

Village of Thornville Regular Council Minutes
1 South Main Street
Thornville, OH
July 14th, 2025

Council Members:

Dale Brussee
Aaron Hoppel
Lynne Snider
Tasia Savage
Tony Taylor
Eric Wilkins

Other Village Officials:

Amanda Lackey – Mayor
Melissa Brofford – Village Adminstr.
Abby Tolliver – Clerk of Council
Cody Palmer – Chief of Police
Tonya Thurston – Admin. Assistant
Sam Brown – General Maintenance Worker

Guests: Landon Hinkle, Mackinley Hinkle, Tim Moore, Lisa Sharpe

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 Eric Wilkins, Council Member Tony Taylor, Council Member Lynne Snider, and Council Member Aaron Hoppel all present.

Roll Call:

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

Review/Approval of Business Agenda for July 14th, 2025:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to amend the Regular Business Agenda to add an Executive Session, pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(1), to consider the discipline and/or dismissal of a public employee, after Comments & Announcements. 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
Eric Wilkins – aye
Tony Taylor – aye
Lynne Snider – aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Council President Dale Brussee made a motion to approve the July 14th, 2025 Regular Business Agenda as amended, 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

Eric Wilkins – aye
Tasia Savage – aye
Dale Brussee – aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Review/Acceptance of Regular Council Minutes from June 23rd, 2025:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to accept the Regular Council Minutes from June 23rd, 2025, after review. Council President Dale Brussee made the motion, and was seconded by Council Member Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 6-0

Public Hearings:

- a. RESOLUTION #25-13: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO LEVY A RENEWAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE (10) MILL LIMITATION IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE (1.0) MILL FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND REQUESTING THE QUESTION OF SUCH TAX LEVY TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY:**

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to amend Resolution #25-13 to correct the estimated tax revenue and dollar amount per \$100 thousand in county auditor appraised value due to an error in the County Auditor Certificate, amend County Auditor estimates will collect \$242,400.00 annually to \$21,500.00 annually, and amend at a rate not exceeding 1.00 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$31.00 for each \$100,000.00 of the County Auditor's appraised value for five years to \$18.00 for each \$100,000.00 of the County Auditor's appraised value for five years. Council President Dale Brussee made the motion, and was seconded by Council Member Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 6-0

Mayor Lackey opened the Public Hearing for Resolution #25-13 at 7:05PM. Village Resident Lisa Sharpe questioned the emergency declaration. Administrator Brofford explained all three readings would be held for the Resolutions, but to ensure all items are in by the deadline to be on the ballot, the emergency declaration will be used to avoid the 30 day wait period before going into effect.

Mayor Lackey closed the Public Hearing at 7:06PM.

b. RESOLUTION #25-14: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO LEVY A RENEWAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN (10) MILL LIMITATION IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO AND FOUR TENTHS (2.4) MILL FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND REQUESTING THE QUESTION OF SUCH TAX LEVY TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to amend Resolution #25-14 to correct the estimated tax revenue and dollar amount per \$100 thousand in County Auditor Appraised value due to an error in the County Auditor Certificate, amend County Auditor estimates will collect \$82,500.00 annually to \$21,500.00 annually, and amend at a rate not exceeding 2.4 mill for each \$1 of taxable value which amounts to \$73,000 for each \$100,00 of the County Auditor's appraised value for five years to \$42.00 for each \$100,00 of the County Auditor's appraised value for five years. 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:

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

Motion Passed 6-0

Mayor Lackey opened the Public Hearing at 7:08PM. Village Resident Lisa Sharpe asked for available information regarding levy breakdowns. Mayor Lackey responded that the County Auditor's website would have that information. Mayor Lackey closed the Public Hearing at 7:09PM.

Unfinished Business:

a. RESOLUTION #25-13: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO LEVY A RENEWAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE (10) MILL LIMITATION IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE (1.0) MILL FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND REQUESTING THE QUESTION OF SUCH TAX LEVY TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

2nd Reading:

Mayor Lackey reintroduced the Resolution. No discussion was held. No action was taken.

b. RESOLUTION #25-14: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO LEVY A RENEWAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN (10) MILL LIMITATION IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO AND FOUR TENTHS (2.4) MILL FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND REQUESTING THE QUESTION OF SUCH TAX LEVY TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

2nd Reading:

Mayor Lackey reintroduced the Resolution. No discussion was held. No action was taken.

New Business:

- a. RESOLUTION #25-15: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTION THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE TO SUPPLY CONTINGENCY FUNDING FOR ITS INFLOW & INFLITRATION WASTEWATER LINING PROGRAM DESIGNATNING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

1st Reading:

Administrator Brofford explained that the loan is a contingency plan with no anticipation for need. Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to suspend the three-reading rule and declare Resolution #25-15 an emergency. 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:

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

Motion Passed 6-0

Council President Dale Brussee made a motion to adopt Resolution #25-15 as an emergency, 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
Eric Wilkins – aye
Tasia Savage – aye
Dale Brussee – aye

Motion Passed 6-0

- b. ORDINANCE #25-16: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF KELLY BEEM AS VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

1st Reading:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to suspend the three-reading rule and declare Ordinance #25-16 an emergency. Council President Dale Brussee made the motion, and was seconded by Council Member Eric Wilkins. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 6-0

Council President Dale Brussee made a motion to adopt Ordinance #25-16 as an emergency, and was seconded by Council Member Tony Taylor. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 6-0

- c. ORDINANCE #15-17: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE #96-19 THERBY PROHIBIT PARKING ON THE EAST AND WEST SIDES OF CHURCH STREET**

1st Reading:

Mayor Lackey introduced the Ordinance. No discussion was held. No action was taken.

