

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

## 2026 REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Held: January 2, 2026

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in special session from 10:00 AM to 10:20 AM in the Township Hall. Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

**Members:**

Billie Dearlove	Present	Bradley Blain	Present
Richard Wilson	Present	Richie Boring	Present

**Visitors:** Anna Cox

**Election of 2026 Board President**

A motion to elect Richie Boring as President of the Board of Trustees for 2026 was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Blain. Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

**Annual Appropriation Resolution**

A motion to adopt the 2026 annual temporary appropriations was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

**2026 Meetings**

A motion to hold the 2026 regular monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 5:00 P.M. at 13780 Zion Road, Thornville, Ohio was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Blain. Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Special Meetings will be held on an as needed basis and notices shall be posted at least 24 hours in advance in the display case at 13780 Zion Road, Thornville, Ohio.

**2026 Trustee Pay**

A motion to establish Trustee's pay rate as monthly at \$1,194.00 per month for Trustee Blain and \$1,232.00 per month for Trustee Wilson and Trustee Boring was made by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Wilson. Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

**2026 Road Worker Pay**

A motion to establish the pay rate for Jason Foltz at \$29.00 per hour and Tatum Dennis at \$27.00 per hour was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Blain. Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

**2026 Zoning Inspector and Zoning Secretary Pay**

A motion to pay Ed Corns \$1000.00 per month and Debbie Morgan \$600.00 per month effective January 1, 2026 was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. Votes were: Richie Boring, Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

**Mileage Reimbursement**

A motion to pay mileage for 2026 at the rate permitted by the IRS was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

**Travel and Meeting Reimbursements**

A motion to pay travel and meeting expenses for elected officials to attend conferences and seminars offered by OTA, the State Auditor, and other government agencies was made by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Blain. Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

**Supplemental Appropriations**

A motion to authorize the Fiscal Officer to make supplemental appropriations as needed throughout the year was made by Trustee Blain and seconded by Trustee Boring. Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

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### **Blanket Certificates**

A motion to authorize the Fiscal Officer to open blanket certificates as needed, not to exceed \$10,000.00 was made by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Blain. Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

### **Salt Brine**

A motion to approve the use of salt brine on certain Thorn Township roads, at the discretion of the trustees, for dust control and ice was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

### **Load Limit Reduction**

A motion to approve the Freeze Thaw Law from December 15, 2025 to April 15, 2026 was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Blain. Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

### **Appointment**

A motion to appoint Trustee Wilson as Road Supervisor was made by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Blain. Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

### **Healthcare Reimbursement**

A motion pursuant to R.C. 505.60(D) to reimburse any officer or employee, who elects not to participate in the township's health care plan, for each out-of-pocket premium attributable to the coverage provided to the officer or employee and their immediate dependents, so long as the reimbursement does not exceed an amount equal to the average premium paid by the township for its officers and employees and not to exceed \$5000.00 was made by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Wilson. Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

### **Internet Reimbursement**

A motion to reimburse Fiscal Officer Dearlove for a portion of her home internet service for \$44/month was made by Trustee Blain and seconded by Trustee Boring. Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

### **Phone Reimbursement**

A motion to reimburse the Thorn Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer Dearlove for cell phone at \$50.00 per month was made by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Wilson. Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

### **Fiscal Officer's Assistant**

A motion to retain Anna Cox to assist the Fiscal Officer effective January 1, 2026 was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn at 10:20 AM was made by Trustee Blain and seconded by Trustee Boring. Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

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Billie Dearlove

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Richie Boring

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Richard Wilson

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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.