Village of Thornville Council Minutes
1 South Main Street
Thornville, Ohio
October 5, 2026

Council Members:
Tasia Savage
Craig Cooperrider
Aaron Hoppel
Mackenzie Brune
Dale Brussee
Lynne Snider

Other Village Officials:
Eric Wilkins- Village Administrator
Cody Palmer- Chief of Police
Tonya Thurston- Council Clerk

Guests: None

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:
Council President Dale Brussee 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, Council Member Lynne Snider, Council Member Mackenzie Brune, Council Member Craig Cooperrider, Council President Dale Brussee and Council Member Tasia Savage all present.

Excused Absences: None

Review /Approval of Regular Council Agenda for October 5, 2026
Council President Dale Brussee asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Agenda for October 5, 2026. Council Member Craig Cooperrider 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

Review and acceptance of Regular Council Minutes from September 21, 2026 as amended.
Council President Dale Brussee asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes from September 21, 2026 after review. Council Member Aaron Hoppel noted a typo when the votes were cast regarding the increase of pay for Bryan Yantis- Council Member Aaron Hoppel voted NAY and the minutes show that he voted AYE. The clerk will amend the minutes prior to signatures. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion to accept the Regular Council Minutes as amended and was seconded by Council Member Craig Cooperrider. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:
Dale Brussee - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye
Tasia Savage – aye
Craig Cooperrider - aye
Mackenzie Brune - aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Guest: None

Public Hearings: None

Unfinished Business

a. **Capital Improvement Discussion**
The Council began the 10-minute discussion with the project of filling in the old pool and its progress. Paving/Patching of village streets and which areas would be priority was also discussed as well as repair of the basketball court at the park. Discussion ended with 6 minutes and 47 seconds remaining.

b. **Water Meter Upgrades**
Council Member Aaron Hoppel noted that quotes were received from NECO and that the dollar amount is lower than expected. Council Member Craig Cooperrider outlined and discussed with the council the next steps to proceed with the meter upgrades. Funding was discussed and the council decided to keep this subject on the agenda for the next meeting so that the Fiscal officer can answer questions regarding current village funds and funding available for this project.

c. **ORDINANCE 26-11: An Ordinance Creating a Volunteer Police Civilian Position**
Third Reading
Council President Dale Brussee asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 26-11. Council Member Craig Cooperrider made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Mackenzie Brune. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:
Craig Cooperrider - aye
Mackenzie Brune - aye
Tasia Savage - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Dale Brussee - aye

Motion Passed 6-0

New Business:

a. **ORDINANCE 26-12: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ADVERTISE BIDS FOR THE 2027 – 2030 RESIDENTIAL REFUSE HAULING CONTRACT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
First reading
Council President Dale Brussee asked for a motion to suspend the 3-reading rule and declare ORDINANCE 26-12 an emergency. Council Member Mackenzie Brune made the motion and was seconded by Council President Dale Brussee. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:
Mackenzie Brune - aye
Tasia Savage - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye
Dale Brussee - aye
Craig Cooperrider - aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Council President Dale Brussee asked for a motion to adopt ORDINANCE 26-12 as an emergency. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Mackenzie Brune. 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

b. **Approval of new hire Hunter Schultz for part-time maintenance laborer**

Council President Dale Brussee asked for a motion to approve new hire Hunter Schultz for part-time maintenance laborer. A discussion was held regarding start date. Council Member Craig Cooperrider 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
Mackenzie Brune - aye
Dale Brussee - aye
Lynne Snider - aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Council Member Craig Cooperrider asked for clarification on Hunter Schultz pay as the Mayor had previously stated that he would start at $15.50 until the adoption of the new pay ordinance. Council President Dale Brussee read a note from Mayor Lackey: "Pay Ordinance will not be updated until the 10-19-2026 Council meeting. Until that date Hunter will make what is currently reflected on the ordinance. He will be retroactively paid the balance he is owed beginning on his start date of 10-6-2026 as soon as the pay ordinance is updated."

Comments and Announcements:
Council Member Tasia Savage gave an update on the new village sign installation. She stated that they should be starting this week.

Administrator Wilkins brought up an issue with a residents driveway being washed out after the extreme rain that the area experienced. The resident claims that this should be the village's responsibility to repair this and has requested to speak with the village solicitor. The Council agreed that this issue should be taken to the Solicitor.

Administrator Wilkins addressed the council and thanked them for the opportunity to serve the community and stated that it has been both challenging and rewarding. He said that he was thankful for the people he met, the friendships made and that it gave him a chance to grow as a person. He then stated that his last request as village administrator was to see that the village clerk is considered for a pay raise as she is underpaid according to the state average pay for a clerk which is $25.00/hour according to his research, and the current rate of pay for the clerk is $21.00. ****Please Note: The actual rate of pay for the clerk is listed on the most recent pay Ordinance at $20.50/hour**** Administrator Wilkins stated went on to say that, "she provides support to every department within the village, and the kindness and support she shows the community is incredible. She's such a big asset to the village, big heart, she's the heart and soul of all the different departments." He asked that the council take a look into this and see what can be done. The council agreed that an executive session will be added to the next meeting agenda.

Adjournment:
With no further business to discuss, Council President Dale Brussee asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. Council Member Craig Cooperrider 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
Mackenzie Brune - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye
Tasia Savage - aye
Craig Cooperrider - aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Dale Brussee, Council President

Tonya Thurston, Clerk of Council