- d. ORDINANCE #25-18: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE #424 AND UPDATING THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE CURFEW FOR MINORS**

1st Reading:

Mayor Lackey introduced the Ordinance. No discussion was held. No action was taken.

- e. Acceptance of AED from Perry County Commissioners:**

Mayor Lackey explained that the AED had been purchased by the Perry County Commissioners from OneOhio Funding, and thanked the Commissioners for their gift. Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to accept the AED from the Perry County Commissioners. 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
Dale Brussee – aye
Eric Wilkins – aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye
Tasia Savage – aye

Motion Passed 6-0

- f. Acceptance of Newton Township Legion 726 Donation for Police Department:**

Mayor Lackey explained that Newton Township Legion 726 had given Chief Palmer a check to cover costs of the printer needed for the Police Cruiser. Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to accept the donation. Council Member Tony Taylor made the motion, and was seconded by Council Member Eric Wilkins. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 6-0

g. Donation to Thornville Police Department:

Council Member Tony Taylor explained that his company, Veterans Claims Paid's philanthropy donates to organizations support veterans, first responders, and their families. Council Member Tony Taylor presented Chief Palmer with a \$2,500 check intended to fund any needs the Police Department may have. Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to accept the donation. Council Member Lynne Snider made the motion, and was seconded by Council Member Eric Wilkins. A roll call vote was taken, with five members voting aye and one member abstaining.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 5-0

Comments & Announcements:

- a. Mayor Lackey suggested aligning the Food Truck Festival, currently scheduled for 3PM-7PM, with the Perry County Chamber of Commerce Car Show, currently scheduled for 1PM-7PM. Discussion was held regarding best options regarding time to align the events. The decision was made to check with each scheduled Food Truck on availability before promotion a change in time.
- b. Council Member Aaron Hoppel questioned the progress of the Foster Manor Park sale. Administrator Brofford explained that the survey had been sent to the County Engineers for review but did not expect a response until after the Perry County Fair had concluded. Administrator Brofford explained that the property would be sold on GovDeals and require legislation from Solicitor Zets.
- c. Lisa Sharpe, a resident of Thornhill Estates, questioned the Village's paving schedule, stating that prior administrations had indicated paving in her neighborhood would occur in 2025, but she was recently told it would be delayed until 2027. She expressed concern that other areas of the Village had been paved sooner despite what she described as the poor condition of Thornhill Estates roads. Ms. Sharpe also raised questions about the Village budget, referencing recent water system issues, the lack of a Village pool or splash pad, and inquired whether the Village was complying with road maintenance requirements under the Ohio Revised Code.
Council Member Aaron Hoppel responded that multiple areas of the Village are in need of repairs and all residents contribute through taxes. Council Member Tony Taylor clarified that infrastructure projects such as paving, water, and recreation are funded from separate accounts, and that Thornville faces financial challenges common to small villages, which underscores the importance of levy support.
- d. Ms. Sharpe suggested the Village improve communication with residents and stated that many are frustrated with administration. Council Member Lynne Snider noted that meetings are regularly posted and open to the public, but attendance remains low, including at a recent levy informational meeting.
Administrator Melissa Brofford informed Ms. Sharpe that Ordinance 25-13 is the Village's 2026 Budget and includes financial data for 2025, the two preceding years, and projections for 2026. She noted that the budget is available on the Village website. Administrator Brofford further explained that the Village spent approximately \$50,000 more than it received in water revenue last year due to necessary leak repairs and the replacement of fire hydrants that had gone unrepaired under the previous administration for the past five years. She added that two hydrants are still in need of repair.

- e. Landon Hinkle, a Village resident, submitted photographs to Council showing vehicles parked on South Church Street, which he stated demonstrate that parked vehicles do not impede traffic or emergency access. He referenced a petition he circulated opposing Ordinance 25-17, which he claimed included over 100 signatures. Mr. Hinkle cited comparable parking conditions in other areas of the Village that allow on street parking with no edge lines.
Mackinley Hinkle, another resident, stated that removing the "No Parking" signs on South Church Street would make Church Street residents happy.
Tim Moore, a resident of South Church Street, expressed that unsafe parking has not been a significant issue and suggested enforcement of existing laws would be sufficient.
- f. General Maintenance Worker Sam Brown explained that hole patching had begun in Thornhill Estates, but was on hold while the dump truck is in the shop. General Maintenance Worker Sam Brown explained that more cold mix had been bought, but multiple roads with problems exist in the Village, and potholes in Thornhill had been addressed in the past year.
- g. Council Member Tony Taylor suggested looking into upcoming grant releases from the Community Foundation for Perry County. Ms. Sharpe offered her help in the application process if an opportunity arose.

Executive Session:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to enter an Executive Session, pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) to consider the discipline and/or dismissal of a public employee, at 8:03PM. 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:

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

Motion Passed 6-0

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to end the Executive Session, pursuant to ORD 121.22(G)(1) to consider the discipline and/or dismissal of a public employee, at 8:23PM. Council Member Tony Taylor made the motion, and was seconded by Council President Dale Brussee. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 6-0

Adjournment:

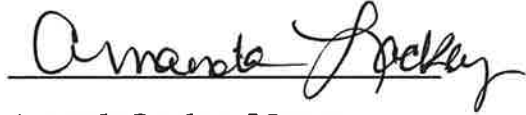
With no further business, Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:23PM. Council Member Lynne Snider made the motion, and was seconded by Council Member Tony Taylor. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:


Tasia Savage – aye

Dale Brussee – aye
Eric Wilkins – aye
Tony Taylor – aye
Lynne Snider – aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye

Motion Passed 6-0

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Amanda Lackey", written over a horizontal line.

Amanda Lackey, Mayor

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Abby Tolliver", written over a horizontal line.

Abby Tolliver, Clerk of Council