

**Regular Council Meeting  
Village of Thornville  
3 South Main Street, Thornville, Ohio  
November 24, 2014**

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**Council Members Present:**

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

**Other Village Officials**

Gavin Renner, Mayor  
Beth Patrick, Village Administrator  
Melissa Tremblay, Fiscal Officer  
Sharon Brussee, Clerk of Council  
Darrell Ball, Chief of Police

**Guests:**

Beth Dannaher

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

The Village of Thornville regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gavin Renner on November 24, 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 November 24, 2014:**

A **motion** was made by Councilman Dale Brussee to approve the November 24, 2014 agenda and was seconded by Councilwoman Heidi Robinson. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed 5-0.**

**Review and Approval of Minutes for November 10, 2014:**

Discussion was held on the November 10, 2014 minutes and it was stated that "Council" was left out on page 2 in paragraph 2.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Dale Brussee to approve the minutes with changes and was seconded by Council President Brandt Hawkins. A roll call vote was taken with 4 members voting yea and Councilwoman Heidi Robinson abstained due to absence.

**Motion passed 4 yeas and 1 abstained.**

**Police Report October 2014**

Chief Darrell Ball presented the Police Report for October 2014.

- Cases Handled:
  - 3 Complaints
  - 1 Assistant Call
  - 1 Summons
  - 1 9-1-1 call or Hang-up call
- Auxiliary Hours Worked:
  - Total: 74 hours
- Trainings Attended:
  - October 25, 2014 Officer firearms re-qualification was held at New Lexington range. Make up dates will be scheduled in November for officers who could not attend.
- Items of Importance:
  - October 14, 2014 report of child abuse at the parking lot of the Thornville Elementary School. Report taken and charges filed with prosecutor.
  - October 19, 2014 Thornville Lions Club Country Fair was held. No issues at the fair.
  - October 30, 2014 report of a runaway juvenile. Juvenile was located and the parent wanted charges filed. Report was submitted to Juvenile Prosecutor Office for charges.

**Mayor's Report for November 24, 2014**

Office Hours:

Due to a large project at work Mayor Renner may not be able to do office hours through the remainder of the year. His contact information is 614-745-4802 or [mayor.thornville@gmail.com](mailto:mayor.thornville@gmail.com).

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Correspondence:

- Received a letter notifying the Village that liquor permits are pending renewal. The legislative authority can contest the renewal.
- Received mayor's bond information, forward to fiscal officer.
- Received letter regarding interest rates from Perry County Auditor's office, forwarded to fiscal officer.
- **Received an information request for information about police logs from a resident. Forwarded to the village clerk and solicitor for response.**

Solicitor:

- Received email from Brian Zets, originally from Jud Scheaf, attorney for Beth Dannaher. Council will be receiving a copy of the email and response from the village solicitor. Email is subject to client/attorney privilege.
- Email to Brian Zets to review an information request.

Online:

- Postings regarding the recent water main break at the corner of SR204 and Arlington Av. and subsequent boil advisory affecting Thornville Water customers.
- Received a question from an area resident regarding enforcing a noise ordinance violation against a bar that was playing loud music. Responded with contact information for county sheriff's office.

Press Contacts:

- Article regarding recent Clum detachment was published in the *Buckeye Lake Beacon*.
- Boil advisory was communicated via radio station announcements, postings in prominent locations and via Facebook. Boil advisory was lifted November 18, 2014.

**Mayor's Court Report for October 2014:**

With no discussion held, a **motion** was made by Councilwoman Heidi Robinson to receive the Mayor's Court Report for October 2014 and was seconded by Councilwoman Mary Renner. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed 5-0.**

**Public Hearing for Resolution 14-008:**

Mayor Gavin Renner opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m. for **Resolution 14-008.**

**Resolution 14-008** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH BETH PATRICK AS VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

With no discussion held, Mayor Gavin Renner closed the Public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

**Administrator's Report**

Village Administrator Beth Patrick presented the Administrator's Report to Council.

