

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: September 8, 2021

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 6:32 P.M. in the Township Hall. Trustee Coleman called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Members:

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

Visitors: See attached list

Trustee Coleman advised the board members and audience at the beginning of the meeting that Gerald Hecker will be recording and publishing the township trustee meeting, September 8, 2021; this will be in compliance with the Ohio Open Meeting Law and additionally want to serve notice and fore warn you this will be in practice until township records and publishes these meetings with twenty- four hours of the meeting being adjourned. The township board advised Mr. Hecker that he may continue to record and publish the meetings without submitting future notices.

Fire Department/EM Report:

- Chief Weekly provided his reports for the month of August, 2021.
- Approval and appointment of Jonathon Spohn to the position of Assistant Fire Chief.
- Appointment of John Layton as a part-time Fire Fighter/Medic and Austin Branham as part-time Fire Fighter/EMT.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Wilson to approve the appointment of Jonathon Spohn as Assistant Fire Chief and was seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Coleman for the appointment of John Layton and Austin Branham as part-time members to the Thorn Township Fire Department and was seconded by Trustee Lyle. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye.

Jonathan Spohn and John Layton were sworn into duty by Chief Weekly at the meeting. Austin Branham was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

- Resignations were received from Matt Jones and Jared McBride.
- Update on Instructor Course: Chief Weekly stated that he is currently taking fire courses and will be at the Fire Academy the last week of his classes for that week, and will test to become a certified fire instructor for the State of Ohio.
- Vacant Building in Thornville- He stated that he was contacted by Chief Williams of Thornville about a vacant building in Thornville that is in poor condition. The building has been deemed structurally unsound by Mid East Ohio Building Department. Chief Weekly stated that he will be sending out a letter to the owners of the building to let them know they must secure the building by locking or boarding up all doors and windows in the building. He said that the Village of Thornville has contacted the Perry County Health on this matter and they are sending the owners a letter as well.
- Reported that the body work on the medic unit has been completed.
- They received some dings from the hose testing company on the back of Engine and Rescue that they are paying to fix.
- Water leak on the engine has been fixed.

Fiscal Officer Report:

- Fiscal Office Dearlove submitted her monthly Reports: Fund Status Report, Receipt and Payment Report, Fire Department Payroll Report for and reported that due to the holiday and

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- the meeting being earlier in month, she just received the bank statement and does not have the August bank reconciliation report for tonight's meeting.

Motion: A motion to approve the August 11, 2021 regular session minutes was made by Trustee Lyle and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Robert Coleman; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, David Lyle; Aye

- Received a Public Records Request from the Former Crown Wherle Estates Wastewater Treatment Plant. It was determined that this was the old county treatment plant. Fiscal Officer Dearlove will let them know to contact the county for this request.
- Received a complaint from township resident about the trucks parked along Township Road 79, blocking view of traffic. Trustee Wilson said the resident called him and he went down and spoke with resident that lived there and asked them to move the dump truck and it has been moved.
- Zoning report- Zoning Inspector Corns is not going to be at meeting tonight; his monthly report is included in the trustee's packets for tonight's meeting. He had \$4500.00 in permits in August.
- Fiscal Officer Dearlove asked the trustee's if they had received an email from FormFire Waypoint Benefits. She explained this is for health insurance and she had given them all the email addresses as there is a waiver form that must be signed if you are declining health coverage. She stated that she will print everything off and give the information to them. She stated that this is so the insurance company can get quotes for 2022 insurance.
- Trustee Coleman asked Fiscal Officer Dearlove if she had received any additional information regarding what the American Rescue Money can be used for? She stated not at this time, she is waiting for more information relating to what it can be used for. She also stated that the trustee's will have to decide if they want this money to gain interest or not, you can have it either way. She stated that if we do not use this money it will have to be sent back. She will try get more information on this for the trustees.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Coleman:

- Received an e-mail from Judge LuAnn Cooperider about a meeting on September, 23, 2021 at the Grace Lutheran Church in Thornville from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. Topic of meeting is on the Growth, Development and Activities in the Thorn Township are in Perry County.
- Attended a meeting with Buckeye Lake Regional Focus Group. The topic of the meeting was Identifying Small to Medium projects in the region.
- ODNR has acquired another right of entry into the Canoe/Kayak Park to unload an excavator to mechanically start dredging again so we can get water to the park.
- Reported that there will be a Zoom meeting on September 17th at 11:00 A.M with Montrose Group. The topic of meeting will be on Economically Development for incentives for communities and companies.
- Reported that he received several e-mails from Mr. Eberts about the water issue on Township Road 1071 and 1073. He asked where we were with this issue? Trustee Wilson stated the problem is someone put stone on both sides of the road and the drain is covered up. Mrs. Betty Eberts stated that there was always some flooding in that are to some extent but since this stone was put down it is worse and has become a hazard. Further discussion was held on this issue. Trustees will do further investigation into this problem and move forward from there on this issue.

Trustee Wilson:

- Reported that Shelly Company has finished paving the road in front of Champs Pizza. He stated that the township will have to pay one third of the cost for this project, which will be around \$16,000.00 (sixteen thousand dollars). He said that he called Kent Cannon and thanked him for helping them get that done.

