

Minutes  
Regular Council Meeting  
3 South Main Street  
Thornville, OH  
February 25, 2019

**Council Members Present:**

Dan Harmon  
Lynne Snider  
Josh Hultgren  
Daria Carr  
Abby Frick  
Kristina Roshon

**Other Village Officials:**

Linda Savage, Mayor  
Mickey Brandon, Village Administrator  
Melissa Tremblay, Fiscal Officer  
Darrell Ball, Chief of Police  
Traci Sturgill, Clerk of Council

**Guests Present**

Jeremiah Weekly          Dale Brussee          Eddie Smith

**Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Linda Savage called the Village of Thornville Regular Council Meeting to order on February 25, 2019 at 7:00pm by saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

Roll Call taken with all councilmembers present.

**Approval of Business Agenda for February 25, 2019:**

Mayor Linda Savage asked for a **motion** to approve the business agenda for February 25, 2019. Council President Dan Harmon made the motion to approve the business agenda for February 25, 2019 and was seconded by Councilmember Abby Frick. A roll call vote was taken with all Councilmembers voting yea.

**Motion passed 6-0**

**Review/ Approval of Minutes from Regular Council Meeting of January 28, 2019:**

With no discussion held, Council President Dan Harmon made a **motion** to accept the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of January 28, 2019 and was seconded by Councilmember Josh Hultgren. A roll call vote was taken with 5 members voting yea. Councilmember Kristina Roshon abstained due to being absent for illness on the January 28, 2019 meeting.

**Motion passed 5-0.**

**Presentation of Bills:**

Mayor Linda Savage presented the bills. Fiscal Officer Melissa Tremblay asked to add a late bill for February from Medical Mutual that she just received. Therefore, paying the February and March invoices together for a total of \$13,956.96.

Discussion Held: Village Administrator Mickey Brandon explained the itemized payments from the registers. Councilmember Daria Carr asked for a breakdown of the Staples account. Fiscal Officer Melissa Tremblay presented it to her for review.

With no further discussion held, a **motion** was made by Councilmember Abby Frick and seconded by Councilmember Kristina Roshon to pay the bills for February 2019. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea.

**Motion passed 6-0.**

**Bank Reconciliation:** Mayor Linda Savage presented the Bank Reconciliation.

With no further discussion held Councilmember Lynne Snider made a **motion** to receive the bank reconciliation for January 2019 and was seconded by Council President Dan Harmon. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea.

**Motion passed 6-0**

**Fiscal Officer's Report-** Fiscal Officer Melissa Tremblay advised nothing to report.

**Police Report for January 2019: Police Chief Ball**

Chief Ball advised January was a pretty quiet month. He had no reports, 2 assistance calls out in the county with the Sheriff's office, 1 lockout and 2 traffic cases.

**Fire Chief's Report- Chief Jeremy Weekley**

Chief Weekley introduced himself and stated he met Mickey at the township meeting's so he thought he would attend the Village also. He has been Fire Chief since 2015 and would like to start giving a quarterly report to council. He presented a breakdown from the past 3 years of the department's run volume. He advised the reason the run's decreased in 2018 were because Hopewell Township (Glenford) Fire started their paid 24-hour coverage so not as much assistance from Thornville was

Minutes  
Regular Council Meeting  
3 South Main Street  
Thornville, OH  
February 25, 2019

needed. His report showed council a breakdown of the staffing and what they provide the community. Chief Weekley stated his goal is Public Relations so if there is anytime they can assist us with anything, feel free to contact them. Mayor Linda Savage asked for his card and possibly putting them in her next Village newsletter. He stated fire prevention is a huge topic for the community and the kids. He feels Thornville has a great program they present to the elementary school. The department members do an excellent job. He stated the station is always open for visits and everyone is welcome anytime. Families stop regularly to show kids the firetrucks. They do have a Facebook page and try to keep it updated with event's and important information. Councilmember Kristina Roshon complimented the department on their quick response time of less than 2 minutes from her personal experience.

Village Administrator Mickey Brandon wanted to add he had a discussion with Chief Weekley after the SWAT event outside of town that he felt was a really good one.

