

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
1 South Main Street
Thornville, OH
January 22, 2024

Council Members:

Lynne Snider
Ashley Moore
Sterling Krout
Dale Brussee

Other Village Officials:

Amanda Lackey- Mayor
Traci Sturgill- Administrator
Dan Williams- Chief of Police

Guests Present: Luann Cooperrider, Martha Rusler, Chase Bennett, Dayna Patrick

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Lackey called the Village of Thornville Regular Council Meeting to order January 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. by saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Roll Call was taken with Council President Sterling Krout, Council member Tasia Savage, Council member Lynne Snider and Council member Dale Brussee all present.

Mayor Lackey asked for a **motion** to excuse Council member Tasia Savage. **Motion** made by Council member Ashley Moore and was seconded by Council President Sterling Krout. A roll call vote was taken with all council members voting aye.

Roll Call

Ashley Moore- aye
Lynne Snider- aye
Dale Brussee- aye
Sterling Krout- aye

Motion passed 4-0

Mayor Lackey asked for a **motion** to excuse Council member Kim Billman. **Motion** made by Council member Ashley Moore and was seconded by Council President Sterling Krout. A roll call vote was taken with all council members voting aye.

Roll Call

Lynne Snider- aye
Dale Brussee- aye
Ashley Moore- aye
Sterling Krout- aye

Motion passed 4-0

Thornville Activity Committee- Judge Luann Cooperrider spoke with council in regard to some of the ideas the TAC committee has for events in the Village. She advised they would like to put on fireworks show via drones for the July 4th event. Chief Williams advised he would need additional officers and special duty pay for those working from Thornville. TAC will look into getting donations to cover the cost of law enforcement. Special Events application provided for TAC to fill out and submit for approval.

Motion to approve the Business Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting on January 22, 2024:

Mayor Lackey requested a **motion** to approve the business agenda for the Regular Council Meeting on January 22, 2024. A **motion** was made by Council President Sterling Krout and was seconded by Council member Ashley Moore. A roll call vote was taken with all Council members voting aye.

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Roll Call

Lynne Snider- aye
Dale Brussee- aye
Sterling Krout- aye
Ashley Moore- aye
Motion passed 4-0

Motion to Approve the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting on December 18, 2023: Mayor Lackey requested a **motion** to approve the minutes from the Regular Council meeting December 18, 2023. A **motion** was made by Council President Sterling Krout and was seconded by Council member Ashley Moore. A roll call vote was taken with all council members voting aye.

Roll Call

Dale Brussee- aye
Sterling Krout- aye
Ashley Moore- aye
Lynne Snider- aye
Motion passed 4-0

Motion to Approve the Minutes from the Special Organizational Council meeting on January 2, 2024. Mayor Lackey requested a **motion** to approve the minutes from the Special Organizational Council meeting January 2, 2024. A **motion** was made by Council President Sterling Krout and was seconded by Council member Ashley Moore. A roll call vote was taken with all council members voting aye.

Roll Call

Lynne Snider- aye
Ashley Moore- aye
Sterling Krout- aye
Dale Brussee- aye
Motion passed 4-0

Police Report for January 2024: Chief Williams reviewed the police activity for January. It was a very busy month for Thornville. If anyone has any questions on the police report, please let him know.

Public Hearing: None

Mayor's Report:

Monthly Water Report to Perry County Commissioners for December 2023: Mayor Lackey advised she needs a **motion** to receive the monthly water report to the Perry County Commissioners for December 2023. **Motion** made by Council member Lynne Snider and was seconded by Council member Ashley Moore. A roll call vote was taken with all council members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Lynne Snider- aye
Sterling Krout- aye
Dale Brussee- aye
Ashley Moore- aye
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Monthly Water Report to Council for December 2023:

Mayor Lackey advised she needs a **motion** to receive the monthly water report to Council for December 2023. **Motion** made by Council member Ashley Moore and was seconded by Council President Sterling Krout. A roll call vote was taken with all council members voting aye.

Roll Call

Lynne Snider- aye
Sterling Krout- aye
Ashley Moore- aye
Dale Brussee- aye

Motion passed 4-0

Monthly Mayor's Court Reports for December 2023:

Mayor Lackey advised she needs a **motion** to receive the Mayor's Court Reports for December 2023. **Motion** made by Council member Kim Billman and was seconded by Council President Sterling Krout. A roll call vote was taken with all council members voting aye.

