Village of Thornville Council Minutes
1 South Main Street
Thornville, Ohio
October 19, 2026

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

Other Village Officials:
Amanda Lackey- Mayor
Cody Palmer- Chief of Police
Kelly Beem- Fiscal Officer
Tonya Thurston- Council Clerk

Guests: None

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 Member Tasia Savage, Council President Dale Brussee, Council Member Craig Cooperrider, Council Member Mackenzie Brune and Council Member Lynne Snider and Council Member Aaron Hoppel all present.

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

Excused Absences: None

Amendment of Regular Council Agenda for October 19, 2026
Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to amend the Regular Council Agenda for October 19, 2026 as it states that this meeting is a special meeting. 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:
Aaron Hoppel - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Mackenzie Brune - aye
Craig Cooperrider - aye
Dale Brussee - aye
Tasia Savage - aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Approval of Regular Council Agenda for October 19, 2026 as Amended
Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Agenda for October 19, 2026 as amended. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion and was seconded by Council President Dale Brussee. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

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

Motion Passed 6-0

Review and approval of Regular Council Minutes from October 5, 2026.
Mayor Amanda Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes from October 5, 2026 after review. Council Member Craig Cooperrider made the motion to accept the Regular Council Minutes as amended 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

Guest: None

Public Hearings: None

Police Report:
Chief Palmer began his police report by saying that the Country Fair went really well. He informed the Council that striping of the new cruiser is complete. The in-car printer still needs to be installed but once that is done the car is complete. Regarding the E-Bike issue: there were 2 remaining illegal bikes and he was able to make contact with them today. Council President Dale Brussee asked Chief Palmer what makes them illegal? Chief Palmer explained that these bikes are motorbikes but with an electric motor.

Mayors Report:
Mayor Lackey began her report by noting that Eric Wilkins' last day as Village Administrator was the previous Thursday. She expressed her appreciation for his service to the Village and introduced Elaine Glenn as the newly appointed Village Administrator. Mayor Lackey stated that she would meet with Administrator Glenn the following day to familiarize her with the Village and assist with her transition into the position.

a. **Water Report to Council for September 2026**
Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Water Report to Council for September 2026. Council President Dale Brussee made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Tasia Savage. A roll call vote was taken with 4 members voting aye and 2 members voting nay.

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

Motion Passed 4-2

b. **Water Report to Perry County Commissioners for September 2026**
Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the September 2026 Water report to the Perry County Commissioners after review. Council President Dale Brussee made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Tasia Savage. A roll call vote was taken with 4 members voting aye and 2 members voting nay.

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

Motion Passed 4-2

Administrators Report: None at this time.

Fiscal Officer's Report:
Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem presented the September bills to council for review and approval. Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to pay the bills after review. 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:
Aaron Hoppel – aye
Tasia Savage - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Dale Brussee - aye
Mackenzie Brune - aye
Craig Cooperrider - aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Presentation of the Bank Reconciliation for September 2026
Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem presented the September Bank reconciliation to council and reviewed items with them. She noted that the bank reconciliation was balanced. She discussed the recent mandatory meeting with the Budget Commission. She informed the Council that the County Auditor approved the village budget for 2027. She stated that she will review the numbers at the end of October and if necessary, she will amend it. Fiscal Officer Beem stated that regarding the $1,000,000 donation from Dick Shelly, the village had finally received a copy of his will and it states that the money can be used as deemed necessary. The will was submitted to the State Auditor's office and they have approved. She asked the Council to approve the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and reviewed the amount of funds that the Village receives from levies. Council Member Aaron Hoppel asked for clarification on what the council would be approving. Fiscal Officer Beem and Council President Brussee explained that this was a dollar amount sent to and approved by the Budget Commission, and council must make a final approval. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion to approve and was seconded by Council Member Craig Cooperrider. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

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

Motion Passed 6-0

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Bank Reconciliation report for September 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
Aaron Hoppel - aye
Dale Brussee - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Craig Cooperrider - aye
Mackenzie Brune - aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Committee Reports: No Committee Meetings held this month

Zoning & Planning Commission Report: Not Held due to lack of business

Unfinished Business:

a. **Capital Improvement Discussion**- Council President Brussee started with a discussion regarding the update of the basketball court as well as paving the village that can be done before the end of the year. He then noted that the former swimming pool area looks great but a divot remains

where the dirt is settling. There is more dirt available but the village has only a small excavator. He would like to reach out to Brad Blain for a quote. The Council then discussed possible dollar amounts for approval and decided on a $10,000 limit for loading and hauling of dirt to finish the pool fill in. 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:
Aaron Hoppel - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Mackenzie Brune - aye
Craig Cooperrider - aye
Dale Brussee - aye
Tasia Savage - aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Mayor Lackey asked the Council if they could look at budgeting for next year. She stated that she would like to install a pickleball court or two as well as restrooms. Mayor Lackey would like to see if there is a company who would like to sponsor the update of the restrooms. A discussion was held regarding the old pool shower building and how that could be turned into a restroom. Potential Grants were also discussed.

b. **Water Meter Upgrades**
Mayor Lackey informed the council that Heidi/RCAP was not in the office today so she did not get to touch base with her. Quotes were received from Bryce Sanborn/NECO. The Mayor noted that they looked good and that the quote was lower than expected. She stated that she will speak with Heidi to find out the next steps moving forward. Council Member Aaron Hoppel noted that if the village pays for the water meters and does not take out any loans, money can be saved on prevailing wages.

