

Village of Thornville
Regular Council Minutes
May 12, 2014

Council Members Present:

Brandt Hawkins, Council President
Lynne Snider
Heidi Badders
Dale Brussee
Mary Renner

Other Village Officials:

Gavin Renner, Mayor
Sharon Brussee, Clerk of Council

Guests: None.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The Village of Thornville regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gavin Renner on May 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. by saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Roll call was taken with all members present.

Review and Approval of Agenda for May 12, 2014:

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Heidi Badders to approve the May 12, 2014 Council Agenda and was seconded by Council President Brandt Hawkins. A voice vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed.**

Review and Approval of Minutes for April 28, 2014:

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Mary Renner to approve the minutes from April 28, 2014 and was seconded by Councilwoman Lynne Snider. A voice vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed.**

Mayor's Report May 12, 2014:

Mayor Gavin Renner presented the Mayor's Report for May 12, 2014.

Office Hours:

Mayor Renner will be in the office on the 2nd and the 4th Mondays of each month as appropriate. His contact information is 614-745-4802 or mayor.thornville@gmail.com

Correspondence:

- Received letter from Time Warner Cable notifying the Village it will no longer offer channels in analog format. All channels will be broadcast in digital.
- Received email from zoning inspector notifying the Village he will be unable to attend the May 19th public hearing for a Pool Variance. Also, he will be unable to work in July and August due to training required for military service. He will be stepping down. Letter of resignation is pending.
- Memorial Day Parade and bike decorating contest will be held on May 26, 2014 at 10 a.m. at the Elementary School Parking Lot.
- Armed Forces Day is May 17, 2014, and Mayor Renner issued a proclamation.
- Received letter of resignation from Philip Badders, effective May 28, 2014. With no discussion, a **motion** was made by Councilwoman Mary Renner to accept Phil Badders' letter of resignation and was seconded by Councilman Dale Brussee. A voice vote was taken with 4 yeas, and Councilwoman Heidi Badders abstained due to relationship. **Motion passed.**
- Received email confirmation of audit report with State of Ohio Auditor's office.

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Councilman Dale Brussee voiced his concern about a special zoning meeting that is scheduled for May 19 that requires the Zoning Inspector attendance. Mayor Renner responded that is his understanding as well. Mayor Renner further stated that Zoning Inspector White told Mayor Renner that he could provide a statement to the Solicitor, but Mayor Renner wasn't sure if this would work. Mayor Renner added that he will be contacting Solicitor Zets regarding this. Councilman Dale Brussee stated that at the last Zoning Meeting that Zoning Inspector White knew he was to attend the Special Zoning meeting and that he said he would be there. Mayor Renner stated that Zoning Inspector White has a mission that was extended out 2 days, and it is out of his control. Further discussion was held on replacing the Zoning Inspector. Councilman Dale Brussee stated that the Village may need an interim Zoning Inspector until a replacement is hired. It was stated by Councilwoman Mary Renner that Solicitor Zets had stated in an email that in the event there is no Zoning Inspector that the Village Administrator could step in. Mayor Renner responded that he will check for that email, but didn't feel that was the case. Councilman Dale Brussee agreed with the Mayor because the Village Administrator is not in line. Mayor Renner added the Village Administrator and the Mayor cannot do the job because they oversee it. He stated that he will check the email that Councilwoman Mary Renner was referring. Councilman Dale Brussee stated that whoever fills the position will need the approval of Council. Mayor Renner will be checking with the Solicitor about this situation. Mayor Renner stated that maybe an increase of pay of Zoning Inspector may be an option to attract candidates or relax zoning.

Solicitor:

Contacted Solicitor Zets to inform him of the zoning inspector's decision.

Online:

Added job posting for zoning inspector.

Press Contacts:

None.

- **Monthly Water Report to Perry County Commissioners for April 2014:**
A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Mary Renner to receive the April Monthly Water Report to Perry County Commissioners and was seconded by Councilwoman Heidi Badders. A voice vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed.**
- **Monthly Water Report to Council for April 2014:**
A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Lynne Snider to receive the Monthly Water Report to Council for April 2014 and was seconded by Council President Brandt Hawkins. A voice vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed.**

Discussion was held on the numbers treated for water for the County. Councilman Dale Brussee stated there is a difference of 2 million gallons. He further stated that the Village needs to get the I/I under control.

- **Mayor's Court Report for April 2014:**

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Lynne Snider to receive the Mayor's Court

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post audit. Councilman Dale Brussee asked the water repair fitting is the one on Thornhill Drive that Columbia Gas hit. Mayor Renner responded that he will check with Village Administrator Beth Patrick.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Dale Brussee to pay the bills and was seconded by Council President Brandt Hawkins. A voice vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed.**

Bank Reconciliation

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Mary Renner to receive the Bank Reconciliation dated April 30, 2014 and was seconded by Councilwoman Heidi Badders. A voice vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed.**

Mayor Renner stated that Village Administrator Beth Patrick is doing an amazing job in keeping expenditures low, and everyone who has a budget is doing a good job.