- Reviewed the Village's water department contingency plan that was handed out.
- Discussed the steps of communications that were taken during the water advisory.
- Asked Shelly Co. for estimates for cut-outs at SR204 and Arlington Dr. and the water valve blocks in front of the office are loose.
- Thanked the following people for their assistance during the water main break. The David George family for providing 10 bolts at 4 a.m.

Mayor Renner  
Scott Vest  
Matt Stevens

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J. Jennie.

Jamie Sickels

Chief Darrell Ball

- Cargill delivered road salt.
- Shelly Lift Station bids will be opened and read on December 3, 2014 at 10 a.m.
- Smoke tests on 4 manholes tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. on Thornhill Dr.
- Leaf collection is finished.
- Thanked Liz Schein for donating paper towel holders and soap dispensers for the pool concession stand, pool bathrooms and the concession stand at the ballpark.

**Presentation and Payment of Bills**

Village Administrator Beth Patrick presented the bills to Council for payment.

With no discussion held, a **motion** was made by Councilwoman Mary Renner to pay the bills and was seconded by Councilwoman Heidi Robinson. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed 5-0.**

**Fiscal Officer's Report:**

2015 Appropriations are completed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Parks and Recreation – Chairperson Lynne Snider**

- Village Administrator Beth Patrick gave an update on the ODNR grant.
- No committee meeting in December.

**Public Facilities & Safety - Chairperson Dale Brussee**

- No December meeting.
- Discussed the old firehouse.
- Voted against recommending the National Gas and Oil Cooperative contract.
- Discussed the Hagan Easement with Mr. John Hagan and Mr. Dennis Hagan in attendance.

There was a verbal agreement with Mr. Hagan indicating that the easement that was approved by the previous Council in 2009 was acceptable to him as long as there was 20 feet available from his garage door to the easement area. He stated that he, Scott Vest and Matt Stevens went there today to get some measurements, and it actually could go to 25 feet and be within the working area that is satisfactory to Scott Vest. He added there is a northern manhole, and the working space is 10 feet above that, and that was satisfactory to Scott Vest.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Dale Brussee that we go ahead and proceed with whatever procedures that we need to continue with the 2009 accepted easement from the previous Council with the addition of the distance from the garage door of 25 feet and 10 feet working space is a given on that other (northern) manhole and then whatever corner forms are made on that and then presented to Council and then to Mr. Hagan.

Discussion was held. Mayor Gavin Renner clarified the motion was to proceed with the process, and Councilman Brussee responded with a yes since there were no precise points survey-wise and since Mr. Hagan was in agreement to that addition to what was approved in 2009. Councilman Dale Brussee also stated that he wanted to make sure that Council was in agreement with proceeding with the procedure.

Further discussion was held regarding the motion. Councilwoman Heidi Robinson asked if there was going to be a survey. Councilman Dale Brussee responded yes but that this is to put Council in agreement with what the Committee had done, by saying a verbal agreement is made and all that needs to be done is to get all of the points. Village Administrator Beth Patrick asked if