**Administrator's Report- Village Administrator Mickey Brandon**

- 2019 TYRA contract- TYRA contract is back from Attorney Zets. The only changes were \$300 per year for electricity but he did find a typo further down in the contract. Other than that it is exactly the same as last years.
- The new pay ordinance is in. Councilmembers have a copy of it.
- Cory Hoover's pay increase is ready for a vote.
- Credit card policy is ready.
- Village Administrator Mickey Brandon advised he met with Thorn Township Trustee Rick Wilson over lunch. He tries to meet with one of the trustees to keep the lines of communication open. During that meeting, over lunch, they talked about partnering opportunities to get things fixed. Here shortly they will be trading equipment again. We need a bigger hoe and they need a smaller one. They talked about the firehouse, potential for bike trails, the repair of Twp. Rd 358 (behind Circle K) that the village owns the first 200' of. Mickey stated it is fairly destroyed but they do have to fix it. Mayor Savage asked if they have a completion date? Mickey stated no they do not but they hoped to be done by Spring but weather didn't cooperate.
- We received a \$225 donation from Dan Snider, a resident who lives in Thornhill to buy a freezer for the pool. He owns the vacant lot above the Circle K and Mickey was lobbying him for a donut/ coffee shop. He wanted some ideas on what he could do with the empty lot. He's looking for investors for a restaurant.
- Mickey advised he had a meeting in the office with Megan Merlotti from Verizon who was supposed to be at tonight's meeting but isn't. He hasn't received a final quote from them yet because he's still working out details to upgrade the phones.
- Meeting held with Jenny LaRue from the Perry County Health Department today about grant partnering in conjunction with "Creating Healthy Communities". Councilmembers have information on the table to review before the next meeting when they come up to talk to the whole council. They are looking for someone to partner with them for 5 years and the benefit of partnering with the county would be that they would be applying for the grants as a county therefore our per capita income will be watered down substantially if we partner with them for the grant's on multi use path's to Thornhill and a bike trail from the Village, Township and Thornport. Things of that nature.
- Spoke with Spectrum about webhosting. He is working on a date the representative and himself can sit down and discuss webhosting and possibly phones themselves all through one company. Council President Dan Harmon stated Verizon should be able to have the same conversation with the village because they do host as well so we can see who is cheaper. Mickey stated personally he likes Verizon Solution. The entire Village would be going basically cellular with the exception of the sewer plant and the pool because there is no reception there but they could accommodate everything else that had been discussed in various meeting's about upgrading our phones with an auto attendant and redirect calls to village cell phones or personal cell phones, if you wish. They are kind of an all-in-one solution. Councilmember Kristina Roshon asked Mickey if he had contacted the other company that Fiscal Officer, Melissa Tremblay recommended for web hosting? Mickey advised, no I haven't contacted anyone specifically about that yet, only when he talked with Spectrum because he knew they did phones and they have our internet connection here so he asked them about that as well. He didn't realize Verizon did it also.

Minutes  
Regular Council Meeting  
3 South Main Street  
Thornville, OH  
February 25, 2019

Council President Dan Harmon said he might as well look into all the options. Councilmember Kristina Roshon recommended he contact the company Melissa referred to see if they may offer some type of government facilities a discount. Mickey advised he would do that. Mickey stated he now knows the Council President is an IT expert so he will include him in on all of this. Council President Dan Harmon said he had been thinking on this situation and does feel it needs to be solved.

Discussion held regarding new email addresses being created for the Village that are secure. Mickey advised he will get together with Mitch Sweazy, who is the current Village webmaster, sitting down and finding out exactly what we have now and what he's willing to do and go from there.

- Plywood for the tabletops at the shelter house is sitting in the shelter house. He will have them done before our first rental of the year.
- The snowplow is basically new now. The new snow shoes and the cutter bar are installed. They will be repairing some manholes that the snowplow hits. They have broken the lights twice this winter.
- The pump that was just rebuilt in October failed again. It ended up being the company that rebuilt the pump's fault. They did warranty the work and they came out this time to make sure that their wiring was the same as what it was before and they stood there and watched us wire it up this time so it is installed.
- Travis Hagan's (Street Dept) has been out patching potholes.
- They had to pull a pump at Shelly lift station today. The backflow preventer got plugged. They thought late 2018 they would have to replace the pump but it turns out they didn't. They just had it rebuilt and put a new bushing in the bottom of the pump which kept it from plugging constantly.
- Mickey stated for some good news, the Village itself, Village property and Village spaces had no damage from the wind over the weekend. Power was out in town for a couple hours. All of the generators worked fine and everything continued to operate normally.
- Mickey advised he has an estimate for \$412 to fix one water leak and we have since found another but this is the big one that causes water to flood the Chief's area. \$412 to install a new collection port on the side of the building with a pipe coming down out of it and hook into the pipe that Travis buried to actually get the water out of the park, under the sidewalk and to the curb where it's supposed to be and hasn't been for quite some time, at least since he has been here. He's going to supply and install new aluminum collection box, drain, 10" galvanized downspout against the building around the corner and into the drain tile. Mayor Linda Savage asked council if we needed a motion to make this expenditure. Council agreed it fell under the \$1000 limit and approved the repair.

**SOPEC- Southeast Ohio Public Energy Council, Athens, Oh - Eddie Smith, Executive Director**  
Mayor Linda Savage introduced Eddie Smith to council and advised he was here to speak about electric aggregation. Mr. Smith passed out a material presentation to all of council. He stated he was here tonight to give a brief overview of who they are and what they are doing. SOPEC is a public service organization established under regional council government under chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code. They are profit neutral, governed by a team of mayors, commissioners and other elected officials from every community that they serve. They were originally created in 2014 when electric aggregation was going wild in this corner of the state. Perry County Commissioner Scott Owens suggested he present SOPEC to the Village of Thornville. He explained people have a choice now of where they get their power from that comes to their house so you can either, by default, accept the generation rate that the utility company hands you, which is called the price to compare, or you can go out into the retail market and shop around for a better rate. So what SOPEC can do is take all the electric customers within a jurisdiction and if those voter's who live in that jurisdiction so authorize SOPEC on the ballot, they can place them into a bundled deal, take all of their combined electric load and place it all into one single contract, put that out to bid and award it to the lowest supplier that returns the cheapest rate for that bundle. If they can't beat what the utility companies' rate is, they wouldn't do it. Mayor Linda Savage asked if any councilmembers on the finance committee had any questions. Council President Dan Harmon asked if the issue you would have on the ballot countywide is that you are giving the local villages the opportunity to join and be part of that collective bargaining, correct? Mr. Smith advised yes, if the Village of Thornville passes the issue along with the rest of unincorporated Perry County, they would combine all of their retail loads together and put it all out together to find a best rate. He stated it would only be for those customers who have accepted the default supply deal from the utility. Mayor Savage asked if they need all

