

**Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
1 South Main Street
Thornville, OH
June 26, 2023**

Council Members:

Kim Billman
Ashley Moore
Sterling Krout
Tasia Savage

Other Village Officials:

Gina Kaetzel- Mayor
Traci Sturgill- Administrator
Dan Williams- Chief of Police

Guests Present: Amanda Lackey

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Kaetzel called the Village of Thornville Regular Council Meeting to order on June 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. by saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Roll Call was taken with Council member Ashley Moore, Council member Kim Billman, Council President Sterling Krout and Council member Tasia Savage all present. Council member Erica O'Neill was not in attendance and notification was not given. Council member Lynne Snider did notify Village Administrator Traci Sturgill that she would be out of town for this meeting tonight.

Mayor Kaetzel asked for a **motion** to excuse Council member Erica O'Neill. **Motion** made by Council member Ashley Moore. With no second **motion** given, the **motion** died.

Mayor Kaetzel asked for a **motion** to excuse Council member Lynne Snider from tonight's council meeting. **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
Tasia Savage- aye
Kim Billman- aye
Sterling Krout- aye

Motion passed 4-0

Motion to approve the Business Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting on June 26, 2023:

Mayor Kaetzel requested a **motion** to approve the business agenda for the Regular Council Meeting on June 26, 2023. A **motion** was made by Council President Sterling Krout and was seconded by Council member Kim Billman. A roll call vote was taken with all Council members voting aye.

Roll Call

Sterling Krout- aye
Tasia Savage- aye
Kim Billman- aye
Ashley Moore- aye

Motion passed 4-0

Motion to Approve the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting on May 22, 2023: Mayor Kaetzel requested a **motion** to approve the minutes from the Regular Council meeting April 24, 2023. A **motion** was made by Council President Sterling

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Krout and was seconded by Council member Kim Billman. A roll call vote was taken with all Council members voting aye.

Roll Call

Kim Billman- aye
Tasia Savage- aye
Sterling Krout- aye
Ashley Moore- abstain

Motion passed 3-0

Motion to Approve the Minutes from the Special Council meeting on June 5, 2023: Mayor Kaetzel requested a **motion** to approve the minutes from the Special Council meeting June 5, 2023. A **motion** was made by Council President Sterling Krout and was seconded by Council member Kim Billman. A roll call vote was taken with Council members voting aye.

Roll Call

Ashley Moore- abstain
Tasia Savage- aye
Kim Billman- aye
Sterling Krout- aye

Motion passed 3-0

Police Report for June 2023: Chief Williams went over the police report submitted for June. If anyone has any questions, please let him know. He also advised he has been adjusting his schedule and working night shifts to show some presence during those hours also.

Mayor's Report:

Monthly Water Report to Perry County Commissioners for May 2023:

Mayor Kaetzel advised she needs a **motion** to receive the monthly water report to the Perry County Commissioners for May 2023. **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:

Tasia Savage- aye
Kim Billman- aye
Ashley Moore- aye
Sterling Krout- aye

Motion passed 4-0

Monthly Water Report to Council for May 2023:

Mayor Kaetzel advised she needs a **motion** to receive the monthly water report to Council for May 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

Ashley Moore- aye
Sterling Krout- aye
Kim Billman- aye
Tasia Savage- aye
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Monthly Mayor's Court Reports for May 2023:

Mayor Kaetzel advised she needs a **motion** to receive the Mayor's Court Reports for May 2023. **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

Kim Billman- aye

Tasia Savage- aye

Sterling Krout- aye

Ashley Moore- aye

Motion passed 4-0

Administrator's Report:

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

Mayor Kaetzel stated if there are no questions on the bills, she will need a **motion** to pay the bills. **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:

Tasia Savage- aye

Sterling Krout- aye

Ashley Moore- aye

Kim Billman- aye

Motion passed 4-0

Village Administrator Traci Sturgill advised she had been having discussions with Chief Williams on procedures we can put in place to stop allowing vehicles without current license, boats, campers etc. sitting in yards around the Village. Driveways are fine for these vehicles, but they make neighborhoods look terrible in yards. Chief Williams added that many villages adopt their own local ordinances to prevent items like this from happening and ordinances being able to be enforced. Traci added we get many complaints on this subject from citizens. We wanted to bring this subject to the council for their thoughts prior to taking it to the zoning committee for their approval. If the zoning committee approves the ordinances, they will then come back to the full council for their passing or denial. It was decided to move forward with the ordinances discussed with the zoning committee.

