

Village of Thornville Council Minutes
1 South Main Street
Thornville, OH
July 28th, 2025

Council Members:

Tony Taylor
Aaron Hoppel
Tasia Savage
Lynne Snider
Eric Wilkins

Other Village Officials:

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

Guests: Luann Cooperrider, Amy Cox, Dave Cox, Mackinley Hinkle, Brian Huntzinger, Julie Huntzinger, Julie Kimberlain, Janette Sands, Randy Sands, Jody Staggers, Joe Staggers, Melissa Tremblay, Norm Tremblay, Tom Wilson

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

Roll Call:

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

Excused Absences:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to excuse Council President Dale Brussee, whom 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
Lynne Snider – aye
Tony Taylor – aye
Eric Wilkins – aye
Tasia Savage – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Review/Approval of Business Agenda for July 28th, 2025:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the July 28th, 2025 Regular Council Business Agenda with amendments after review. Council Member Eric Wilkins 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 Hoopel – aye
Lynne Snider – aye
Tony Taylor – aye
Eric Wilkins – aye
Tasia Savage – aye

Motion Passed 5-0**Proclamation Recognizing 20 Years of Service – Anna Cox:**

Council Member Tasia Savage read the Proclamation Honoring Anna Cox on her Retirement from The Village of Thornville, declaring July 31st, 2025, as “Anna Cox Day”.

Review/Acceptance of Special Council Minutes from July 10th, 2025:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Special Council Minutes from July 10th, 2025, after review. Council Member Aaron Hoppel 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

Motion Passed 5-0**Review/Acceptance of Regular Council Minutes from July 14th, 2025:**

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes from July 14th, 2025, after review. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion, and was seconded by Council Member Eric Wilkins. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 5-0**Public Hearings:**

**a. ORDINANCE #25-17: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF
ORDINANCE #96-19 AND THEREBY PROHIBIT PARKING ON THE EAST
AND WEST SIDES OF CHURCH STREET:**

Mayor Lackey opened the hearing at 7:07PM. Village Resident Jody Staggers questioned the reasoning behind prohibiting parking on Church Street. Administrator Brofford explained the timeline of prohibiting parking, including the original 1996 Ordinance and 2021 Administration conversation listed in Meeting Minutes, citing sidewalk parking as a recurring issue and an issuance of no parking reminders to residents in the area.

Administrator Brofford reminded residents no votes had been taken by Council to adopt the Ordinance, and the Ordinance had only been brought forward to ensure enforcement aligned with present day procedure. Administrator Brofford asked that comments be left to questions or a statement of position, without being threatening.

Ms. Staggers questioned how parking on Church Street affected Council Members, comparing the street width to State Route 204. Ms. Staggers stated the Ordinance should be voted down and the No Parking signs on Church Street removed.

Village Resident Mackinley Hinkle stated that parking included with the properties did

not allow for enough room and residents are often put in positions where sharing parking space is needed.

Village Resident Janette Sands stated that Church Street has become a race track since No Parking was enforced, and with children in the area it is not safe. Ms. Sands cited previous use of parking on the street and the visual appeal of the No Parking signs in front of properties. Ms. Sands questioned the responsibility of grassy gravel areas in between properties and the street.

Village Resident Julie Kimberly stated that it is unfair not only to Church Street Residents but local church members for residents and their guests to utilize the church parking lots as parking space.

Village Resident Randy Sands stated that residents are looking for a compromise because street parking at these properties is needed but no one involved wants to see parking on Village sidewalks. Mr. Sands stated that family history with the local fire department ensured his belief emergency service vehicles would not have issues on the street. Ms. Hinkle stated that the area is neighborly and high-level activity in the area is not common. Ms. Hinkle apologized on behalf of Village Resident Landon Hinkle for his absence.

Village Resident Jonathan Huntzinger questioned the grassy gravel area between yards and the street, asking if parking in this area was considered street parking and if upkeep of this area was a responsibility of the homeowner or the Village. Administrator Brofford explained that it is a property-by-property basis.

Council Member Tony Taylor explained that Council is looking for a way to determine boundary lines to make illegal parking more enforceable without prohibiting parking.

Ms. Staggars cited other areas in the Village with street parking and no lining.

Council Member Tony Taylor stated that Council is only looking at this Ordinance because it had been brought to them, and is looking for the best solution.

Ms. Staggars stated that the Ordinance should be voted down and the 1996 Ordinance repeal.

Mayor Lackey called a Point of Order, suggesting further comments be brought up in Comments & Announcements. Mayor Lackey ended the Public Hearing at 7:37PM.

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

Mayor Lackey opened the Public Hearing at 7:37PM. Administrator Brofford explained the history behind this Ordinance, including the 1982 Ordinance. Village Residents questioned how late Chief Palmer is on shift, to which Chief Palmer explained that the time varies. Mayor Lackey closed the Public Hearing at 7:38PM.