Minutes  
Regular Council Meeting  
3 South Main Street  
Thornville, OH  
February 25, 2019

communities to be onboard in Perry County and is there a deadline? Mr. Smith advised the filing deadline for getting the issue on the ballot would be 90 days before the general election so around August 7, 2019. He explained what the ballot issue will do is give authority to the Village government to bundle all the customers together that have the default utility generation arrangement and automatically enroll all of them in this new and cheaper retail energy product. And then any person who wants to can also opt out for free, at no cost and they can also jump back in for free, no cost. The Village can extend that authority to SOPEC as their agent and they just do the same thing. Councilmember Kristina Roshon asked if bills will still come from AEP or if they would come from SOPEC. Mr. Smith stated the customer service experience doesn't change at all, just the price. Mayor Linda Savage asked if there are any fees for the Village or the residents to get onboard with this? He explained there is in a sense but it is financially structured in. The government itself doesn't pay any fee and the residents don't pay a fee that they otherwise wouldn't. The way it works is when SOPEC puts out the bid, they tell the suppliers when they respond with their best rate to embed into that rate the following administrative fees per kilowatt hour. Mayor Linda Savage recognized citizen Dale Brussee. Mr. Brussee asked what SOPEC's current rate is? Mr. Smith advised it varies by community. One current community is at \$.06. He said on average customer's usually see between \$50-\$75 per year of saving's. The Village of Somerset is saving around \$75 per year. The rates are also fixed rates and do not vary month to month. Mr. Smith recommended we have a committee meeting where he can go into more detail on the program if we are interested. Councilmember Kristina Roshon asked how often they renegotiate the fixed rate and how often do we sign a contract? Mr. Smith stated right now it is in one year blocks and there is no signing of a contract, customer's get an opt out letter every time that would change so once a year they would get a new notice that says here's what the new rate is, if you would like to opt out of it, it is free and you may also come back in for free. Kristina also asked if once the Village was in the program, are they in it for good? Mr. Smith advised no, the village can also exit at anytime also. Mayor Linda Savage asked if SOPEC will do the correspondence to each individual who is enrolled in program? Mr. Smith advised yes this is correct. Councilmember Abby Frick asked if there is a timeframe for which resident's have to opt out? He advised by Ohio law they have the first 21-day period to opt out before they are even enrolled for a single day and even after that 21-day period under SOPEC's program and rules they can still opt out at anytime at no cost or hassle. Mayor Savage advised that the facilities committee can discuss it further and thanked Mr. Smith for being here tonight.

**Verizon Wireless- Megan Merlotti was not in attendance.**

**Public Hearing:** Mayor Linda Savage opened the public hearing for Resolution #19-01 at 7:58 pm. Citizen Dale Brussee asked if there were some items already to be sold on Gov.deals now or is this something we are passing for just this year so we can put anything on there at anytime we want too? Village administrator Mickey Brandon advised yes. Council President Dan Harmon advised both. Mayor Linda Savage stated we do have some things ready to go on there. Mr. Brussee stated each year we would have to make a new resolution regardless of whether we had anything we want to put on it or not. Dan stated he had checked out other Village websites and they also had the same resolution on the agenda. Dale asked if we could put a notice on any of the village office boards when we do have something going on gov.deals because nobody knows it's on there. A lot of residents don't know it exists. Mayor Savage told Dale we would post the items going for sale on Facebook, the Post Office and the Village office board window and also instructions on how to get on the gov.deals website. Council President Dan Harmon did state section 6 of the ordinance does specify that we would post listings and he does also feel the village residents should be aware when we are liquidating items.

With no other community comments, the public hearing for Resolution #19-01 was closed at 8:01 pm.

- **RESOLUTION #19-01 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE, BY INTERNET AUCTION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2019, OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE OR WHICH IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> Reading**

Mayor Savage stated as we discussed last month, Council President Dan Harmon has said let's get this passed tonight so she would like to entertain a motion to suspend the rules for Resolution #19-01 and pass it tonight as an emergency. She stated what she meant by suspend the rules is to suspend the third reading and pass it tonight making it effective immediately.

Council President Dan Harmon made a **motion** to suspend the rules for Resolution #19-01 and declare it as an emergency and was seconded by Councilmember Abby Frick. A roll call vote was taken with five councilmembers voting yea and one councilmember voting no.  
**Motion passed 5-1**

Minutes  
Regular Council Meeting  
3 South Main Street  
Thornville, OH  
February 25, 2019

Mayor Linda Savage started to present the Mayor's Report for January 2019.