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- Trustee Wilson said that he had some questions on a couple of these park invoices and asked Trustee Coleman if he could answer them. He stated that on one invoice they have down \$3400.00 (thirty- four hundred dollars) for pavement removal. He said that he thought it was all dirt when the contractor started down there. Trustee Coleman said that there was a little bit of pavement right off Honey Creek Road when you went into the park. Trustee Wilson said he also has question about the cost of \$3800.00 (thirty-eight hundred dollars) for wildflower seed. Trustee Coleman said that this was all part of the contract. Trustee Lyle said I have been down there and I have not seen any flowers down there. Trustee Wilson was in agreement with him, and said all he has seen there are weeds. Trustee Lyle asked if a walk thru was done down there on the last day they worked. Trustee Coleman said that it was done in several different days, but yes he did do walk thru, and if he would have had the engineers do it, the cost would have been another \$5500.00 (fifty-five hundred dollars). Fiscal Officer Dearlove said that the invoice with the \$3800.00 for wildflower seeds has not been paid. If there are questions about this, then they should contact Mike Bline at GM Contracting for some clarification on this item and ask him to come out and show you where these seeds were sowed or something. Trustee Wilson also asked why they had a reserve parking sign down there in the parking lot. Trustee Coleman stated that EDG said they should have one there for the township officials parking but stated that it can be removed if they do not want it down there. Trustee Wilson said he thought they were supposed to have signs at the park stating that the township would maintain the park for ten years. Trustee Coleman stated, yes they need to have that, along with directional signs at the nearest intersection and a sign with a set of rules for canoeing and kayaking at the park.

Trustee Lyle:

- Trustee Lyle stated that the only thing he has this evening is some questions for Mark from ODNR, so they can move onto public comments.

Public Comments:

Gerald Hecker:

- Asked if they were able to look into the parking lot spaces and whether it will be able to accommodate a vehicle with a trailer, he still feels this may present a problem and they will not be able to turn around in that round- about area. Trustee Coleman stated that the way that park was built was the way it was designed. Mr. Hecker asked if he could get a copy of those designs. Trustee Coleman stated yes he will get them for him. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she will need his request in writing, she explained she now has to turn over a copy of all public records requests when they do here two year audits.
- Mr. Hecker asked if the trustees would be willing to change the time of the township meetings to accommodate the public to attend the meetings, that people are still trying to get home from work or whatever at this time of day. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that in the past they have had meeting at various different times, they have had them on Saturday mornings and at 7:00 P.M. in the evenings; and most generally when people come to the meetings they usually attend because they have a complaint or an agenda to address to the board. She said that people are more than welcome to request a copy of the minutes anytime. She stated that each year at our reorganizational meeting they trustee's decide a day and time that the meetings will be for the year.
- He also asked if they could post on the web along with the minutes, any resolutions that were passed at that meeting. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that yes she can do that.
- He stated he had seen article or something on the web about the reconfiguration of the roads in the Thornport area around T.C. Market and wondered if there was any truth to this. Trustee Coleman stated that there is not, nothing is in the works for changes to the roads.

Mark Bush- (from ODNR):

Trustee Coleman introduced Mark Bush from ODNR to the board and the audience. He stated that Mr. Bush is part of the dredge team for Buckeye Lake. He stated that Trustee Lyle had indicated at the last meeting that he would like to have a representative come to a meeting to answer a few questions.

Questions from Trustee Lyle for Mark Bush:

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- What is the status on the new dredge machine for the lake? Mr. Bush stated that it is currently being built.
- Said that there is a rumor going around that there is an issue with the route that you were going to use for the pipe for dredging, is this true and are you going to detour the route? Mr. Bush stated that he is not involved with the real estate and legal issues, but yes they are going to detour the pipe, we have actually found an easier route to take and they have worked out agreements with ODOT and Perry County and the township.
- Mr. Bush stated the route will be Honey Creek road to the old sewer plant, thru a couple swamps and then under a culvert; and then lay it up along where they mow up to Jonathan Creek and then come back thru a culvert.
- How will this be forced thru the pipe? Mr. Bush stated that it will be pumped thru the pipe, he said that the plans are for four different cells, they are currently building one now for the spring, and proceed from there building the other three.
- Will the area be fenced in? Mr. Bush stated that he is not sure about that.
- Mr. Bush told the trustees to compile a list of their questions and he will do his best to get answers for them.

Questions from Trustee Wilson for Mark Bush:

- How much of the lake are you going to dredge? Mr. Bush stated from the Canoe/Kayak area about a mile to a mile and a half out.

Questions from Trustee Coleman for Mark Bush:

- How many gallons per minute will you be pumping? Mr. Bush stated about 2500 to 3000 gallons per minute.
- What will you be doing with the top soil, will you be keeping it or getting rid of it? Mr. Bush said that they will be giving it away, you will have to load it yourself and you will have a form to fill out.

Questions from Gerald Hecker for Mark Bush:

- Will there be an odor or smell from this dredge material in these cells? Mr. Bush stated that he has never heard of any complaints about the smell. He stated that there might be a mild or minor odor occasionally, but no there will not be a strong odor.

Trustee Wilson asked if purchasing a track hoe is a dead issue? He said that Jason has received another quote so we now have two options to look at. Fiscal Officer Dearlove said that no, this is not a dead issue. If the Trustees choose to make this purchase, we will need to get with Patti Hayes at Peoples State Bank for a loan. The Trustees need to look at the bids and decide what they want to purchase. A resolution will need to be passed to provide to Patti in order to start the loan process.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 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.