Thanked the Beard Family for their \$500.00 donation and they will be using it to purchase a Pito Gauge. He said Trustee Blain was down the other day to look at the renovations and he asked me about the flooring. Chief Weekly stated the best quote he received to do the entire living quarters at the station was from Wall to Wall Flooring in the amount of \$18,000.00. This is for laminate flooring. No action was taken on the flooring.

Zoning

Presented the December and year end reports. He said they were down 11% percent from last year.

He stated that he would like to upgrade his current zoning software program. He said the upgrade would be beneficial for both himself and the zoning secretary for variances. He said it would have better tracking and also give residents ability to fill out zoning applications online. He said the increase will be in the amount of \$6,850.00 per year. He stated the current cost is \$3000.00 per year for what they currently have. A brief discussion was held.

Motion: A motion to approve the purchase of the upgraded software for zoning was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Zoning Inspector Corns stated he will not be in attendance at next meeting, he will be out of town.

Public Comments

Eric Correll- Stated Trustee Wilson called him yesterday about the gravel access on the north side of Champs Pizza which they own. He said this has been an ongoing issue and they are not going to fix it and would hate to have to dig it out. He said he would like to give it to the township but they do not want to pay the legal fees or to have them surveying done. A brief discussion was held. Trustee Wilson said they were talking about this before the meeting and that is not a legal access and so he is going to talk with the state about it and he will get back with Eric.

John Ulmer- Said he is here with the 2026 Mowing Contract. He said it is the same rate as last year. Brief discussion was held.

Motion: A motion to accept the mowing contract for 2026 was made by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

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Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 P.M. by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Blain. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Billie Dearlove

Richie Boring

Richard Wilson

Bradley Blain

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.