

**Village of Thornville Organizational/Special Council Minutes**  
**1 South Main Street**  
**Thornville, Ohio**  
**January 5<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**Council Members:**

Aaron Hoppel  
Dale Brussee

**Other Village Officials:**

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

**Guests:** Craig Cooperrider, Tony Taylor, Mackenzie Brune, Kent R. Grey, Lynne Snider, Tasia Savage

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor 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 Member Aaron Hoppel and Council Member Dale Brussee both present.

**Roll Call:**

Aaron Hoppel – aye  
Dale Brussee – aye

**Review/Approval of Special Council Agenda for January 5<sup>th</sup> 2026:**

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the January 5<sup>th</sup> 2026 Special Council Agenda after review. Council Member 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  
Dale Brussee – aye

**Motion Passed 2-0**

**Review /Acceptance of Regular Council Minutes from December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025:**

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes from December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 after review. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Dale Brussee. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

**Roll Call:**

Aaron Hoppel – aye  
Dale Brussee – aye

**Motion Passed 2-0**

**Appointment of New Council Members- 4 Appointments**

- a. **Executive Session RC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider appointment of a public official.**

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session. Council Member 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  
Dale Brussee – aye

**Motion Passed 2-0, Executive Session entered at 7:02pm**

- i) **Appointment of 1<sup>st</sup> new Village council member**

Ballots were collected and read by the Clerk. 1-vote for Tasia Savage. 1-vote for Tasia Savage. Mrs. Savage will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Appointee for council. Mrs. Savage was then sworn in by Mayor Lackey.

**b. Executive Session RC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider appointment of a public official.**

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session. Council Member Dale Brussee made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Tasia Savage. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

**Roll Call:**

Dale Brussee – aye  
Tasia Savage – aye  
Aaron Hoppel – aye

**Motion Passed 3-0 Executive Session entered at 7:06pm**

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to exit the Executive Session. Council Member Aaron Hoppel 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  
Tasia Savage – aye  
Dale Brussee – aye

**Motion Passed 3-0, Executive Session ended at 7:09pm**

**i) Appointment of 2<sup>nd</sup> new Village Council member**

Ballots were collected and read by the Clerk: 1-vote for Mackenzie Brune, 1-vote for Craig Cooperrider, 1-vote for Craig Cooperrider, Total of 2 Votes for Craig Cooperrider, 1 vote for Mackenzie Brune. Mr. Cooperrider will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Appointee for Village Council. Mr. Cooperrider was then sworn in by Mayor Lackey.

**c. Executive Session RC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider appointment of a public official.**

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session. Council member Aaron Hoppel made the motion and was seconded by Council member Tasia Savage. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

**Roll Call:**

Tasia Savage – aye  
Aaron Hoppel – aye  
Dale Brussee – aye  
Craig Cooperrider – aye

**Motion Passed 4-0, Executive Session entered at 7:11pm**

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to exit the Executive Session. Council Member 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:**

Craig Cooperrider – aye  
Tasia Savage – aye  
Aaron Hoppel – aye  
Dale Brussee – aye

**Motion Passed 4-0, Executive Session ended at 7:14pm**

**i) Appointment of 3<sup>rd</sup> new Village Council member**

Ballots were collected and read by the Clerk: 1-vote for Mackenzie Brune, 1-vote for Mackenzie Brune, 1-vote for Mackenzie Brune, 1-vote for Mackenzie Brune, Total of 4 votes for Mackenzie Brune. Mrs. Brune will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> appointee for Village Council. Mrs. Brune was then sworn in by Mayor Lackey.