Citizen Dale Brussee advised Mayor Savage she now needed to ask for a motion to pass the resolution because she had only asked to suspend it.

Mayor Savage asked if there is a motion to pass Resolution #19-01. **Motion** made by Councilmember Josh Hultgren and seconded by Council President Dan Harmon.  
A roll call vote was taken with five councilmembers voting yea and one councilmember voting no.  
**Motion passed 5-1**

**Mayor's Report for January 2019:**

- **Monthly Water Report to Perry County Commissioners for January 2019:**

Mayor Savage asked for a motion to receive the monthly water report to Perry County Commissioners for January 2019. With no discussion held, a **motion** was made by Councilmember Lynne Snider to receive the Monthly Water Report to the Perry County Commissioners for January 2019 and was seconded by Councilmember Abby Frick. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea.  
**Motion passed 6-0.**

- **Monthly Water Report to Council for January 2019:**

Mayor Savage asked for a motion to receive the monthly water report to Council for January 2019. With no discussion held, Councilmember Abby Frick made a **motion** to receive the Water Report to Council for January 2019 and was seconded by Council President Dan Harmon. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea.  
**Motion passed 6-0.**

- **Mayor's Court Report for January 2019:**

Mayor Savage asked for a motion to receive the Mayor's Court Report for January 2019. With no discussion held, Councilmember Abby Frick made a **motion** to receive the Mayor's Court Report to Council for January 2019 and was seconded by Councilmember Josh Hultgren. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea.  
**Motion passed 6-0.**

Council President Dan Harmon asked about a schedule for the Mayor's court so concerned members of the village who may want to attend can. Mayor Savage advised they meet on Wednesday nights. Councilmember Lynne Snider stated they meet one Wednesday night per month and Village Administrator Mickey Brandon added they do not meet if there are no cases.

Mayor Savage stated herself and Village Administrator Mickey Brandon went down and had breakfast with the commissioners on February 12, 2019 @ 7:30am to network with other Mayor's and leaders from the different communities. This is a once a month meeting that anyone can attend. It is usually in New Lexington but they do like it to be hosted in different villages.

Mayor Savage presented a copy of the winter newsletter to council for review. She would like council to know about the Thornville Pool which is tentatively set to open the first weekend of June 2019. This is all the information she is giving out right now. We are actively accepting applications of those interested in employment at the pool this summer. All positions are needed to be filled. Something new this year, stop by the PNC bank to see the swimming pool display and check out the fish available for sponsorship. Each fish is a child that cannot afford a membership to the Thornville Village Pool. This is a chance for the citizens of the village to give back to the community in the form of a donated pool membership.

Discussion Held: Councilmember Lynne Snider advised it could be a child or a family. Mayor Savage asked if they wanted to have someone sponsor a family? Councilmember Kristina Roshon felt it should say each fish is a child and/or family. Mayor Savage feels they are going to want to know a dollar amount to sponsor. Councilmember Lynne Snider advised once they have a sponsored child or family name she will know if they live in the village or outside to determine which membership fee is needed. No names will be posted on the fish on display just numbers.

Mayor Savage wanted to let everyone know what is going on at the Clothes Closet on Saturday March 23, 2019. There is going to be a Career Clothing giveaway. She felt it would be a good idea to maybe feature this community service place that we have here in the community so please put the word out for anybody who might need some career clothing or business attire or anything of that nature. Regular hours of operation are Tuesday's from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Donations of gently used professional

Minutes  
Regular Council Meeting  
3 South Main Street  
Thornville, OH  
February 25, 2019

clothing, shoes and accessories will be accepted during the regular Tuesday hours. Village Administrator Mickey Brandon asked Mayor Savage if she would add a note stating "Please do not leave donations behind the building". Mayor Savage advised she has already been in touch with her to let her know about this. She also advised her that anything that is left out there will be just put in the dumpster. Councilmember Kristina Roshon asked if we had a key to the Clothes Closet? Mayor Savage said she doesn't think we do. Kristina then asked Mickey and he stated yes, he does. Kristina said if we do see the clothes out there, they are donated and we should just be opening the door and sitting them inside for her to get or on the stairs. Mickey advised that they do that now. Kristina said she would hate to throw away good clothes when we have members here at the office throughout the day that could put them inside. She agrees with putting the note in the newsletter asking not to leave them behind the building. Mickey advised if they are left, Travis Hagan and himself will haul them upstairs. Kristina just feels that throwing them away is not proper, if possible. Mickey advised he did throw a bag of clothes away that were rained on, snowed on and froze solid and also some old furniture that was out there and busted that she couldn't get upstairs but for the most part they do carry the stuff upstairs.

**Committee Reports for January 2019:**

- **Finance- Committee Chair Dan Harmon**

- Dan advised the committee discussed Ordinance #19-01 The Ordinance creating and establishing the Village of Thornville credit card policy. It will be presented later in the agenda tonight.
- Committee Vice Chairperson was assigned which is Committee member Josh Hultgren.

