

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: April 8, 2026

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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 5:35 P.M. in the Township Hall. Trustee Boring called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Members:

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

Visitors: Anna Cox, Alexia Dennis, Josh Givens

Fiscal Officer Report

Approval of March 11, 2026 Minutes

Motion: A motion to approve the March 11, 2026 Regular 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 was not able to attend tonight's meeting. She did provide the March 2026 Bank Reconciliation Report, Fund Status Report, Payment Report and Receipt Report for the trustee's review.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Boring- Nothing new to report at tonight's meeting.

Trustee Wilson- Nothing new to report at tonight's meeting.

Trustee Blain- Trustee Blain stated the only thing he has for tonight is that Mr. Givens is here at tonight's meeting to talk about the Transient Occupancy Tax (Lodging Tax) and explain the services he can provide and help the township with the collection of this tax.

Mr. Givens stated that he is a Lodging Tax Administrator and works for Hocking County and he also provides help and services for townships and municipalities to get set up for the collection of the Lodging Tax. He said he can help us get set up by writing a resolution, regulations and registration forms to get a program in place for the township which will actually have a little more teeth in it. He asks if we currently had a resolution in place and if we do he would like a copy of what we have. Mr. Givens stated he found 22 publicly owned units in Thorn Township and their average daily rate is around \$389.00 a night, he based this on an average rental of 10 nights per month. The yearly income from these units would be anywhere from \$85,000.00 to \$100,000.00 per year and the township would collect around \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 per year. He provided the trustees with different service options and pricing sheet. He also stated he is waiting to hear back from T.J. Rugg with some information. Trustee Boring said that they will look over the information he has provided them and once Mr. Givens has heard back from T.J. Rugg with that information they can discuss it at next month's meeting or have a special meeting to discuss it.

Zoning

Zoning Inspector Corns provided his monthly reports.

Reported regarding the dispute issue on Empire Road, the zoning attorney will be sending the lady a certified letter advising her that in this specific variance she is no longer to contact any of the trustee's or the zoning inspector regarding this matter; she is to contact the attorney regarding this.

Zoning Inspector Corns stated that he would like approval to have the zoning map updated with a new digital zoning map made by G2 Planning (Gary Smith) and the cost will be around \$2000.00 to have one made. He said they will be able to put it on our website also. A brief discussion was held.

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

Fire/EMS

Chief Weekly presented his monthly reports.

He provided the trustees with updated Thorn Township Fire & EMS Strategic Plan

He stated they are ready to start the next phase of the firehouse renovations. He said he got several quotes on replacing the flooring awhile back and Wall to Wall Carpeting was the least expensive with a quote of around \$17,000.00 and this would include all the flooring in the living area plus his office. He asked if they can move forward with this? Brief discussion was held. Trustee Boring stated that they have discussed this in previous meetings so he doesn't see a problem with it and the other trustees were in agreement.

Reported he emailed a copy of the updated Department SOG (Department Policies and Procedures) to each trustee.

Reported the 5 Year Fire Levy is up for renewal this year. They need to have the appropriate paperwork submitted before August.

Asked for approval for the hiring of the following as part-time Fire Fighter/EMT:

Isaiah Wallace, Brodrick Muterspaw and Matthew Johnson

Asked the trustees what they would like to see done as far as landscaping and such around the Training Area. A brief discussion was held. Trustee Blain said maybe put stone around the outside of it.

Motion: A motion to approve hiring Isaiah Wallace, Brodrick Muterspaw and Matthew Johnson as part-time Fire Fighter/EMT was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Public Comment

Alexia Dennis said she was here for school assignment.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 P.M. by Trustee Blain and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain.

ABSENT

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.