**d. Executive Session RC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider appointment of a public official.**

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session. Council member Aaron Hoppel made the motion and was seconded by Council member Craig Cooperrider. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

**Roll Call:**

Mackenzie Brune – aye  
Tasia Savage – aye  
Dale Brussee – aye  
Craig Cooperrider – aye  
Aaron Hoppel – aye

**Motion Passed 5-0, Executive Session entered at 7:16pm**

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to exit the Executive Session. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Dale Brussee. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

**Roll call:**

Dale Brussee – aye  
Aaron Hoppel – aye  
Tasia Savage – aye  
Craig Cooperrider – aye  
Mackenzie Brune – aye

**Motion Passed 5-0, Executive Session ended at 7:18pm**

**i) Appointment of 4<sup>th</sup> new Village Council member**

Ballots were collected and read by the Clerk: 1-vote for Lynne Snider, 1-vote for Tony Taylor, 1-vote for Lynne Snider, 1-vote for Tony Taylor, 1-vote for Lynne Snider, Total of 3 votes for Lynne Snider, 2 votes for Tony Taylor. Mrs. Snider will be the 4<sup>th</sup> appointee for Village Council. Mrs. Snider was then sworn in by Mayor Lackey.

**Election of Council Member Pro Temp**

Mayor Lackey explained the role of the Council Member and asked for candidates for Council Member. Dale Brussee stated that he would like to remain Council Member if council approves. No other members expressed interest in the position. Council member Aaron Hoppel stated he would like to see Mr. Brussee as Council Member and made the motion. He was seconded by Council member Craig Cooperrider. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

**Roll Call:**

Aaron Hoppel – aye  
Lynne Snider – aye  
Mackenzie Brune – aye  
Craig Cooperrider – aye  
Tasia Savage – aye

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**2026 Committee Assignments**

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to table until the next meeting. Council Member 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:**

Tasia Savage – aye  
Dale Brussee – aye  
Craig Cooperrider – aye  
Mackenzie Brune – aye  
Lynne Snider – aye  
Aaron Hoppel – aye

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**2026 Meeting Schedule**

2026 Council Meeting Schedule/Zoning Schedule was distributed to council.

**New Business:**

**a. Cubic Training for Clerk**

Mayor Lackey explained that the clerk will complete the 2-day training on-site in March. Water/Sewer billing software training for the clerk is \$1200.00 for a 2-day training in Kentucky. (Date to be scheduled when payment for training is received by Frey Municipal Software). Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve payment for training and lodging. Council Member Dale Brussee made a motion to approve payment for training/lodging 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  
Mackenzie Brune – aye  
Craig Cooperrider – aye  
Dale Brussee – aye  
Tasia Savage – aye

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**b. Resolution 26-01: A Resolution authorizing and directing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to execute a First Amendment to the agreement for the sale of treated water and declaring an emergency.**

Council Member Dale Brussee made a motion to suspend the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency. He was seconded by Council member Aaron Hoppel. A Roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

**Roll call:**

Lynne Snider – aye  
Mackenzie Brune – aye  
Tasia Savage – aye  
Craig Cooperrider – aye  
Aaron Hoppel – aye  
Dale Brussee – aye

**Motion Passed 6-0**

Council Member Dale Brussee made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-01 and was seconded by Council member Aaron Hoppel. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

**Roll call:**

Craig Cooperrider – aye  
Dale Brussee – aye  
Aaron Hoppel – aye  
Mackenzie Brune – aye  
Tasia Savage – aye  
Lynne Snider – aye

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm. 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.

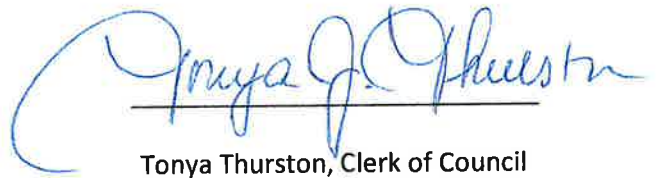
**Roll Call:**

Tasia Savage – aye  
Dale Brussee – aye  
Craig Cooperrider – aye  
Mackenzie Brune – aye  
Lynne Snider – aye  
Aaron Hoppel – aye

**Motion Passed 6-0**



Amanda Lackey, Mayor



Tonya Thurston, Clerk of Council