- **Parks & Recreation- Committee Chair Lynne Snider**

- Pool salaries for the lifeguard, manager and assistant manager
- Pool donations
- TYRA Contract
- Committee member Abby Frick is working on items to put in the bank for sponsorship of a child and/or family
- Discussed pool schedules and opening date
- Pay Ordinance #19-04 is on the agenda tonight for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading to change the pool employee salaries for 2019

- **Personnel- Committee Chair Kristina Roshon**

- Reviews for all village employees to start in the oncoming months so council could approve pay raises by July
- Auto Insurance Policy and running OMVI checks yearly.

Discussion held: Committee Chair Kristina Roshon asked Village Administrator Mickey Brandon if he had started on the OMVI checks? Mickey advised he has not ran them yet but he did go on the BMV website and for \$2 we can get a 2-year check done for free but it is not certified. A certified check is 3 years for \$5 each time. Kristina stated she thinks that's the one Fiscal Officer Melissa Tremblay says we do every year so we should do the \$5 every year for all employees who drive. She asked Mickey if he could have these done by the March meeting. He advised if it is voted on and passed, yes. Mickey stated it has never been done yearly before here so this is something council as a whole has to pass.

Councilmember Kristina Roshon made a **motion** for the Village Administrator, Mickey Brandon, to complete OMVI checks on all driving personnel for the Village annually and was seconded by Council President Dan Harmon. A roll call vote was taken with all councilmembers voting yea.

**Motion passed 6-0**

- Cory Hoover's pay increase. Committee authorized an ordinance to be voted on as an emergency tonight for a pay raise of \$3.11 for his new certification. The

Minutes  
Regular Council Meeting  
3 South Main Street  
Thornville, OH  
February 25, 2019

committee couldn't agree 100% on retroactive pay, since he did have his certification since November, it was the first time she was hearing about his certification at this past meeting and going forward it will be stated in the pay ordinance that as soon as an employee gets the certification, they are going to get the pay raise immediately. She voted against the retroactive pay in committee but after thinking about it she feels the council as a whole should vote on whether or not we pay retroactive back to November for his pay raise since he had his certification turned in since November.

Discussion Held: Committee member Dan Harmon asked if we need a motion to amend? Kristina stated she felt we would have to do a different Ordinance. She feels we should be able to do his pay raise in an ordinance then make a second ordinance for the retroactive pay. Dan feels this is a great idea since the council as a whole did not get to vote in committee, only those councilmembers on the Personnel committee could vote. Councilmember Lynne Snider agrees that he needs a pay raise but she does wish that Council had already had their pay scale steps in place before we go and do this. Mayor Linda Savage advised committee had been discussing the pay scales for months and Lynn stated but we don't have them in place yet and Mayor Savage stated, no it was never acted on. Kristina stated as a committee that each certification (2 that Cory can get) is worth \$3.11 pay increase to get him to the \$21 per hour that is agreed upon in the pay ordinance. His next certification which would be at least two years would be another \$3.11 per hour raise increase but if someone were to be hired off the street today and get their Certification 1, after this is ordinance is passed, they would automatically get the \$18.11 per hour upon certification instead of it waiting 3 months. She advised Councilmember Daria Carr explained this also in last week's committee meeting. As long as council agrees on the ordinance those step raises would be in effect. Mayor Savage stated we do have an ordinance. Kristina advised that isn't for the retroactive pay for Cory. Councilmember Lynne Snider didn't think we could do it this way. Citizen Dale Brussee stated we can but it is more confusing this way and felt we should vote on the ordinance that is prepared for tonight then make another ordinance for the retro pay. He's getting his backpay anyway so it would just delay it 1 month. Mickey stated his concern would be that we put this off another month and the vote is against him getting retroactive pay then he is delayed again on his raise. Kristina advised a vote will be taken now to be sure everyone is onboard for retro pay. Councilmember Abby Frick agrees that he does deserve retroactive pay. She feels it is very unfair to somebody who's going out and getting this training and certification and then the next guy we hire is going to come in and he's not going to have to wait that 6-month period. Councilmember Dan Harmon advised we should take Ordinance #19-03 back and bundle it to include the retroactive pay and date but we will vote first on it here tonight as a council body instructing the Personnel committee of the decision. Kristina advised if the council votes as a whole to make it retroactive he's essentially getting more money then what he would tonight if we voted on the pay ordinance the way it is now. Mayor Savage stated a majority vote of council is only needed. Mickey stated if he tells him tomorrow that he's not getting his raise but the reason you aren't is because they want to vote on making it retroactive, he'll be fine. Kristina advised she would personally vote for the retroactive after thinking about this further so she would like to amend this ordinance after thinking about it. Mickey advised we just need a vote to send it back to committee and we'll redo it. Mayor Linda Savage asked if there was a motion to send this resolution back to add the wording retroactive, Kristina corrected her stating ordinance not resolution, and to add the date in November that he received the certification.

Council President Dan Harmon made a **motion** to amend and send back Ordinance #19-03 to state retroactive pay from November and was seconded by Councilmember Abby Frick. A roll call vote was taken with 4 councilmembers voting yea and 2 voting no.