Police Report:

Chief Palmer directed Council Members to the handout in their meeting packets, noting that the new printer had been set up and the cruiser had been interlinked with the Sheriff's Office's CAD System. Chief Palmer notified Council that the Prosecutor's Office has allowed the Village to enter the Central Ohio Drug Enforcement Agency, which allows for a closer BCI Lab commute.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lackey informed Council that the food truck event is still in the works and would be discussed in further detail later. Mayor Lackey notified Council that she would be attending an event in Athens in August regarding small Appalachian communities, and the Chamber of Commerce Winter event.

a. Water Report to Council:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the June 2025 Water Report to Council. Council Member Aaron Hoppel 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
Eric Wilkins – aye
Tony Taylor – aye
Tasia Savage – aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

b. Water Report to County Commissioners:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the June 2025 Water Report to the Perry County Commissioners. Council Member Tony Taylor made the motion, and was seconded by Council Member Tasia Savage. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 5-0

c. Mayor’s Court Report:

Mayor Lackey directed Council Members to the Mayor’s Court Report in their Meeting Packets. Mayor Lackey explained that the issue of ticket overpayment was being handled.

Administrator’s Report:

Administrator Brofford distributed the Village Bills for review.
Administrator Brofford informed Council that Council President Dale Brussee was not receiving the correct pay, and that would need addressed as soon as possible. Administrator Brofford explained that Matt Stevens had come into the Water Superintendent position on an interim basis, and had begun logging things in the Water/Sewer Plant that needed addressed. Administrator Brofford notified Council that I&I Bid Packages will go out on August 6th for 30 days. Discussion was held regarding the Village Administrator Position becoming a part-time position. The decision was made to have Administrator Brofford continue filling the role for the remainder of the year on a part-time basis.
Administrator Brofford informed Council that new Zoning Inspector, Craig Cooperrider, had started, and the Cubix upgrade is live but still in the process of becoming usable for all residents.

a. Presentation & Payment of the Bills:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to pay the bills. Council Member Tasia Savage made the motion, and was seconded by Council Member Tony Taylor. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 5-0

Fiscal Officer's Report:

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem was not present to provide a Fiscal Officer's Report.

i. Monthly Bank Reconciliation:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to accept the June Bank Reconciliation after review. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion, and was seconded by Council Member Eric Wilkins. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Lynne Snider – aye

Aaron Hoppel – aye

Tony Taylor – aye

Eric Wilkins – aye

Tasia Savage – aye

Motion Passed 5-0**Zoning & Planning Commission Report:**

Mayor Lackey reminded Council that the July 21st, 2025 Zoning & Planning Meeting had been cancelled due to lack of business, and that the Commission would reconvene in September of 2025.

Unfinished Business:

- a. RESOLUTION #25-13: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO LEVY A RENEWAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN (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 OR THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

3rd Reading:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #25-13. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion, and was seconded by Council Member Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Taisa Savage – aye

Eric Wilkins – aye

Tony Taylor – aye

Lynne Snider – aye

Aaron Hoppel – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

- 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 BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

3rd Reading:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #25-14. 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
Lynne Snider – aye
Tony Taylor – aye
Eric Wilkins – aye
Tasia Savage – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

- c. **ORDINANCE #25-17: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE #96-19 AND THEREBY PROHIBIT PARKING ON THE EAST AND WEST SIDES OF CHURCH STREET**

2nd Reading:

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**

2nd Reading:

No discussion was held. No action was taken.

- e. **Alignment of the Fall Food Truck Rally with the Perry County Chamber of Commerce Car Show:**

Mayor Lackey informed Council that all scheduled Food Trucks had been contacted and had agreed to change timing to align with the Perry County Chamber of Commerce Car Show. Discussion was held regarding advertisement. No action was taken.

New Business:

- a. **Julie Conley – Clothes Closet**

Administrator Brofford explained that Ms. Conley was unable to attend the meeting, and informed Council of her conversation with Ms. Conley regarding the weight of the Clothes Closet affecting the building. Discussion was held regarding potential locations for the organization to move to. The decision was made that no immediate action would be taken without a response from County Engineers, but to give Ms. Conley forewarning that eviction is imminent. Council Member Eric Wilkins made a motion to table the discussion until a response was received from the County Engineers, and was seconded by Council Member Aaron Hoppel. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 5-0

- b. **Engineer of Record RFQ Evaluation Results & Authorization to Proceed with Negotiations:**

Administrator Brofford explained that of 7 submittals, the top 3 firms were chosen based on proximity to the Village. Administrator Brofford informed Council that the combined rankings of Public Facilities Committee Members ranked EDG first, and she would need a motion to move forward with negotiations. 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:

