Village of Thornville Council Minutes 1 South Main Street Thornville, OH June 9th, 2025

Council Members:

Other Village Officials:

Dale Brussee

Amanda Lackey – Mayor

Aaron Hoppel

Melissa Brofford – Village Administr.

Lynne Snider Tasia Savage Abby Tolliver – Clerk of Council Cody Palmer – Chief of Police

Tony Taylor

Guests: Mike Fornataro, Landon Hinkle, Michael Pallone, Tonya Thurston

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Amanda Lackey 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 President Dale Brussee, Council Member Tasia Savage, Council Member Tony Taylor, Council Member Lynne Snider, and Council Member Aaron Hoppel all present.

Roll Call:

Dale Brussee - aye

Tasia Savage – aye

Tony Taylor – aye

Lynne Snider – aye

Aaron Hoppel – aye

Excused Absences:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to excuse Council Member Eric Wilkins, whom had notified of his absence prior to the meeting. Council Member Tony Taylor 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

Tony Taylor - aye

Tasia Savage – aye

Dale Brussee - aye

Lynne Snider – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Review/Approval of Business Agenda for June 9th, 2025:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the June 9th, 2025 Regular Business Agenda after review. Council President Dale Brussee made the motion, and was seconded by Council Member Tony Taylor. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Tasia Savage – aye

Aaron Hoppel – aye

Dale Brussee – aye

Lynne Snider - aye

Tony Taylor – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

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

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

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 5-0

Public Hearings:

a. ORDINANCE #25-13: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2026 TAX BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE, DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO SUBMIT THE 2026 BUDGET TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY:

Mayor Lackey opened the Public Hearing at 7:06PM. With no public comments, Mayor Lackey closed the Public Hearing at 7:07PM.

Unfinished Business:

a. Mike Fornataro, BLRC, Corporation Limit Signs:

Mike Fornataro with the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation introduced the corporation sign project the Corporation had been working on, explaining that BLRC subsidizes 90% of the overall cost for 2 signs, and dispersed photos of recently completed signs. Discussion was held regarding pricing and sizing. Council decided they would move forward with the project when a better idea of sizing was had.

b. ORDINANCE #25-13: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2026 TAX BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE, DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO SUBMIT THE 2026 BUDGET TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY 2nd Reading:

Council President Dale Brussee made a motion to suspend the third reading and declare Ordinance #25-13 an emergency, due to lack of public comments. Council Member Tasia Savage seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 5-0

Council President Dale Brussee made a motion to adopt Ordinance #25-13 as an emergency, 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 Savage – aye Aaron Hoppel – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

New Business:

a. Items to Sell on GovDeals:

Administrator Brofford and Chief Palmer introduced the items they are hoping to sell on GovDeals, and asked for reserve prices to begin listing, and how items should be listed. Discussion was held regarding reserve price on a Chevy Charger previously used by the Police Department, as well as reserve price for a lot of items in the basement of the Village Office. Discussion was also held regarding the sale of the pool property. No action was taken.

b. Outside Water Usage, Separate Meters, Sewer Credit for Power Washing & Pools:

Administrator Brofford explained that the Village had previously issued "Sewer Credit" when filling pools or power washing property based on meter readings before and after said action. Administrator Brofford explained the cost effects and other inaccuracies in this practice. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made a motion to terminate the issuing of Sewer Credits, and was seconded by Council Member Tony Taylor. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 5-0

c. Zoning Inspector Position:

The item was tabled pending discussion with a potential candidate regarding hours. Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to table the item. Council Member Lynne Snider 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 Lynne Snider – aye Aaron Hoppel – aye Dale Brussee – aye Tasia Savage – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

d. Overtime for Hourly Employees:

Administrator Brofford explained coming changes to Water/Sewer pay to be in line with the Village handbook, and asked if Council wanted any changes to be made to the action taken or the handbook. No action was taken.

e. Appointment of New Water/Sewer Clerk/Admin Assistant/Clerk of Council:

Mayor Lackey introduced the new Water/Sewer Clerk/Admin Assistant/Clerk of Council, Tanya Thurston of Somerset, Ohio. Mayor Lackey explained that Ms. Thurston had to leave the meeting due to personal reasons. Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Tanya Thurston as the new Water/Sewer Clerk/Admin Assistant/Clerk of Council. Council Member Tony Taylor 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

f. RESOLUTION #25-13: A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH PLACING THE ISSUE ON THE BALLOT OF A ONE MILL, FIVE YEAR RENEWAL LEVY FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE VILLAGE

1st Reading:

Administrator Brofford explained that this Resolution would go through all hearings to receive public input, but be adopted as an emergency to be effective immediately. No action was taken.

g. RESOLUTION #25-14: A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH PLACING THE ISSUE ON THE BALLOT OF A TWO AND FOUR-TENTHS MILL, FIVE YEAR RENEWAL LEVY FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE VILLAGE 1st Reading:

Administrator Brofford explained that, like the previous item, this Resolution would go through all hearings to receive public input, but be adopted as an emergency to be effective immediately. No action was taken.

h. ORDINANCE #25-14: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW COMPENSATION AND PAY SCHEDULE WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE, REPEALING ALL PROIR SALARY ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

1st Reading:

Administrator Brofford explained that edits still needed to be made to the Ordinance following the hiring of Ms. Thurston. Council President Dale Brussee made a motion to table the Ordinance to June 23rd, 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 & Announcements:

a. Mike Palone, a resident living on Craig Drive, explained his concerns about lack of traffic signs in the neighborhood with a large presence of children. Discussion was held on the placement on signs already in place and a potential traffic study done of the area. Council Member Tony Taylor made a motion to have research done on a traffic study in the area, 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 Tasia Savage – aye Lynne Snider – aye Aaron Hoppel – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

- b. Landon Hinkle, a resident living on South Church Street, explained his concerns about lack of parking for residents in the area. Discussion was held regarding street size, traffic patterns, striping of the street, and previous Ordinances regarding the issue. Council decided to look into the issue.
- c. Mayor Lackey pointed Council to the resignation letter in their meeting packets, explaining that Fiscal Officer Bennett would be resigning as Full-Time Fiscal Officer, but had agreed to stay part-time. Mayor Lackey explained that they hoped to have the new Water/Sewer Clerk/Admin Assistant/Clerk of Council also fill the role. Council Member Tony Taylor made a motion to accept the resignation, 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.** Discussion was held regarding current Clerk of Council, Abby Tolliver's, last day with the Village and potential opportunities for training the new hire. No action was taken.
- e. Council Member Tony Taylor suggested looking into street signs in Thornhill when looking at Craig Drive, citing lots of children in the area as well as dangerous driving habits.
- f. Council Member Tasia Savage questioned the responsibility of trees in between streets and sidewalks, to which she was told property owners, not the Village. Council Member Tasia Savage explained her worries about loose limbs following recent stormy weather falling and hurting residents.
- **g.** Administrator Brofford explained there would be a proclamation regarding Water/Sewer Clerk/Admin Assistant, Anna Cox's, last day with the Village on July 31st at a meeting in July. Discussion was held over hosting a Village-wide party.
- h. Mayor Lackey announced that Sam had started working with the Village officially.
- i. Administrator Brofford informed Council that there had been flooding at the sewer plant over the weekend, but had been taken care of.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:40PM. Council Member Tony Taylor made the motion, 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 Tasia Savage – aye

Aaron Hoppel – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Amanda Lackey, Mayor

Abby Tolliver, Clerk of Council