**Motion passed 4-2**

- **Rules- Council Chair Abby Frick**
  - Vice Chairperson is now committee member Daria Carr
  - Reviewed Ordinance #19-02 regarding the Ohio Basic Code and compared that is the same, which is on the agenda for tonight for a vote. Mayor Linda Savage

Minutes  
Regular Council Meeting  
3 South Main Street  
Thornville, OH  
February 25, 2019

added that we need to pass this ordinance tonight, suspend the rules and pass it as an emergency because there is a deadline involved for this.

- **Public Facilities & Safety- Committee Chair Josh Hultgren**
  - They would like to get started on Water contract negotiations with the county
  - Old Firehouse
  - Sign heights
  - Road behind Circle K
  - Drains on St Rt 188 is an issue we will address in the Spring
  - Salt levels-Village Administrator advised we still have 22 tons of Salt left over and we have only used 23 ton for the year
  - Water tower and phone company negotiations
  - Lines painted on the Southwest corner of Main St- weather permitting
  - Committee Vice Chair was assigned which is committee member Kristina Roshon
  - Resolution #19-02 Accepting a donation for paving the pool parking lot

**Zoning and Planning Commission:**

- Mayor Savage advised there is nothing to report. Council President Dan Harmon stated again, repeatedly. Councilmember Kristina Roshon asked if the Zoning Inspector is attending the zoning meetings. Council President Dan Harmon advised, No, not since the first one when he was hired. Mayor Savage stated he has a very sick parent that he has to be there for so she apologized to him because she did not realize that and asked him if he could do a written report and not leave the zoning board hanging because they are showing up. She did inform him that he is obligated to one meeting per month. His committee is here attending so he is going to make an effort to get a written report to us so she'll see how that goes. She will contact him before the next Zoning board meeting the first Monday of March. Zoning committee member Kristina Roshon advised Mayor Savage she did put something on the agenda for the March Zoning meeting regarding the street in Thornhill Estates that doesn't get plowed and isn't up to code. Village Administrator Mickey Brandon asked which street. Kristina advised the one at the end of the cul-de-sac owned by Daniel Grosse. Kristina asked if there is a way to fine him since it has been so long? Councilmember Daria Carr stated she thought he was waiting on all the construction to be completed. Kristina stated that wasn't her understanding. Councilmember Lynne Snider said it has never been dedicated to the Village so it is not the Village's to plow or maintain. Council Clerk Traci Sturgill stated Daniel does plow the street for the residents. Daniel has to replace the road up to code then have it dedicated into the Village for us to maintain it. Council President Dan Harmon advised this is a great Zoning meeting topic. Village Administrator Mickey Brandon advised Daniel Grosse has to bring it up to Village standards to have it dedicated and he was told, but has never personally met with Daniel, but he was told he was waiting till construction was finished and then he was going to bring it up to code. Mickey stated if he were Daniel, now that construction is finished, he would wait till they are done with the powerlines hoping that the power company tears it up then he can make them repair it. Mickey was advised they aren't utilizing this road they are going down the farm lane beside Daniels home. Councilmember Daria Carr advised she is still seeing large trucks making deliveries down Willow Way so really the construction isn't all complete yet. Kristina said, so the houses are in the Village but the road is not? Village Administrator Mickey Brandon advised, yes that is correct. Councilmember Lynne Snider stated council has to accept that road as being theirs. Mickey advised it would be a lot easier if it was because it would be a lot easier to plow snow without burying a driveway. Kristina stated it buries their house in and Lynne stated she is buried in every time the snowplow comes down her road but that's just the way it is.



Minutes  
Regular Council Meeting  
3 South Main Street  
Thornville, OH  
February 25, 2019

Kristina asked if there was a way to speed him along on getting it dedicated into the Village? Mickey advised maybe, he isn't sure if there were any time restraints put on that development as a whole or not.

Councilmember Kristina Roshon recognized citizen Dale Brussee. Dale advised they had a meeting with him and what he did was put a top layer of asphalt over stone. He was in that meeting and he did not follow the plans that he drew up and presented to the Village. He has to have 5" of asphalt underneath the existing that he has and he doesn't so he is in error. He has to have close to 9" of asphalt and he only has 3-4" at best. He stated the Village can hold him to the standard that he agreed too for this housing development and the Village has a set of plans for it which has a drawing of how the proper road should be. He's going to argue because he argued previously with him, about what he can do to fix it. He told him he needed to slip 5" of asphalt underneath what he has now but is now all busted up and none of it is any good. Dale stated it will have to be pulled back out. He also feels the Village needs to hold him to grade. He said there are grade plans, grade stations on this plan that he submitted and he has told him and asked him if he has surveyed it to know where the road is? Does he have the road where it is supposed to be and correct height? He can't answer that because he has never done it. He stated he has not followed the plans that he has agreed to with the village. Kristina asked if he has these plans with the village, can't the village fine him? Dale advised no, the only ones who can are the houses around there asking for their roadway in front of their houses that they bought the property from. It's a private matter because from that dead end to cul-de-sac at the end, it's all private road which is why the village can't legally plow it.