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

Motion Passed 5-0

- c. **ORDINANCE #25-19: AN ORDINANCE TO CONTINUE TONYA THURSTON'S EMPLOYMENT, OFFICIALLY HIRE HER AS THE VILLAGE'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, PART-TIME CLERK OF COUNCIL, AND PART-TIME ZONING SECRETARY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
1st Reading:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to suspend the three-reading rule and declare Ordinance #25-19 an emergency. 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
Eric Wilkins – aye
Tony Taylor – aye
Lynne Snider – aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #25-19 as an emergency. 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:

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

Motion Passed 5-0

- d. **ORDINANCE #25-20 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW COMPENSATION & PAY SCHEDULE WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE, REPEALING ALL PRIOR SALARY ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

1st Reading:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to suspend the three-reading rule and declare Ordinance #25-20 an emergency. Council Member Tony Taylor 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
Eric Wilkins – aye
Tony Taylor – aye
Tasia Savage – aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to pass Ordinance #25-20 as an emergency. 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
Tasia Savage – aye
Tony Taylor – aye
Eric Wilkins – aye
Lynne Snider – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

e. RESOLUTION #25-16: A RESOLUTION HIRING MATTHEW STEVENS AS INTERIM WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

1st Reading:

Administrator Brofford explained that this Resolution would bring Matt Stevens back into the Water/Sewer Superintendent position on an interim basis at \$45/hour, compared to the previous Water/Sewer Superintendent Salary of \$42.85/hour. Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to suspend the three-reading rule and declare Resolution #25-16 an emergency. Council Member Tasia Savage made the motion, and was seconded by Council Member Eric Wilkins. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 5-0

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #25-16 as an emergency. 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:

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

Motion Passed 5-0

f. RESOLUTION #25-17: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTION THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH GREAT LAKES COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

1st Reading:

Administrator Brofford explained that this this Resolution would hire Heidi Milner to continue helping in the grant process. Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to suspend the three-reading rule and declare Resolution #25-17 an emergency. 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:

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

Motion Passed 5-0

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #25-17 as an emergency. 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:

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

Motion Passed 5-0

Comments & Announcements:

- a.** Mayor Lackey thanked Clerk of Council & Zoning Secretary Abigail Tolliver for her previous 14 months of work for the Village. Mayor Lackey welcomed Administrative Assistant/Water/Sewer Clerk/Clerk of Council/Zoning Secretary Tonya Thurston to the Village officially. Administrator Brofford explained that Administrative Assistant Thurston's digital & social media experience was a big help for the Village.
- b.** Mayor Lackey reminded Council of the Open House for Administrative Assistant/Water/Sewer Clerk Anna Cox's retirement Thursday evening, privately funded, at the Village Office.
- c.** Council Member Tony Taylor suggested providing Levy Information to Village Residents via printed door hangers. Ms. Staggers cited previous Village Newsletters and suggested the Village bring back the publication. Discussion was held regarding posting platforms for a potential Village Newsletter.
- d.** Council Member Eric Wilkins stated his stance on the Church Street Parking issue, explaining that narrow roadways and lack of consistency regarding parking in different areas of the Village made the decision difficult, but that Council was looking to find a solution.
- e.** Council Member Tasia Savage announced that volunteers are needed at the America250 Committee Meetings, with the next meeting taking place Wednesday, July 30th at 7PM. Council Member Tasia Savage explained the difference between the Thornville Activity

Committee Fourth of July Event and America250 Events to Village Residents in attendance.

- f. Administrator Brofford notified Council that the survey for the Foster Manor Park had been received. Discussion was held regarding how to sell the property. The decision was made to sell the property on GovDeals with open bidding. Administrator Brofford agreed to bring an Ordinance to place to property on GovDeals to the next meeting.
- g. Thornville Activity Committee Representative, Luann Cooperrider, provided an update on the Fourth of July Celebration, citing zero issues and sunny weather. Ms. Cooperrider stated that fundraising had struggled and the ability to provide fireworks for next year's celebration was uncertain. Discussion was held regarding the date and time of the event. Ms. Sands questioned the possibility of selling alcohol at the event to raise money. Ms. Cooperrider explained that TAC could not afford the amount of policing required by the Village. Ms. Staggers asked why the Village did not donate to the event. Mayor Lackey informed residents that the Village had provided all water & electric used at no cost, allowed park & shelter house reservation at no cost, paid Chief Palmer for his time at the event, and donated porta potties & a hand washing station to the event.
- h. Village Resident Julie Huntzinger stated that parking on Church Street would not be abused. Ms. Huntzinger cited difficulty parking in provided space on Sunday mornings due to heightened activity at local churches.
- i. Ms. Cooperrider reminded that TAC sells *It's A Wonderful Life In Thornville* Christmas Ornaments for \$10 apiece, benefiting the Fourth of July and Christmas events hosted by TAC.

Adjournment:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:44PM. 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:

Tasia Savage – aye

Eric Wilkins – aye

Tony Taylor – aye

Lynne Snider – aye

Aaron Hoppel – aye

Motion Passed 5-0



Amanda Lackey, Mayor



Abby Tolliver, Clerk of Council

Signed

7-31-2025