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Mr. Hagan had verbally agreed because she had not heard that since she was not in the room at the time, and Councilman Dale Brussee responded yes that Mr. Hagan had agreed to the 20 feet because of the distance from the garage door. Heidi Robinson got clarification that the Village is not paying for a survey. Councilman Dale Brussee responded that all this motion is doing is having Council getting on board with the previous 2009 agreement. Councilwoman Heidi Robinson stated that Councilman Dale Brussee is asking for Council to approve of the idea. Councilman Dale Brussee responded that this is to proceed so that it goes through the procedure of who is going to pay for the survey and having the easement continue on. Councilwoman Lynne Snider asked what the 2009 agreement and this is a different agreement, and what does this have to do with anything. Councilwoman Mary Renner stated that she did not recall approving the 2009 agreement. Councilwoman Lynne Snider agreed they did not. Councilman Dale Brussee responded that proposal was given to Mr. Hagan, and he did not accept that proposal. Councilwoman Mary Renner interjected that was in 2012. Councilwoman Lynne Snider stated that she did not know what the 2009 proposal has to do with this. Councilman Dale Brussee responded that was when the survey was done. Mayor Renner asked for clarification regarding the 2012 meeting where Mr. Hagan presented an option, and then the Village presented a counter proposal, and Mayor Renner asked Councilman Dale Brussee if there was another proposal in 2009. Councilman Dale Brussee responded there was an option from GGC that has the survey numbers on it, and that was what the 2012 proposal was based on. Councilwoman Mary Renner asked Councilman Brussee if he was still looking at getting easements along the lines, and Councilman Dale Brussee responded that Mr. Hagan was concerned about between the garage door and the working area at the northern end easement. Councilman Dale Brussee added that Mr. Hagan was in agreement with everything else, and that he didn't want it to be close to his house. Councilwoman Mary Renner asked what the next step is. Councilman Dale Brussee responded that if Council is on board with pursuing this avenue, then we need to find out from Solicitor Zets regarding the legality of it and determine how we go about talking to Mr. Hagan about him paying for the survey, if he is in agreement. He wanted to be sure Council is in agreement in order to proceed with the preliminary outline of the easement so this can continue on. Councilman Brussee added that if Council is not in agreement to it, there is no sense in getting the survey or doing an ordinance. It was asked by Councilwoman Lynne Snider, who did the survey, and the response was Mr. John Hagan. It was agreed this would be a conflict. Councilwoman Heidi Robinson stated that what is being discussed is using those engineering numbers and measuring 25 feet from the house, and then the survey would be based off of that. Councilwoman Mary Renner didn't think a motion was needed to proceed with this because Council has been talking about this, and there have been drawings presented to Council, but what she would like from Mr. Hagan instead of arbitrary numbers that she would like to see the final plan with a little more detail before agreeing to anything because she wants to make sure that both parties are in agreement and are understanding the agreement before making a decision. Councilwoman Mary Renner commented that what she heard at the Public Facility meeting is different than what she is hearing tonight. Councilman Dale Brussee asked what was meant different. Councilwoman Mary Renner responded that the roadway easement was an issue for Mr. Hagan and Mr. Hagan wanted to do easements strictly on the lines. Councilwoman Lynne Snider stated that before anything is done that Mr. Hagan needs to do a survey. Councilwoman Mary Renner stated this needs to come from the Village Administrator because she is the Village's representative and that she needs sit down and work with Mr. Hagan. Councilwoman Mary Renner added this has been going on for years, and she wants everyone to know what is going on before making any decisions. Councilman Dale Brussee commented that what is in question is the northern line, and he spoke with Scotty Vest on the distances because that is what was

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discussed in committee. He added that Mr. Hagan was satisfied with this whole easement proposal as long as the distance from his garage to the working limits is 20 feet, and we go 25 feet because there is that much distance available. Village Administrator Beth Patrick voiced her concern is that Mr. Hagan would willing to pay for the survey to be fair to him. Councilman Dale Brussee responded that all this motion is to proceed is Council satisfied what Council is satisfied what is proposed from the committee. Councilwoman Mary Renner responded this is not coming from the committee because it was voted down. Councilman Dale Brussee responded that the committee wanted to find out if numbers from Scotty Vest would work and acceptable to Mr. Hagan. Councilman Brussee continued that the numbers by the garage door were the only sticking point with the Hagans. He reiterated the motion is to get Council on-board to proceed with this outline and then put the numbers in. He added there is no sense in spending money on the solicitor or surveying if Council is not in agreement with this. Councilwoman Mary Renner asked how this came out of committee if it was voted down. Councilman Dale Brussee responded that this is coming from him based on the discussion in committee with additional information that he received from Scotty Vest today. It was asked by Councilwoman Lynne Snider if the other member of the Public Facilities looked at this information. Council President Brandt Hawkins responded that he had a copy and he had seconded the motion. Councilwoman Lynne Snider commented that she did not see why there had to be a motion, and the Village Administrator should sit down with Mr. Hagan. Councilwoman Heidi Robinson responded that all that is being asked was to make sure that everybody is okay with going ahead with the 25 foot setbacks before speaking with Mr. Hagan and the solicitor. Councilwoman Heidi Robinson added that Council is not agreeing to spending money. Councilman Dale Brussee agreed it is not about spending money, and it is about proceeding.