**Unfinished Business:** Resolution #19-01 voted on previously tonight at end of public hearing.

**New Business:**

- **ORDINANCE #19-01 AN ORDINANCE CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE CREDIT CARD POLICY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> Reading**

Mayor Linda Savage asked for a motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance #19-01. Councilmember Kristina Roshon made a motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance #19-01 and was seconded by Councilmember Josh Hultgren. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea.

**Motion passed 6-0**

Council President wanted council to know the reason for suspending the rules and passing as an emergency is because we are way behind on it.

Mayor Linda Savage asked for a motion to pass Ordinance #19-01 and declare it as an emergency. A motion was made by Councilmember Kristina Roshon to pass Ordinance #19-01 and declare it as an emergency and was seconded by Council President Dan Harmon. A roll call vote was taken all members voting yea.

**Motion passed 6-0**

- **RESOLUTION #19-02 A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND ACCEPTING RESIDENTS BONNIE AND GENE GOLDSBERRY'S DONATION TO FUND THE PARKING LOT PAVING PROJECT AT THE HARRY L. HITE MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Mayor Linda Savage asked for a motion to suspend the rules for Resolution #19-02. Councilmember Josh Hultgren made a motion to suspend the rules for Resolution #19-02 and was seconded by Councilmember Daria Carr. A roll call vote was taken with 5 members voting yea and one-member voting no.

**Motion passed 5-1**

Mayor Linda Savage asked for a motion to pass Resolution #19-02 and declare it as an emergency. A motion was made by Councilmember Kristina Roshon to pass Resolution #19-02 and declare it as an emergency and was seconded by Council President Dan Harmon. A roll call vote was taken with four members voting yea and two members voting no.

**Motion passed 4-2**

Minutes  
Regular Council Meeting  
3 South Main Street  
Thornville, OH  
February 25, 2019

- **ORDINANCE #19-02 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2019 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Council President Dan Harmon asked why this Ordinance had to be pushed through as an emergency tonight? Mayor Linda Savage stated the Police Chief cannot do his job without it being passed. Council Clerk Traci Sturgill advised if there are any new codes in this, he is unable to enforce them without this Ordinance passed and in effect. Mayor Savage stated this is also saying we are following the Ohio Revised Code.

Mayor Linda Savage asked for a motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance #19-02. Councilmember Daria Carr made a motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance #19-02 and was seconded by Councilmember Kristina Roshon. A roll call vote was taken with 4 members voting yea and two members voting no.

**Motion passed 4-2**

Mayor Linda Savage asked for a motion to pass Ordinance #19-02 and declare it as an emergency. A motion was made by Councilmember Kristina Roshon to pass Ordinance #19-02 and declare it as an emergency and was seconded by Councilmember Daria Carr. A roll call vote was taken with four members voting yea and two members voting no.

**Motion passed 4-2**

- **ORDINANCE #19-03 AN ORDINANCE INCREASING CORY HOOVER'S RATE OF PAY TO \$18.11/HR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Ordinance #19-03 is tabled tonight. Ordinance will be revised to include retroactive pay.

- **ORDINANCE #19-04 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION AND PAY SCHEDULES FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR SALARY ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Councilmember Daria Carr stated there is a revision to made to Ordinance #19-04. It is stating the wrong prior ordinance number. It should reference Ordinance #17-14 instead of Ordinance #17-13. Village Administrator Mickey Brandon advised she is correct and he did miss that error.

Mayor Savage stated we can't move forward with this 1<sup>st</sup> reading since the Ordinance is incorrect but citizen Dale Brussee stated, yes, we can because we have a public hearing at the next meeting that allows us to make any changes anyway so make the changes and present the ordinance at the next monthly meeting. We will be in sync of where we need to be. It doesn't stop the first reading. Mayor Savage thanked citizen Dale Brussee.

**Citizens Comments:**

- Councilmember Kristin Roshon just wanted to state that we are being generous with the pool manager's salary after she did some research. She feels \$10/hr. plus the 10% commission on concession stand profit is generous. Council President Dan Harmon advised he is hoping it will bring in a good manager with accountability to manage the pool. Kristina wanted to make note that all the other villages just do 10% of the snack sales and not the net profit. Councilmember Lynne Snider stated they are going to calculate the net profit at the end of the year to determine the 10% and if no profit is made, they will not get anything. Kristina stated other villages aren't doing it that way and she just feels it should be 10% of the snack sales. If we aren't making the 10% profit, we may need to revisit our pricing on our snack charges.
- Council President Dan Harmon wanted to say that he's concerned that we have concern about the speed at which we are passing some of these ordinances and resolutions. He asked if we need to go back to the Rules committee and talk about guidelines for when and what we should be making exceptions to our 3 reading process and maybe clarify that with council so we don't get in these situations. Councilmember Lynne Snider advised Council they all need to attend the meeting with Willis McNabb (?) and she can guarantee you he would have been highly,

Minutes  
Regular Council Meeting  
3 South Main Street  
Thornville, OH  
February 25, 2019

highly upset with everyone for passing these. Mayor Linda Savage stated she has heard people ask why we pass everything as an emergency? She stated most of them are stated declare as an emergency so that it can go into effect after the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading as opposed to 30 days after. Even if we are doing 3 months of readings, citizens still think we are passing them as an emergency. Council President Dan Harmon advised council we need to take this back into the Rules committee to do some research and get really clear on this and govern ourselves so we aren't just doing this because he definitely doesn't want people feeling uncomfortable. Councilmember Lynne Snider advised there are way too many passing as an emergency.