Traci advised she is continuing to work on the council chamber's upgrades.

Appalachian Grant planning items: Traci advised the next steps for grant are taking place. Our region has chosen EDG as the planning engineer. She has a scheduled zoom meeting with them but needs to know which items the council would like her to request funding for. We may get it all funded and we may not get anything, but it is worth trying. Discussion held. It was decided to submit for downtown renovations (lighting, light poles), walking path at park, dog park, pickleball courts, Village entry way signage and basketball lighting improvements.

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Pool demo: Traci advised she needs to revisit this subject again this month due to the complaints she is getting on what the pool looks like in its current state. Pictures were taken and posted on Facebook, so she feels we really need to do something about it. It has also been brought to her attention by other residents that it is a potential hazard for the Village if someone climbs the fence and falls into the pool. Discussion held. It was decided to move forward with filling in the pool with the concrete surrounding the pool and side walls, along with free fill dirt. Chief Williams added he has a lot of concerns with the 15' deep end and a child falling in it along with local skateboarders gaining entry. Mayor Kaetzel discussed adding pickleball courts there in the future, adding more lighting to the basketball courts and also a possible resurfacing of the ball courts. All council members agree the pool being left as it is, is a liability issue for the Village.

Garage & Wash Bay- Village Administrator Traci Sturgill discussed the need for another garage to store all the new vehicles we now have with the police, streets & utilities department. All of these currently sit outside in the weather and have been known to get mice in them and tear them up. Last year we upgraded the garage at the sewer plant to store all of our new equipment. Now, we need to think about one for our new vehicles and add a wash bay to eliminate the use of a car wash fee. The resident that our street maintenance building sits next too is interested in purchasing that building, as is. The funds from the selling of it can be used for the new building at the sewer plant for the vehicles and we would then have all departments located in one location. Discussion held. It was decided to move forward with getting a quote on a new building and also speaking with the homeowner interested in the maintenance building.

Traci also advised the Somerset Pool board met with her at our pool and purchased the pool sweeper, upright freezer, cooking appliances for \$2800. She will get the remainder of the items posted on govdeals.net.

Fiscal Officer's Report: Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem was unable to attend the meeting tonight but if the council has any questions, Village Administrator Traci Sturgill can reach her via phone. Traci advised the May bank reconciliation is on the table to receive for May 2023.

Mayor Kaetzel asked for a **motion** to receive the bank reconciliation for May 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:

Ashley Moore- aye

Kim Billman- aye

Sterling Krout- aye

Tasia Savage- aye

Motion passed 4-0

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Credit Card review- Traci advised this is the review we are required to do every 6 months. This makes council aware of any open credit accounts the Village has and who has issued credit cards.

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Comments and Announcements: Council President Sterling Krout advised he will be out of town for the 4th of July celebration due to a funeral. Council member Kim Billman stated she would be out of town for the committee meetings. Traci advised the council she has no business to discuss for the committee meetings scheduled for July 3rd, so council decided to council those for this month.

Citizen Comments: Village resident Amanda Lackey suggested building a new Village office at the pool location. A building that is state-of-the-art instead of putting more money into the current old building and selling this one to help with the cost of the new one.

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

Roll Call:

Ashley Moore- aye

Tasia Savage- aye

Kim Billman- aye

Sterling Krout- aye

Motion passed 4-0

Adjourned at 8 p.m.



Mayor Gina Kaetzel



Traci Sturgill, Council Clerk