

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
THORN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSION

Held: May 13, 2026
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The Board of Trustees of Thorn Township convened in regular session from 5:00 P.M. to 6:10 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	Bradley Blain	Present

Visitors: Anna Cox, Liz Farmer, Rylan Farmer, Jonathan Havens

Fiscal Officer Report

Approval of April 8, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: A motion to approve the April 8, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Approval of April 16, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion: A motion to approve the April 16, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Blain and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove presented the following monthly reports: April 2026 Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status Report, Payment Report, Receipt Report and Appropriation Status Report.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove said she received a note from Josh Givens regarding the Lodging Tax and bookings that were made prior to June 1, 2026 but will not be used until a later date this year. He is being asked if they have to pay this tax if it was made prior to June 1, 2026.

Trustee Blain stated that we have had a Lodging Tax for 3% in place since 2019 in place, this new resolution basically just updated and made a few changes to the prior resolution; so yes they need to pay for these bookings made prior to June 1, 2026. Trustee Boring agreed that they need to pay even if the booking was made prior to June 1, 2026 but being used after June 1, 2026. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated she will advise Josh that yes they will have to pay for prior bookings of June 1, 2026 used at a later date.

Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that in prior meetings we discussed the flooring for the firehouse but we have not had a motion to approve this purchase in the amount of \$17,554.36 from Wall to Wall Floors.

Motion: A motion to approve the installation of new flooring in the firehouse from Wall to Wall Floors in the amount of \$17,554.36 was made by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Blain. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Boring:
Reported that Shelly Company got the bid for the Bike Path. He said that should be happening sometime this summer. He said there will be a pre-construction meeting with Shelly Company and ODNR before they start on it. Fiscal Officer Dearlove asked what will this entail for the township. Trustee Boring said nothing as far as he knows of, the township would not be involved unless there is a Right-a-Way down at the Eppley property.

Trustee Wilson:
Reported Jason Foltz took them over to look at their old building at bottom of hill on North Main Street and it is in bad shape, the back wall is caving in. He said he went down and talked with Perry County Engineer Kent Cannon to see about funding for a new building, maybe a grant, or if the county would go in on a building up here that they could share. Trustee Wilson stated that Kent will check into it and get back with him.

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Trustee Blain:

Reported he got a call from the Perry County Sheriff's Office asking if we want them to police an alley and remove cars at an Air B & B down by the lake. Evidentially they received a call from Mr. Eberts about the cars. Fiscal Officer Dearlove stated that the township's attorney responded to Mr. Eberts. Brief discussion was held. Trustees were in agreement to not have vehicles towed.

Public Comments

Rylan Farmer stated that he owns an Air B & B in Robinwood on Regal Road and they are having issues with the children in the neighborhood. There is a lot of outdoor activity down there with the children however they are not being parented very well. These kids are trespassing, damaging property etc. He said they have call sheriff's department multiply times. He said this is affecting his Air B & B business, they are receiving negative reviews. He said one of the reasons he is here tonight is to ask the township about a playground being built down there. He said from his understanding the township owns a parcel of land in front of Robinwood and he would like to see a playground or basketball courts or something down there. He stated these kids need somewhere that they can go play and do outdoor things. Trustee Boring said he was unaware of this property belonging to the township, they will have to check into it. He said they will get with the commissioners about the property and ask if there are any programs available to do this, however it would not happen overnight.

Zoning

Zoning Inspector Corns presented his monthly reports.

Reported they received a verbal resignation from Mark Huggins, he will be sending a written resignation to them.

Reported they received the zoning code back from the attorney and the zoning commission will now need to review it. He said it was recommended and they did add this to the code, all township fees associated with a PRD will be covered by the person filing the PRD.

Reported a lot of building is going on at Snug Harbor right now.

Impact Fees for developments was also discussed and Zoning Inspector Corns said he would check with the Zoning Attorney about this.

Fire/EMS

Chief Weekly presented his monthly reports.

Said they would like to purchase new Turn out Gear, this is part of our annual replacement plan. Cost is \$20,000.00.

Stated he would like approval to make Kara Weekly a paid per call member of the department.

Reported they are looking at fees for Fire Department when they do things like inspections for events etc.; such as Pirate Fest, 4th of July, Backwoods Fest and so forth. Brief discussion was held. Trustee Boring said maybe figure out a flat fee that can be charged when they do inspections and things of that nature. Chief Weekly will look into what other places charge.

Motion: A motion to purchase new Turn out Gear in the amount of \$20,000.00 was made by Trustee Blain and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Motion: A motion to hire Kara Weekly as paid per call member to the department was made by Trustee Blain and seconded by Trustee Wilson. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Executive Session: (at 5:52 P.M.)

Motion: A motion was made to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22G1 to discuss Personnel Matters was made by Trustee Boring and seconded by Trustee Blain.

Votes were: Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

Come Out of Executive Session: (at 6:08 P.M.)

Motion: A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

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Meeting Adjourned:
With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 P.M. by Trustee Wilson and seconded by Trustee Boring. **Votes were:** Richie Boring; Aye, Richard Wilson; Aye, Bradley Blain; Aye.

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.