- Council President Dan Harmon also advised he knows there has been a lot of drama in the Village and he feels like council has been talking more and he feels this is great and he thinks it shows on how we're acting and the council needs to continue with this and he promises to continue. Mayor Savage stated she brought him his paperwork to get his name on the ballot this fall because his term ends 2019 and she is hoping to get him back on the ballot, if not she is going to appoint him. Councilmember Kristina Roshon asked if we need to advertise (Dan we do want you back) to the public that we have openings and that we have people ending terms? Kristina added that when we have Village positions open, we do advertise them so do we need to advertise them as a whole? Councilmember Abby Frick advised her term is up also. Mayor Savage advised Abby she needs to go down to the Perry County Board of Elections and ask for a packet to get on the ballot in the fall. You will then have to have it returned down to them by August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with ten signatures. They will walk you through the procedure. When you take it back, to file in August there is a \$30 fee. Mayor Linda Savage asked citizen Dale Brussee if we need to advertise the council openings? Dale stated if we have a newsletter between now and August, we should put it in the newsletter that there are two positions of council that will be elected upon this fall. Councilmember Kristina Roshon also added and Village Mayor, correct? Dale said to advertise the information on the process of completing the paperwork to get on the ballot. Dale stated a lot of the time citizens don't realize when terms are expiring. Mayor advised so yes, we do need to post this out publicly. Councilmember Kristina Roshon advised we need to start advertising the positions now and continue monthly on Facebook and in the newsletters. Maybe it will get people more interested in attending the council meetings and more involved in the community also. Mayor Savage said putting your name on the ballot shows the community that you cared enough to fill out the paperwork.

**Citizen Comments:** Mayor Savage asked for citizen comments

- Citizen Dale Brussee said we were talking about the speed of the ordinances and resolutions coming through. There are 2 reasons for this. One being there are a lot of things that come from the county that are given to us at the last minute and we have to flip as quickly as possible in order to get it back to them because they are in need of whatever numbers they need. The second one is we need to start readings as soon as we know that something is coming up. 90% of the stuff that council gets has a full four-month cushion to be able to do this. For example, the credit card ordinance. That is something that should have started last fall if that is what you are wanting to pass now. We need to think 4 months ahead on stuff like this so council doesn't have to quick pass it. Council President Dan Harmon advised Council Clerk Traci Sturgill started a calendar to help stay on top of these and Traci advised Councilmember Daria Carr was also working on this same process.
- Snack bar- Dale disagrees with the 10% at the end of the year because you never know what your profit is. You have to remember that the pool is ran with concession stand profit money. It is what runs the pool because the pool itself doesn't sustain itself. It's the concession stand money that does. If you do the 10% then you are going to have to add the 10% across the board to all your candy pricing in order to pay for the salary because you're taking pool money away if you decide at the end of the year to take that 10% because the pool does not sustain itself. If you're going to pull away the 10% from concession sales to give to the manager, you are pulling away the pool money so if we do this, we will have to raise the snack pricing to cover it.
- Batting Cages- Dale stated at the committee meetings the batting cages were discussed and stated they were being worked on. He asked if waivers had been

Minutes  
Regular Council Meeting  
3 South Main Street  
Thornville, OH  
February 25, 2019

signed by anybody that has been working at the batting cages now? He knows when TYRA gets their contract done if they work under TYRA's insurance then whoever works for TYRA is cleared. But right now, there is nobody under TYRA contract with the village and that's what we have waiver for anytime anyone works at the park is covered. Councilmember Lynne Snider advised it isn't a big deal to get them signed and Mickey could take care of.

- Grosse Property- Dale advised if we are going to bring it up in a Zoning committee, we need to have the set of plans that the Village had signed because Zoning then needs to review the construction of the roadway. There is a specific page on it. This way you will be familiar with what is done. He doesn't feel Zoning can technically do anything about it because it is not a Zoning issue, it's really a council or a village issue but if Zoning wants to get familiar with it that is a good set of plans to look at because it shows you what they agreed too and what they have or have not done.
- Village Administrator Mickey Brandon wanted to add that as far as the emergency ordinances and everything coming through so fast. We are all learning and we're building a schedule of when legislation should be introduced and to be done on time without being emergency. He stated Councilmember Daria Carr was in the office today going through the resolutions and ordinances for that purpose. Daria stated Traci had already started on this project and had given her the spreadsheets for review also. Mayor advised we have a great council right now and Mickey agreed. Mickey said Kristina had asked about the pothole/ curve down the street. He stated Travis and himself are working on getting a bid for repair of it. It hasn't been forgotten.

**Announcements:** None

**Adjournment:**

With no further discussion held, a **motion** was made by Councilmember Lynne Snider to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Council President Dan Harmon. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea.

**Motion passed 6-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

---

Linda Savage, Mayor

---

Traci Sturgill, Clerk of Council