

**Village of Thornville Council Minutes
1 South Main Street
Thornville, Ohio
November 10th, 2025**

Council Members:

Aaron Hoppel
Lynne Snider
Tony Taylor
Dale Brussee
Tasia Savage

Other Village Officials:

Amanda Lackey – Mayor
Eric Wilkins – Village Administrator
Tonya Thurston – Clerk of Council
Cody Palmer – Chief of Police
Sam Brown – General Maintenance

Guests: Julie Conley, Terry Anderson

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

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 Tony Taylor, Council Member Lynn Snider, Council Member Aaron Hoppel all present.

Roll Call:

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

Excused Absences: None

Review/Approval of Regular Business Agenda for November 10th, 2025:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the November 10th, 2025 Regular Council Business Agenda after review. 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
Tony Taylor – aye
Dale Brussee – aye
Tasia Savage – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Review /Acceptance of Regular Council Minutes from October 27th, 2025:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes from October 27th, 2025 after review. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion and was seconded by Council President Dale Brussee. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 5-0

Unfinished Business:

a. State of the Building update

The council discussed options for a building with a failing roof: repair, construct new, or selling the building. Repair estimates range from \$200,000 to \$500,000; a new building is

estimated at \$520,000. Some members prefer repairing to extend usability for a few years, potentially enabling a later sale to recoup costs. Others are concerned the roof may still fail after repairs; structural integrity beneath the roof is a key issue. Utilizing the old pool area and building a new village office and cold storage area was discussed. The village is awaiting information on the NatureWorks grant in regards to what that area is allowed to be used for. Council also discussed the historical potential and that there may be assistance in restoring It was decided that while council waits to hear from NatureWorks, more estimates would be obtained for repair of roof as well as cost of a new building. Council Member Tony Taylor made a motion to table this discussion until the first of the year and was seconded by Council President Dale Brussee. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Tasia Savage – aye

Dale Brussee – aye

Tony Taylor – aye

Lynne Snider – aye

Aaron Hoppel – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

b. 2026 Open Council Seats

Two council seats are open for four-year terms starting in January. It was noted that Council Member Tony Taylor’s current term (which filled a one-year vacancy) will be up at the year. The process for appointing new council members and the role of council president were clarified. The solicitor was consulted to ensure the correct process is followed for filling the seats.

c. New Village Entrance Signs

Council member Tasia Savage provided an update, referencing an estimate she received. The need to secure property agreements for sign placement was identified as a necessary step. Criteria for the signs, such as whether they will be paneled or painted, were discussed. Council President Dale Brussee made the motion to move forward with the project 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

Tony Taylor – aye

Dale Brussee – aye

Tasia Savage – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

d. TAC Special Events Application

The application for the “It’s a wonderful Life” event has been received from TAC. Council also discussed the payment of police services for the Christmas event hosted by the Activity Committee. The Village has covered that cost in the past. It was decided that the Village will pay for police services for special events thru the end of the year and as of the first of the year, the organization applying for a special event will pay. Council President made a motion to approve the police expense and was seconded by Council member Aaron Hoppel. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Tasia Savage – nay

Dale Brussee – aye

Tony Taylor – aye

Lynne Snider – aye

Aaron Hoppel – aye

Motion Passed 4-1

Council Member Aaron Hoppel made a motion to approve the TAC Special event application and was seconded by Council Member Tony Taylor. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 5-0

e. Clothes Closet:

Council discussed date of eviction and Julie Conley asked if eviction was inevitable. It was explained that the building is in bad shape and estimates for repair are pending. A tentative date of 6/1/2026 for the clothes closet to be moved out was discussed but not decided on. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion to table this discussion until January 2026 and was seconded by Council Member Tony Taylor. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 5-0

New Business:

- a. Headworks Academy- February 23-25th, 2026 with EDG: An Event focused on water plant headworks. Class, hotel, and food costs are covered but the Village will need to pay for travel to Tampa. Council discussed who would be attending and options for travel. Council asked for more information regarding cost. Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to table this discussion until the next meeting. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Tony Taylor. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 5-0

b. Water Contract with Perry County

Council discussed establishing a fair water rate for the county, considering base rates and usage charges. Council decided that this topic will be addressed in more detail during future meetings.

c. ORDINANCE #25-29 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY 1st reading.

