

**Village of Thornville Council Minutes
1 South Main Street
Thornville, Ohio
September 22, 2025**

Council Members:

Aaron Hoppel
Lynn Snider
Dale Brussee
Tasia Savage
Eric Wilkins

Other Village Officials:

Amanda Lackey – Mayor
Tonya Thurston- Clerk of Council
Sam Brown- Streets & Maintenance

Guests: Julie Conley, Jody Morgan-Staggers, Jeanette Sands, Terry Anderson

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

The Mayor called the Village of Thornville Council Meeting to order at 7:00pm by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Roll call was taken with Council Member Tasia Savage, Council President Dale Brussee, Council Member Eric Wilkins, Council Member Lynn Snider and Council Member Aaron Hoppel all present.

Excused Absences: Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve Council Member Tony Taylor's absence. Council member Tasia Savage made the motion and was seconded by Council member Eric Wilkins.

Roll Call:

Aaron Hoppel – aye
Lynn Snider – aye
Eric Wilkins – aye
Dale Brussee – aye
Tasia Savage – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Review/Approval of Regular Business Agenda for

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the September 22nd, 2025 Regular Council Business Agenda after review. Council President Dale Brussee made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Eric Wilkins. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Aaron Hoppel – aye
Lynn Snider – aye
Eric Wilkins – aye
Tasia Savage – aye
Dale Brussee – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Review /Acceptance of Regular Council Minutes from August 25th, 2025:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes from August 25th, 2025 after review. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Eric Wilkins. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Tasia Savage – aye
Lynne Snider – aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye
Dale Brussee – aye
Eric Wilkins – aye

Motion Passed: 5-0

Review/Acceptance of Special Council Minutes from September 11th, 2025:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the special council minutes from September 11th, 2025 after review. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Eric Wilkins. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Tasia Savage - Aye
Aaron Hoppel - Aye
Dale Brussee - Aye
Lynne Snyder - Aye
Eric Wilkins - Aye

Motion Passed: 5-0

Public Hearings: No public hearings

Police Report: No Police report- Chief out sick

Mayors Report: Mayors court clerk Vickie Coe has resigned. Her last day with the village will be October 16th, 2025. The village is also looking for a magistrate as Nancy will be done at the end of the year. These positions will be posted. A Letter was received from Tina Boyer regarding the grand re-opening of the court house. It is scheduled for October 3rd from 12:00pm-6:00pm if anyone would like to attend. The Food Truck Rally will take place October 4th. The mayor asked if anyone could help with setting up and cleaning up. Lions Club Will be using the picnic tables. Applications for Village administrator have been received. Interviews will begin soon. Mayor Lackey addressed the light post in the village not functioning and getting them fixed before trick or treat.

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Water report to council. Council President Dale Brusee made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Aaron Hoppel. A roll Call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Lynne Snider - aye
Eric Wikins - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye
Tasia Savage - Aye
Dale Brussee - aye

Motion Passed: 5-0

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the water report to the county commissioners for August 2025. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Eric Wilkins. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Dale Brussee - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye
Tasia Savage - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Eric Wilkins - aye

Administrators Report:

Moody’s came out to look at well #1 which is down. They suggest that we also replace piping in both well houses, including removing the singer valves that are no longer needed with the VFD’s. The quote is \$9735 for each well. For a total of \$19,470. This is in addition to the \$28,495 price to replace the motor for water well #1.

Voorhees Purchase- Pending Solicitor to advise on next steps.

Annexation Status- Pending Survey for existing sewer plant that will all be annexed into the village together. The survey is done, sent to the Perry County Engineer for review, then it will be in the solicitors hands.

Water plant controller upgrade- Controller has been installed and is about 95% complete. We are waiting for the work to be completed.

Cost to upgrade Shelly lift station to 3 phase- AEP came out. To upgrade service to 3 phase estimate is \$100,000 if existing routes are used. Most of the trees on the north side of Thornhill Drive would need to be removed. The other possible route would not require tree removal, but would need new easement and poles. Estimated cost is \$40,000.

3 Hydrants still need to be replaced (West Columbus NW Corner, Circle K and North West streets)
Hydrants were not ordered- issue with measurements given to the sales lady. Still on Matt's list to order.

Sewer Plant- Blower for EQ tank: Motor came in, needed additional piping which arrived today. KC and Matt are putting together.

I&I Project- Pending WCPLF award mid-october, and then we can award a bid to VISU Sewer of Ohio.

Streets/Storm:

Foster Drive Paving- Co-Op with the county. Shelly won the bid. Paving is complete. Need to call the county engineers office to get a bill for our portion.

Shelly paving quotes for Thornberry Drive and Bryan Orr are \$41,795. The administrator asked for a motion to move forward. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Tasia Savage. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Eric Wilkins - aye
Tasia Savage - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Dale Brussee - aye

Motion Passed: 5-0

Dale and Sam to work on list of storm drains so they can be prioritized.