New Business:

a. **ORDINANCE 26-13 Ordinance Confirming Appointment of Elaine Glenn as Village Administrator and declaring an emergency**
First Reading

Mayor Lackey introduced Elaine Glenn as the new Village Administrator and Administrator Glenn told a little about herself. Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to suspend the 3-reading rule and declare ORDINANCE 26-13 an emergency. 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
Lynne Snider - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye
Mackenzie Brune - aye
Dale Brussee - aye
Tasia Savage - aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Mayor Lackey then asked for a motion to adopt ORDINANCE 26-13 and pass as an emergency. 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:
Tasia Savage - aye
Dale Brussee - aye
Mackenzie Brune - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Craig Cooperrider - aye

Motion Passed 6-0

b. **ORDINANCE 26-14: An Ordinance Amending Comp and Pay Schedule for Village Administrator and Part-time General Maintenance Laborer and declaring an emergency**
First Reading

Mayor Lackey explained that the ordinance was changing the village administrator pay to $63,000 and the part time laborer pay to $16.50/hour. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion to suspend the 3-reading rule and declare ORDINANCE 26-14 an emergency and was seconded by Council Member Mackenzie Brune. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

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

Motion Passed 6-0

Mayor Lackey then asked for a motion to adopt ORDINANCE 26-14 and pass as an emergency. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion and was seconded by Council President Dale Brussee. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

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

Motion Passed 6-0

c. **RESOLUTION- 26-12 A resolution authorizing and directing the Village Administrator and Police Chief to execute a mutual aid agreement with the Village of Somerset, Village of Shawnee, Village of Roseville, Village of New Straitsville, Village of New Lexington, Village of Junction City, Village of Crooksville, Village of Corning, and the Perry County Chiefs of Police Association and declaring an emergency.**
First reading

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to suspend the 3-reading rule and declare RESOLUTION 26-12 an emergency. 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:
Mackenzie Brune - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Dale Brussee - aye
Tasia Savage - aye
Craig Cooperrider - aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Mayor Lackey then asked for a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 26-12 and pass as an emergency. 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:
Craig Cooperrider - aye
Tasia Savage - aye

Dale Brussee - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye
Mackenzie Brune - aye

Motion Passed 6-0

d. **Executive Session: R.C. 121.22(G)(1) to discuss the compensation of a public employee: Invited to this session are the new Village Administrator and the Mayor.**

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to enter Executive Session inviting the new village administrator and the Mayor. 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
Tasia Savage - aye
Mackenzie Brune - aye
Craig Cooperrider - aye
Dale Brussee - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye

Motion Passed 6-0
Council entered Executive Session at 7:36pm

After Executive session discussion, the council returned. Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to exit the Executive Session. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion and was seconded by Council Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

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

Motion Passed 6-0
Council exited Executive Session at 7:51pm

Executive session was held based off of Previous Administrator Eric Wilkins recommendations from the last meeting regarding the clerk of council and the Administrative assistant pay. A discussion was held and noted that there are two pay ranges, one for the Administrative Assistant and one for Clerk of Council. Council Member Craig Cooperrider made a motion to move the administrative assistance pay from $20.50/hour to $23.00/hour, and keep the council clerk pay the same at $20.00/hour. He was seconded by Council Member Aaron Hoppel. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 6-0

Comments and Announcements:
House Decorating Contest- Council mentioned the houses in the village that have been decorated for halloween. After a discussion, the home at 328 Hickory Way was declared the winner. Mayor Lackey

stated that she would reach out to the homeowner and deliver a sign for display in their yard that declares them the winner.

Hydrant repair and timeline of repairs was discussed.

Water/Sewer Plant Overtime- Mayor Lackey stated that she would like to cut the overtime for water and sewer operators/superintendent as of 1/1/2027. After this date, they would be required to flex their time. Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to cut overtime as of 1/1/2027. 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:
Aaron Hoppel - aye
Craig Cooperrider -aye
Lynne Snider – aye
Mackenzie Brune- aye
Tasia Savage - aye
Dale Brussee – aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Mayor Lackey then asked for a motion to approve pay for Hunter Schultz. He started out at $15.50/hour as that was what the pay ordinance stated at the time. Going forward his new pay would be $16.50/hour. He will be retroactively paid beginning 10/6/2026. 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:
Craig Cooperrider - aye
Tasia Savage - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye
Mackenzie Brune - aye
Dale Brussee - aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Hometown Heroes Banners were discussed and it was noted that the council had not heard back from TAC.

The Christmas parade was discussed.

Leaf Pickup will begin in November.

Out of order Streetlights were mentioned and the mayor asked council to please note any outages and report them to the clerk or herself.

Adjournment:
Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Council Member Mackenzie Brune made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

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

Motion Passed 6-0

Amanda Lackey, Mayor

Tonya Thurston, Clerk of Council