The appropriations were presented to council for their review. Council President Dale Brussee made a motion to suspend the 3-reading rule and pass Ordinance #25-29 as an Emergency and was seconded by Council member Aaron Hoppel. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Dale Brussee – aye
Lynne Snider – aye
Tony Taylor – aye

Aaron Hoppel – aye
Tasia Savage – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Council President Dale Brussee then made a motion the adopt Ordinance #25-29 and was seconded by Council Member Aaron Hoppel. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 5-0

d. 2026 Annual Raises

Mayor Lackey Proposed a pay increase of 4%. Council President Dale Brussee made a motion to accept and there was no second.

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e. Updating the Special Events Application

Council discussed updating the special events application to include a statement that Police services for the event would now be covered by the applying organization and that the township would be notified of such events. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion to move forward with the update and was seconded by Council member Tony Taylor. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 5-0

Comments and Announcements:

Mayor Lackey brought up the possibility of rehiring a previous employee- Corey for the water/sewer department. One proposal is to offer a starting rate of \$31-\$32/hour, with built-in incentives for achieving higher certifications (e.g., Cert II, Cert II). Or offer a part-time, as-needed position at \$35/hour to cover weekends or fill in when Casey is off. Council discussed who would pay for the certification tests, concluding it's a minor cost (\$200). Council Tony Taylor made the motion for Village Administrator to make an offer and was seconded by Council Member Aaron Hoppel. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 5-0

Council discussed the cause of unusually high-water bills and the appropriate next steps. Multiple participants reported receiving unusually high-water bills, with one noting a \$177 bill which is unprecedented for them, especially given the time of year and low water usage. It was stated that the situation is currently under investigation, and a definitive cause is not yet known. The theory is that if the next consumption reading is lower, it would indicate the previous high reading was a misread. The possibility of faulty meters was raised. It was noted that 185 meters have registered higher-than-normal

readings, indicating a widespread issue. A potential cause for misreading was identified: the meter dials are square figures (e.g., 9, 8, 5, 6) and can appear as a different number if viewed from an angle. Council will wait for one more billing cycle to gather more data before taking further action. - Rationale: If bills return to normal, it will suggest a one-time, widespread misreading event.

Resident Terry Anderson spoke regarding the Historical aspect of the building and potential repairs. He also discussed the recent high-water bills and asked if there was an investigation of the meters themselves and do they need updated?

Mr. Anderson also brought up the speed signs he asked the village to look into. Council Member Aaron Hoppel reported receiving new quotes for speed signs, with a price of approximately \$3,235. It was noted that Chief Palmer had contacted ODOT about acquiring signs and were awaiting a call back and it was mentioned that ODOT has already provided some signs in the past. The primary argument for the signs was public safety, with concerns raised about high-speed drivers and the potential for an accident involving a child. Mr. Anderson stated he will continue to bring this issue up. Millersport was cited as a cautionary tale, where their speed signs were destroyed within a few months of installation. The consensus appeared to be that while speeding is a recognized problem, spending \$3,200+ on a sign that could be easily destroyed is not a financially viable solution at this time.

A brief discussion was held regarding the control and operation of school zone signs. It was noted that school zone signs cannot be left on all day. A question was raised about how to get the signs turned on. It was clarified that the school zone signs are controlled by the state. Village will Inquire with the school district or ODOT about the process for activating the state-run school zone signs.

Adjournment:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56pm. Council Member Lynne Snider made the motion and 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
Tony Taylor – aye
Lynne Snider – aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye

Motion Passed 5-0



Amanda Lackey, Mayor



Tonya Thurston, Clerk of Council