Parks:

The leak at the park bathrooms has been repaired.

Foster Manor park- Cannot be sold on GovDeals. We will need to accept sealed bids to sell. The Solicitor needs documentation on when we accepted the dedication to draft legislation.

Personnel:

KC is now a level 2 Superintendant. Matt will stay on until the end of the year Operator 1 position has been posted and 1 application has been received- No experience in water/sewer. Discussion on ways to staff the plant. Discussed Sam getting certified in water/sewer and hiring someone without experience to allow them to obtain enough water/sewer hours to take their test.

Administrators role posted- Closes 9/30. 2 applications received.

Presentation and approval of August 2025 bills:

The administrator presented last month's bills to the council for a motion to approve. Council member Aaron Hoppel made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Eric Wilkins. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Dale Brussee - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Eric Wilkins - aye
Tasia Savage - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye

Motion Passed: 5-0

General:

New State law has been passed under the state operating budget- Cybersecurity program and training requirement- State Auditor will check for compliance. Need to have a plan adopted and in place by

7/1/2026. The state is supposed to come out with templates to aid communities- Kelly Beam provided the plan that Somerset created and it is under review.

Fiscal Officer’s Report:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to table the Fiscal officer’s report until the next meeting. Council President Dale Brussee made the motion and was seconded by Council member Aaron Hoppel. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Aaron Hoppel - aye
Tasia Savage - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Eric Wilkins - aye
Dale Brussee - aye

Motion Passed: 5-0

Committee Reports:

Committees were not held due to lack of business

Zoning and Planning Commission Report:

No Planning and Zoning board meeting held in August

Unfinished Business:

New Village Entrance Signs:

Council discussed the cost of signage as well as size and number of business signs. The village received a letter from the manager of Circle K. IT stated that they are in favor of a new entrance sign. Council member Tasia Savage stated that she would reach out to ask additional questions on sign placement and size. Mayor Lackey asked for this discussion to be tabled until the next meeting. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Eric Wilkins. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Lynne Snider – aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye
Tasia Savage – aye
Dale Brussee – aye

Motion Passed: 5-0

Thornville Clothes Closet:

No update. Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to table the discussion until November. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion and was seconded by Council member Eric Wilkins. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Tasia Savage – aye
Dale Brussee – aye
Eric Wilkins - aye
Tasia Savage – aye
Lynn Snider – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Church Street Parking

Several residents from Church street came to discuss parking on the west side of the street and to ask council to reconsider the decision to prohibit parking on the west side of Church Street. Responsibility of mowing grass was also discussed. Administrator noted that the residents have always maintained the grass in front of homes. A resident stated that his wife was granted parking on the west side of Church street when she purchased the home. He was asked to provide documentation of that.

New Business:

A. Resignation of Council Member:

- a. Eric Wilkins resigned from the Village Council. Mayor Lackey thanked him for his service to the Village. Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to accept Eric Wilkins resignation. Council member Aaron Hoppel made the motion and was seconded by Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye
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Roll Call:

Tasia Savage - aye
Dale Brussee - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye

Motion Passed: 4-0

B. Water Audit Results:

Discussion of meter calibration. Water/sewer guys suggest radio reads. Overall .047 water loss. KC Westfall- Water/Sewer Superintendent informed the council that when meters go bad they slow down and don't turn as fast.

C. RESOLUTION #25-23 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to suspend the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency. Council President Dale Brussee made the motion and was seconded by Council member Aaron Hoppel. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye

Roll Call:

Aaron Hoppel - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Dale Brussee - aye
Tasia Savage - aye

Motion Passed: 4-0

Council President Dale Brussee made the motion to adopt Resolution #25-23 and pass as an emergency. He was seconded by Council Member Aaron Hoppel. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Tasia Savage - aye
Dale Brussee - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye

Motion Passed: 4-0

Comments and Announcements

Resident Terry Anderson spoke to the council regarding traffic and speed on State Route 204. He expressed his concern for safety. He stated that he has spoken with The Chief of police and reached out to ODOT for solutions. Speed signs with lights or flags were suggested. Mayor Lackey stated that this will be discussed with Chief Palmer. Sam Brown- Streets Department, stated that he has also seen the lack of regard for speed zones or road construction signs.

Mayor Lackey stated that there will be no parking on Church Street during the country fair.

Council President Dale Brussee brought up the issue of residents being behind on their bills. Administrator Brofford explained that these residents pay just enough to keep from being turned off. He also asked about the water tank cleaning. Administrator Brofford stated that we were waiting on the well to go down. The Grey water collection from Zemba (Lost Lands) was discussed

Mayor Lackey called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Dale Brussee - aye

Tasia Savage - aye

Aaron Hoppel - aye

Lynne Snider - aye



Amanda Lackey, Mayor



Tonya Thurston, Clerk of Council