

**Minutes
Special Council Meeting
3 South Main Street
Thornville, OH
September 7, 2022**

Council Members:

Lynne Snider
Erica O'Neill
Sterling Krout
Kim Billman
Jill Anderson
Gina Kaetzel

Other Village Officials:

Dan Harmon, Mayor
Traci Sturgill, Village Administrator
Dan Williams, Chief of Police

Guests Present: Attorney Brian Zets

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Harmon called the Village of Thornville Special Council Meeting to order on August 29, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. by saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Roll Call was taken with Council President Gina Kaetzel, Council member Erica O'Neill, Council member Kim Billman, Council member Jill Anderson and Council member Lynne Snider present. Council member Sterling Krout was absent tonight.

Roll Call

Erica O'Neill- aye
Gina Kaetzel- aye
Kim Billman- aye
Jill Anderson- aye
Lynne Snider- aye
Motion passed 5-0

Mayor Harmon asked for a motion to approve the business agenda for September 7, 2022. Motion made by Council member Jill Anderson and seconded by Council member Erica O'Neill. A roll call vote was taken with all council members voting aye.

Roll Call

Jill Anderson- aye
Kim Billman- aye
Lynne Snider- aye
Erica O'Neill- aye
Gina Kaetzel- aye
Motion passed 5-0

Mayor Harmon asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Council meeting held on August 29, 2022. Motion made by Council member Kim Billman and seconded by Council member Jill Anderson. A roll call vote was taken with all council members voting aye.

Roll Call

Gina Kaetzel- abstain
Lynne Snider- aye
Erica O'Neill- aye
Jill Anderson- aye
Kim Billman- aye
Motion passed 5-0

I, Mayor Harmon need a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:01pm, pursuant to R.C. 121.22 (G)(3), to conference with an attorney for the Village concerning a dispute involving the Village that is the subject of imminent court action. Motion made by Council member Gina Kaetzel to adjourn into executive session at 7:01pm and also invite into the executive session, Mayor Harmon, Administrator Traci Sturgill, Chief Dan Williams and Attorney Brian Zets. Motion seconded by Council member Jill Anderson. A roll call vote was taken with all council members voting aye.

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Roll Call

Kim Billman
Lynne Snider- aye
Erica O'Neill- aye
Gina Kaetzel- aye
Jill Anderson- aye
Motion passed 5-0

Executive Session adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Mayor Harmon asked for a motion to instruct Attorney Brian Zets to contact the fiscal officer's attorney and advise her that the Village would like to make arrangements to return her personal belongings. She will just need to contact the office. All of her items are ready. Also, the Village does not wish to pursue any other items requested pursuant to her letter received from her attorney. **Motion made by Council President Gina Kaetzel and seconded by Council member Kim Billman.**

Discussion Held: Attorney Brian Zets verified with Council they were not interested in entertaining some of the other terms of the letter received from the fiscal officer's attorney, in regards to back pay, deferred comp or any of those requests. Several council members advised no. Council member Gina Kaetzel added there are plenty of passed minutes and recordings of meetings if those are needed also. Council member Jill Anderson also wanted to clarify that the deferred comp she is requesting would have come out of her payment from a severance she is seeking, correct? Village Administrator Traci Sturgill advised yes, that is correct. Council member Lynne Snider asked what this motion was for? Was this the motion to do nothing but return her personal items? Attorney Zets advised yes, to only return her personal belongings and not entertain any of the other settlement terms.

A roll call vote was taken with four council members voting aye and one council member voting no.

Roll Call

Jill Anderson- aye
Lynne Snider- no
Erica O'Neill- aye
Kim Billman – aye
Gina Kaetzel- aye
Motion passed 4-1

Mayor Harmon asked for a motion to adjourn. **Motion made by Council member Jill Anderson and was seconded by Council member Erica O'Neill.** A roll call vote was taken with all Council members voting aye.

Roll Call

Gina Kaetzel- aye
Kim Billman-aye
Lynne Snider- aye
Jill Anderson- aye
Erica O'Neill- aye
Motion passed 5-0

Meeting concluded at 7:50 pm



Mayor Dan Harmon



Traci Sturgill, Council Clerk