Roll Call

Lynne Snider- aye
Dale Brussee- aye
Sterling Krout- aye
Ashley Moore- aye

Motion passed 4-0

Administrator's Report:

Village Administrator Traci Sturgill advised the payment register is in everyone's file for review. If anyone has any questions about the bills, please let her know.

Mayor Lackey stated if there are no other questions on the bills, she will need a **motion** to pay the bills. **Motion** made by Council President Sterling Krout and was seconded by Council member Ashley Moore. A roll call vote was taken with all council members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Lynne Snider- aye
Dale Brussee- aye
Ashley Moore- aye
Sterling Krout- aye

Motion passed 4-0

Fiscal Officer's Report: Mayor Lackey advised Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but all the monthly bills are on the table for review and signatures. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Mayor Lackey asked for a **motion** to receive the bank reconciliation for December 2023. **Motion** made by Council member Ashley Moore and was seconded by Council President Sterling Krout. A roll call vote was taken with all Council members voting aye.

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Lynne Snider- aye

Dale Brussee- aye

Ashley Moore- aye

Sterling Krout- aye

Motion passed 4-0

Committee Reports:

- **Personnel Committee:** Committee Vice Chair Ashley Moore advised the committee chose the Chair & Vice Chair of the committee.
- **Parks & Recreation Committee:** Committee Chair Lynne Snider advised the committee chose the Chair & Vice Chair of the committee. Village Administrator Traci Sturgill also advised them she had submitted for \$1.6 million from the Capital Funding for a new swimming pool. She added tonight that she did receive a phone call from State Representative Kevin Miller who discussed with her if he were able to grant \$1 million could the Village provide matching funds needed. She did advise him she did not think it would be a problem. Committee Chair Lynne Snider also advised the committee was told to think about the upcoming Parks & Recreation levy and rather we should try to increase it. Currently, it is a .50 mill and only brings in \$12,000 per year to take care of all of our parks.
- **Public Facilities & Safety Committee:** Committee Chair Dale Brussee advised the committee chose the Chair & Vice chair of the committee. Two resolutions and one ordinance were discussed. One of those resolutions will be on February's meeting due to not receiving the final review of the contract until late today.
- **Rules Committee:** Committee Chair Ashley Moore advised the committee chose the Chair & Vice Chair of the committee.
- **Finance Committee:** Committee Chair Sterling Krout advised the committee chose the Chair & Vice Chair of the committee.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Mayor Lackey advised this is the 1st reading for Ordinance #24-01 and she will need a **motion** to suspend the three-reading rule and pass it as an emergency.

- ORDINANCE #24-01 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING, AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2024 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
1ST Reading

Motion made by Council member Dale Brussee to suspend the three-reading rule and pass it as an emergency and seconded by Council President Sterling Krout. A roll call vote was taken with all Council members voting aye.

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Ashley Moore- aye
Lynne Snider- aye
Dale Brussee- aye
Sterling Krout- aye
Motion passed 4-0

Mayor Lackey asked for a **motion** to adopt Ordinance #24-01 and pass it as an emergency. **Motion** made by Council President Sterling Krout and seconded by Council member Dale Brussee. A roll call vote was taken with all council members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Sterling Krout- aye
Lynne Snider- aye
Dale Brussee- aye
Ashley Moore- aye
Motion passed 4-0

Mayor Lackey advised this is the 1st reading for Ordinance #24-02 and she will need a **motion** to suspend the three-reading rule and pass it as an emergency.

- ORDINANCE #24-02 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 22-10 (THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE), THEREBY REVISING SUMS FOR OPERATING EXPENSES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
1ST Reading

Motion made by Council President Sterling Krout to suspend the three-reading rule and pass it as an emergency and seconded by Council member Tasia Savage. A roll call vote was taken with all Council members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Sterling Krout- aye
Lynne Snider- aye
Dale Frame- aye
Ashley Moore- aye
Motion passed 4-0

Mayor Lackey asked for a **motion** to adopt Ordinance #24-02 and pass it as an emergency. **Motion** made by Council President Sterling Krout and seconded by Council member Ashley Moore. A roll call vote was taken with all council members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Lynne Snider- aye
Ashley Moore- aye
Dale Brussee- aye
Sterling Krout- aye
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Mayor Lackey advised this is the 1st reading for Resolution #24-02.

