

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: March 10, 2021

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 6 :15 P.M. in the Township Hall. Trustee Coleman called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Members:

Billie Dearlove	Absent	Robert Coleman	Present
Richard Wilson	Present	David Lyle	Present

Visitors: Anna Cox, Tristan Shoults, Mike Tolliver, Ed Corns, Jason Foltz, Dale Snider, Wayne Snider, Marty Finta, Ron Combs

Motion: A motion to approve the February 10, 2021 regular session minutes was made by Trustee Coleman and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Reports:

Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove: Fiscal Officer Billie Dearlove was not in attendance however she provided the February 2021 Reports: Fund Status Report, Receipt and Payment Report, Fire Department Payroll Report and Bank Reconciliation Report for tonight's meeting. She also provided a copy of an email and letter from Marty Finta IV.

Trustee Robert Coleman:

Trustee Coleman stated that he attended a zoom meeting with the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) about Broad Band Internet Services. He was also invited to attend a meeting with Park National Bank about community projects in our township and he also attended a zoom meeting about the presentations for the possible development on 496. This presentation was provided by BLRC and is now up and running on their website. Trustee Coleman stated that he is applying for another \$75,000.00 (seventy-five thousand dollar) Paddle Enhancement Grant, which is a reimbursement grant, and it runs from July 1, 2021 until June 30, 2022. The money can be used for lighting, paving, curbs and so forth at the park. He stated that he will need a resolution to go with the application for the grant.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Coleman to apply for the \$75,000.00 (seventy-five thousand dollar) Paddle Enhancement Grant from Ohio Division of Natural Resources (ODNR) for the year of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 and was seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

He also stated that he has applied for an extension on the current Paddle Enhancement Grant that will end on June 30, 2021. He also said that he received a phone call from Megan Harlan who lives in Robinwood with a complaint about noise and asked about the noise ordinance. He advised her to submit her complaint to them in writing.

Trustee Richard Wilson:

Trustee Wilson reported that he has received our official mileage certification for the township from the Ohio Department of Transportation and the trustees have signed it. He reported that we have 38.235 miles of road for the township to take care of. He stated that he received a complaint from residents in Robinwood as well. There was a contractor in there digging out the canal and dragging mud out all over the roads and making a mess on the roads. The contractor was shut down by the state because he did not have the proper permits to be digging out the canal. However, he was supposed to sweep off the roads and as of today he has not swept them off. He also reported that they now have 5 or 6 wells lined up for saltwater and he thinks this will be enough to keep the township in salt water. Trustee Coleman asked if they should think about getting another tank for saltwater storage. Trustee Wilson stated yes, they probably should. A brief discussion was held on this and Trustee Wilson stated that he would get some pricing for another tank. He also reported that there might be issues out on Township Road 37. There is a logging company out there and it looks like the road is breaking up in a couple places. He said they will have to go out and talk with the company about getting this fixed. He also said that they need to be thinking about repairs on the roads for this year. He stated that there are roads down around the lake that they could resurface. He said that he has on his list, roads 1062, 1099, 404, 494, 500 and possibly 496 depending on whether that development goes in there. If the development goes in that road will have to be widened. He said for them to be thinking about it and they can discuss it at next meeting.

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Trustee Coleman asked if the road in front of Champs Pizza officially belonged to the township now, has the one year been up. Trustee Wilson stated that yes, the one year is up. Trustee Coleman said then we should get a deed for that road from Champ's Pizza. Trustee Wilson said that he would talk to Brad Turnes about it.

Trustee David Lyle:

Trustee Lyle stated that last month he mentioned naming the park out on Ridenour Road, he asked if they wanted to pursue this. He stated that he has found a gentleman that can make a design for a sign and get them a quote for the cost. Trustee Coleman asked what name he had in mind for the park. Trustee Lyle said he thought it should be named the Vernon Hanby Memorial Park Thorn Township, since Mr. Hanby donated the land to the township for a park. A brief discussion was held.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Lyle to name the park on Ridenour Road the Vernon Hanby Memorial Park Thorn Township and was seconded by Trustee Coleman. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Fire & EMS:

Deputy Fire Chief Tristan Shoults presented the monthly reports to the board. Mike Tolliver gave a brief overview about the building updates and 3 quotes that they gave to the board to look over. Trustee Coleman stated they would look over the quotes and discuss it at the next meeting. Deputy Fire Chief Shoults also reported that they conducted Ice Water Training down at the Port. He also stated that all the iPad's have been installed in their vehicles and are operational. They are also switching to new fire reporting software, and the new medic is just waiting for the cot systems to be installed. There was a brief discuss about Chief Weekly driving one of the departments pick up trucks home. Deputy Chief Shoults explained that a lot of times Chief Weekly goes directly from his home to the fire scene in his personal vehicle. He explained that a lot of times when he gets there no one knows who he is because he is in his private vehicle. The trustees agreed to allow Chief Weekly to drive the departments pickup truck home.

Zoning:

Zoning Inspector Ed Corns provided his monthly reports to the board. He also stated at the last meeting he was asked to get additional information or other property maintenance codes for the board to review. He said he has received a copy of one from Columbia Township, which is down by Cincinnati. He stated that they can review it and then discuss it at the next meeting. Trustee Wilson asked him if he has any updates about the possible development on 496. Zoning Inspector Corns said that he has not been contacted by them with any further information yet.

Public Comments:

Marty Finta IV-

Mr. Finta gave a brief presentation about the Snug Harbor Development. Mr. Finta asked the board members who he should contact in the future on the development. Trustee Wilson stated that he would be the contact person for the township.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 P.M. by Trustee Lyle and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Billie Dearlove

David Lyle

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.