With no further discuss, a roll call vote was taken. Councilman Dale Brussee yea, Council President Brandt Hawkins yea, Councilwoman Lynne Snider nay, Councilwoman Mary Renner nay, and Councilwoman Heidi Robinson yea.  
**Motion passed 3 yeas, and 2 nays.**

**Personnel – Chairperson Mary Renner**

- No meeting in December.
- Discussed the solicitor's contract, and it is the Personnel Committee's recommendation that Council go ahead and approve the solicitor's contract for another 2 years.

**Finance – Chairperson Mary Renner**

- No Finance meeting in December.
- Review of the 2014 Appropriations and nothing has to be changed.

**Unfinished Business:**

- **Ordinance 14-12** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO EXECUTE A PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH ISAAC WILES BURKHOLDER & TEETOR, LLC. **3rd Reading.**

With no discussion held, a **motion** was made by Councilwoman Mary Renner to approve **Ordinance 14-12** and seconded by Councilman Dale Brussee. A roll call vote was taken with Councilwoman Mary Renner yea, Councilman Dale Brussee yea, Councilwoman Heidi Robinson nay, Councilwoman Lynne Snider yea, and Council President Brandt Hawkins yea. **Motion passed 4 yeas and 1 nay.**

- **Ordinance 14-13** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION AND PAY SCHEDULES FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS WITHIN THE

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VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR SALARY ORDINANCES. **3rd Reading.**

With no discussion held, a **motion** was made by Councilwoman Heidi Robinson to approve **Ordinance 14-13** and seconded by Councilwoman Mary Renner. A roll vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed 5-0.**

- **Ordinance 14-14** 2015 Annual Appropriation Ordinance Village of Thornville. **3rd Reading.**

With no discussion held, a **motion** was made by Councilwoman Mary Renner to approve **Ordinance 14-14** and seconded by Council President Brandt Hawkins. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed 5-0.**

- **Resolution 14-008** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH BETH PATRICK AS VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **2nd Reading.**

**New Business:**

- **Resolution 14-009** A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE UPDATE OF THE COSHOCTON-FAIRFIELD- LICKING-PERRY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **1<sup>st</sup> Reading.**

**Council Comments:**

**Councilwoman Lynne Snider** had no comment.

**Councilwoman Heidi Robinson** had no comment.

**Council President Brandt Hawkins** had no comment.

**Councilwoman Mary Renner** asked Councilman Dale Brussee regarding the draft Zoning Committee Meeting minutes that mentioned that we were playing favorites regarding Mr. Clum and his property, and she would like to know what he meant. Councilman Dale Brussee responded that he used this as only as an example of what could be, and he wasn't stating anything specific. Councilwoman Mary Renner responded that what Councilman Brussee wasn't saying that favoritism occurred. Councilman Dale Brussee responded that he wasn't implying anything and that it was used as an example. Councilwoman Mary Renner commented that it was the way it was written and a member of the public wanted to know what was meant by that statement. It was asked by the Clerk of Council how a member of the public read the Zoning minutes because it only went to the Council and Zoning members last week. Councilwoman Mary Renner stated that it was someone who attended the meeting that had a question regarding the statement.

**Citizen Comments:**

**Sharon Brussee** commented about the Public Facilities meeting regarding the treatment of the Hagans. She stated that Council should be a little more respectful of the members of the audience no matter many times they have come before Council.

**Meeting Announcements:**

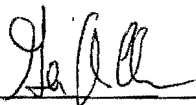
Zoning Meeting December 1

Next meeting is December 8

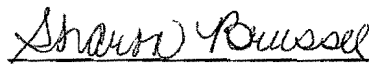
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**Adjournment:**

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Mary Renner to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Council President Brandt Hawkins. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed 5-0.** Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



**Gavin Renner, Mayor**



**Sharon Brussee, Clerk of Council**