- RESOLUTION #24-02 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE, BY INTERNET AUCTION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2024, OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR THE PUBLIC USE OR WHICH IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED
1ST Reading

Mayor Lackey advised this is the 1st reading for Resolution #24-04 and she will need a **motion** to suspend the three-reading rule and pass it as an emergency.

- RESOLUTION 24-04 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A NATUREWORKS LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT AGREEMENT, ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT, RECEIVE, AND USE THIS FUNDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
1ST Reading

Motion made by Council member Ashley Moore and seconded by Council member Dale Brussee. A roll call vote was taken with all three council members voting aye and one council member voting abstain.

Roll Call:

Lynne Snider- aye
Dale Brussee- aye
Ashley Moore- aye
Sterling Krout- abstain
Motion passed 3-0

Mayor Lackey asked for a **motion** to adopt Resolution #24-04 and pass it as an emergency. **Motion** made by Council member Ashley Moore and seconded by Council member Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken with three council members voting aye and one council member voting abstain.

Roll Call:

Sterling Krout- abstain
Ashley Moore- aye
Lynne Snider- aye
Dale Brussee- aye
Motion passed 3-0

- TYRA Contract 2024- Mayor Lackey asked for a **motion** to approve the 2024 TYRA Contract. Village Administrator Traci Sturgill advised she has received the \$300 deposit & liability insurance that is required each year.

Motion made by Council member Ashley Moore and seconded by Council President Sterling Krout. A roll call vote was taken with all council members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Ashley Moore- aye
Lynne Snider- aye
Dale Brussee- aye
Sterling Krout- aye
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- Parks & Recreation Levy- Village Administrator Traci Sturgill advised the council we need to decide what we are going to do in regard to increasing the levy or leaving it as it is for the ballot?

Discussion held: Decision made to increase the Parks & Recreation levy from the current 0.50 mill to 0.75 mill for 2024.

Motion made by Council member Dale Brussee to instruct Village Administrator Traci Sturgill to move forward with preparing the paperwork for the Parks & Recreation levy at 0.75 mill and was seconded by Council member Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken with all council members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Lynne Snider- aye
Sterling Krout- aye
Ashley Moore- aye
Dale Brussee- aye

Motion passed 4-0

Citizen Comments: Citizen Chase Bennett just wanted to introduce himself to council. He will be running for the Perry County Commissioner in the upcoming March 19th primary.

Council Comments:

Council member Dale Brussee asked if anything was slated to be sold on govdeals. Village Administrator Traci Sturgill advised the leaf vac would be one. Dale asked to discuss the leaf vac now. The cemetery needs the leaf vac and has asked if the Village will donate it to them. **Motion** made by Council member Ashley Moore to donate the Village's broken leaf vac machine to the cemetery and was seconded by Council member Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken with all three council members voting aye and one abstaining.

Roll Call:

Sterling Krout- aye
Ashley Moore- aye
Dale Brussee- abstain
Lynne Snider- aye

Motion passed 3-0

Council member Ashley Moore asked if the swimming pool was still being filled in. Village Administrator Traci Sturgill advised when she saw the opportunity to apply for more funds for a new pool, she put a hold on filling it in. Council member Dale Brussee felt we should make a **motion** to stand still on the filling in of the pool. **Motion** made by Council member Ashley Moore and was seconded by Council member Dale Brussee. A roll call vote was taken with all council members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Lynne Snider- aye
Sterling Krout- aye
Ashley Moore- aye
Dale Brussee- aye

Motion passed 4-0

Council President Sterling Krout thanked Mayor Lackey for a great job tonight.

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Adjournment: Mayor Lackey asked for a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. **Motion** made by Council President Sterling Krout and was seconded by Council member Ashley Moore. A roll call vote was taken with all council members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Lynne Snider- aye
Sterling Krout- aye
Lynne Snider- aye
Dale Brussee- aye

Motion passed 4-0

Adjourned at 8:01p.m.



Mayor Amanda Lackey



Traci Sturgill, Council Clerk