Zoning Report – Council Representative Dale Brussee

- Follow-up on fencing for pool on Zion Road.
- Special Zoning Meeting on May 19 for a variance.
- Issued stop work order for planting.
- Updating Zoning Code Book and getting copies.
- Gravel drive on Lakeview.

Councilman Dale Brussee stated that he appreciates the Zoning Inspector's service with the military, but the Village is a continuing entity. Councilman Dale Brussee stated this is the busy time of the year with building and grass cutting.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Lynne Snider had no comments.

Councilwoman Heidi Badders had no comments.

Council President Brandt Hawkins had no comments.

Councilman Dale Brussee stated that he hopes to hear something from Solicitor Zets by the Committee meetings.

Councilwoman Mary Renner stated the Ag District was put on the backburner and that no one anticipated that the litigation would continue on this long. She would like to see Zoning re-look at the Ag District, and it is not just one person's property this affects. Councilwoman Mary Renner further stated that she would like to see this before the Zoning Code Book is reprinted and would like to see this done beforehand.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mary Renner to have the Zoning Board re-look at the Ag District and was seconded by Councilwoman Lynne Snider.

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Badders stated that she was sitting on Zoning at the time, and that she has notes as to what Council wanted and she took it back to Zoning. She added they are probably in the minutes. Mayor Renner stated that one thing that did come up from Zoning was the spraying of insecticides that did not make it into the ordinance, which is more restrictive. Councilman Dale Brussee stated that it is a moot point if the property-owner(s) would be leaving the Village. Councilwoman Mary Renner voice her concern that 1 property-owner could already plant because he was grandfathered, and the other property-owner expressed an interest in planting. Councilman Dale Brussee responded (that the property owner that is expressing interest in planting) is allowed to plant half of the property. Councilwoman Mary Renner stated this property-owner expressed an interested in planting crops at the time he bought the property, and she further stated that it is a new planting season, and she stated why do we have some laws that being enforced and some are not. Councilman Dale Brussee stated that is why the Village has a Zoning Inspector. Mayor Renner stated the law is the law. Councilman Dale Brussee stated that the property-owner knew when he bought the property that half of the property could be planted and the other half was part of the phase that was done away with. Mayor Renner stated that even if the Ag District had passed the property-owner would still have to come before the Zoning Board and ask for a Zoning District change the way it was written, and there has been no communication to that affect. Councilwoman Mary Renner stated that she is not saying the property-owner is innocent in this, but he was told more than a year ago that Zoning was working on an Ag District. Councilman Dale Brussee commented there was an Ag District Ordinance that was rejected by Council. Councilwoman Mary Renner commented that doesn't mean that it is thrown away and not looked at again. Councilman Dale Brussee responded that it was under the premise that all the property that was going to be under the Ag District would remain in the Village, and that is in jeopardy now. Mayor Renner stated that Solicitor Zets' opinion is to look into doing an Ag District Ordinance. Councilwoman Mary Renner asked if the Village wins (litigation) the next time, and it is contested, will the Village hold up the other property-owner for another property season. Councilman Dale Brussee stated the property-owner has not presented anything to Council, other than the fact that he began to plant. Mayor Renner stated that in the past there have been discussions with the property-owner about the use of the land. Councilwoman Mary Renner stated that the property-owner was wrong in not coming in and doing it the correct way, but there have been residents who have lived here their whole lives that have failed to do things the right way as far as zoning. She added that zoning can be a confusing beast sometimes, but that doesn't mean that the Village shouldn't have things in place for our residents and he is a property-owner in the Village and should be treated as such. Councilman Dale Brussee responded that he thinks it should be addressed, when the property-owner requests it. He added that he doesn't know why the Village is taking a lead on this. Councilwoman Mary Renner responded that a previous zoning inspector had recommended an Ag District. Councilwoman Heidi Badders suggested going ahead to start working on the paperwork without Solicitor Zets reviewing it so there would be no cost, and that if it's needed, it can rolled be out faster. Mayor Renner stated that at the end of the process that the Solicitor Zets would need to review it.

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Heidi Badders to **amend the motion** to work on the paperwork for Ag District Ordinance to no incur cost until the Ag District is needed and was seconded by Councilwoman Lynne Snider. A voice vote was taken as follows: Councilwoman Heidi Badders yea, Councilman Dale Brussee nay, Council President

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A voice vote was taken on the **original motion** as follows: Councilwoman Heidi Badders yea, Councilman Dale Brussee nay, Council President Brandt Hawkins nay, Councilwoman Mary Renner yea, and Councilwoman Lynne Snider yea. **Motion passed 3 yeas and 2 nays.**

Citizens Comments:

Chief Darrell Ball took 2 police reports for breaking into unlocked vehicles on West Columbus Street. One of the vehicles was parked inside of an unlocked garage. Mayor Renner stated that Facebook will be updated with this information

Meeting Announcements:

Next meeting date May 19
Committee Meetings
Special Council Meeting
Special Zoning Meeting
Regular Council Meeting – May 27

Adjournment:

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Heidi Badders to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilwoman Mary Renner. A voice vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Gavin Renner, Mayor



Sharon Brussee, Clerk of Council