

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: January 12, 2022

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 6:39 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, Jeremy Weekly, Ed Corns, Jason Foltz, David Lyle, Rhonda Stevens, Susan Bowersock, Brad Blain, Todd Howard, LuAnn Cooperrider, Lisa Sharpe, Chip McNeer, John Ulmer, Jenny LaRue, Jeffrey Ritter, Terry Fisher, Bill Collison

Fire Department/EMS Report:

- Chief Weekly present his monthly and year end year reports. He stated that the department received \$18,966.85 in grant funding for 2021. With these funds they were able to purchase new PPE, a new washer, treadmill, EMS supplies and training and new fire hose. They also received \$1,500.00 in donations and with these funds were able to purchase a new thermal imaging camera, CAD TV screen and tools. They also were able to get a new medic with the CARES funding money.
- Stryker Quote: Chief Weekly stated that he would like to get a new load systems and cot unit for the older medic. He stated that he has a quote from Stryker and the cost will be \$45,496.88 and the price will be going up in February 2022. A brief discussion was held. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she appropriated enough money for this purchase.

Motion: A motion to purchase a new load systems and cot unit from Stryker in the amount of \$45,496.88 was made by Trustee Coleman and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

John Ulmer

Mowing Contract for the Thorn Township Cemeteries and Township lot: John Ulmer stated that it is time for renewal of the contract for the mowing of the cemeteries and the township property. He stated that he does have new contract if the township would like to have him do the mowing for 2022 and 2023. He stated no change in pricing from the previous years.

Motion: A motion to approve the mowing contract from John Ulmer was made by Trustee Boring and was seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

Fiscal Officer Report:

- Approval of December 8, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval of January 1, 2022 Reorganizational Meeting Minutes

Motion: A motion to approve the December 8, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

Motion: A motion to approve the January 1, 2022 Reorganization Meeting Minutes 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 December 2021 Bank Reconciliation Report and the December Fire Department Payroll Report.
- Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she has received additional information regarding the American Rescue Money and she has provided each trustee with a copy of the information for them to review.
- She provided a copy of the 2022 Appropriations for each trustee.

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- She provided the 2022 Purchase Orders & Blanket Certificates for the trustees to sign.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Boring:

- Had nothing to go over tonight.

Trustee Wilson:

- Advised that the township has plenty of brine for another snow or two and they have five or six places that they can get brine from.
- When the ground isn't frozen they will be doing some culvert work.

Trustee Coleman:

- Thanked Fiscal Officer Dearlove for her excellent Audit Report.
- Trustee Coleman provided signed copies of the extension of the Paddle Enhancement Grant, which will be extended until May 31, 2022 and the signed extension copy for the Capital Improvement Grant, which will be extended until December 31, 2022.
- He stated that the dock has been ordered and should be in around end of January or first of February.
- Asked about insurance coverage on the dock once it is installed. He stated that the cost of the dock was \$26,718.00. Fiscal Officer Dearlove suggested that they wait until the dock has been delivered and then contact OTAMA about coverage on the dock.
- Bed Tax: Trustee Coleman said that he had the information that was requested about the township Bed Tax, he stated that the motion was passed on June 12, 2019; Resolution Number 2019-5, but we did not have an effective date on that so in January of 2020 we put the effective date on it. He stated that he did not see Resolution 2019-5 on our web page. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that she would have it and make sure it gets put on the web page. He also stated that he has been looking for someone to help out with the collection of the Bed Tax. He stated that Todd Brune said that he would be willing to do this. Trustee Coleman stated that if they want Todd to do this, he will contact Todd about it. Fiscal Officer Dearlove asked how many Bed & Breakfast do we have in township right now? Trustee Coleman said he thought about 7 to 9 of them. She also asked how would the township go about paying someone to do this and what amount of pay would we be talking about. Zoning Inspector Corns stated that he gets several calls a month about Air B & B's, and he stated that maybe the zoning board needs to add enforcement of the Bed Tax to the zoning code. Jenny LaRue suggested that we speak with the county about this. She stated that Perry County is collecting a 3 percent Bed Tax, so it makes sense to just contact the B & B's in Thorn Township and have them send their 3 percent for the township to the county and then the auditor could send a quarterly check to the township. Fiscal Officer Dearlove will contact Ron Baker at the county and asked him how much money would the township be collecting on the Bed Tax, and see if this will be worth doing.
- Trustee Coleman stated that Trustee Boring is still employed at Shelly Company. He asked what is the procedure for him to vote and sign on contracts, and material that we buy from Shelly Company? Trustee Wilson stated that it is a conflict. Trustee Boring stated that he will find out, he has to take a class on "Conflict of Interest" every year.
- Trustee Coleman stated that he received an e-mail from resident in the township about publishing meetings that have been recorded. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that we are not required to do this, and she will contact the individual about this request.

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Zoning Inspectors Report:

- Zoning Inspector Ed Corns provided his monthly and year end reports to the board.
- He reported that Marty Finta has finished up re-plating of Phase 2 & 3 of the Snug Harbor Development.
- He reported that he had a conference call in December with the developer and our planner Gary Smith, regarding the PRD at Township Road 496 and Honey Creek Road.
- He also stated that they will need to hire an engineering firm for this PRD at Township Road 496 and Honey Creek Road. During this call it was asked if the county engineer had been contacted to see if he could do the site review and plan review, storm water study, roads and traffic study. He stated that he called the Perry County Engineer and Kent Cannon stated that he did not have the time or the resources to do this, so this will fall back on the township to retain an engineering firm to do these studies. He said that he contacted two different engineering firms, Tim Linn out of Zanesville and V3 Engineering. Both firms were about the same amount of money, approximately \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00. He suggested that they go with V3 Engineering. He said that the Village of Hebron highly recommends this firm, they use them extensively. Brief discussion was held.

Motion: A motion to hire V3 Engineering as the engineering firm for the PRD project on Township Road 496 and Honey Creek Road, was made by Trustee Wilson and was seconded by Trustee Coleman.

Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

Public Comments:

Judge LuAnn Cooperrider: Gave update and answers to some of the questions asked at last month's meeting regarding the Bicycle/Walking Trail on Township Road 358. She stated that in order for them to continue and move forward on this project; they need the township to make and approve a motion for the letter of intent for this project. A brief question and answer discussion was held. Jenny LaRue stated that the township will be final decision makers on the project. LuAnn said that they just need this motion to move forward so that they can try to get the funding for the feasibility study, and if 5 years down the road the township is not comfortable and does not want to proceed with the project, they can always withdraw from it.

Motion: A motion was made by Trustee Boring to support the concept of a Bike/Walking Trail along Township Road 358 for a multi-use bike/walking trail and to support the Community Development Group headed by LuAnn Cooperrider to move forward with a feasibility study for this trail. Thorn Township will provide no financial support for the project or the study, they only support the concept. This motion was seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman

Chip McNeer: Gave an update on behalf of himself and the partners of Jonathan Creek of where things are and what has been done regarding the 34-acre parcel on which the park is located, and what is happening with the lake itself, and what the future may bring for this area.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 P.M. by Trustee Coleman and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Robert Coleman; Aye.

Billie Dearlove

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