

**Village of Thornville Council Minutes  
1 South Main Street  
Thornville, Ohio  
February 17, 2026**

**Council Members:**

Aaron Hoppel  
Lynn Snider  
Dale Brussee  
Tasia Savage  
Craig Cooperrider  
Mackenzie Brune

**Other Village Officials:**

Amanda Lackey – Mayor  
Eric Wilkins- Village Administrator  
Cody Palmer- Chief of Police

**Guests:** Bryan Yantis, Linda Savage, Bryce Sanborn, KC Westfall, Sam Brown

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

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

**Excused Absences: none**

**Amendment of Agenda for February 17, 2026**

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to amend the February 17, 2026 as Item #6 should state 'Review and approval of Regular Council meeting minutes for February 2, 2026' and not 'Organizational/Special Meeting'. 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  
Tasia Savage - aye  
Dale Brussee – aye  
Craig Cooperrider – aye  
Mackenzie Brune - aye  
Lynne Snider – aye

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**Review and Approval of Regular Council Agenda for February 17, 2026- As Amended**

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Agenda for February 17, 2026. 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  
Aaron Hoppel - Aye  
Mackenzie Brune - Aye  
Craig Cooperrider - Aye  
Lynne Snider - Aye

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**Review /Acceptance of Regular Council Minutes for February 2, 2026:**

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes from February 2, 2026 after review. 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:**

Tasia Savage – aye

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

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**Guest:** Bryce Sanborn- NECO.

Mr. Sanborn gave a brief history of NECO and explained that they are the only distributor that focuses solely on water metering and metering systems. He gave a presentation of the new meter and its components. Questions were asked about the installation process and cost and Mr. Sanborn stated that installation would cost about \$120-\$130 per meter and it is not recommended for a homeowner to do this themselves. The cost of the meter reading software as well as one-time costs and other equipment were discussed. Integration with our current billing system was mentioned and Mr. Sanborn stated that they have other municipalities that also use the same billing system and it works well. Meter reading ability was questioned as to if this would report a leak at a residence and Mr. Sanborn stated that would be a different package and equipment and that the cost would be approximately \$36,000.00 He will obtain a quote for installation.

**Public Hearings:** None

**Police Report:**

Chief Palmer stated that his goal for this year is more community engagement, more community interaction. He stated that he has been working on a community event called "Machine Mania" that will allow children and parents to get close to trucks and other machines to learn and explore. He also mentioned that it's getting warmer and that he had discussed getting a bicycle with the mayor so that he can interact more with the kids. The Mayor asked him to get quotes. Pedal Bikes are anywhere from \$500-\$800 and the e-bike he was looking into is \$2700. A discussion was held regarding types of bikes used in other municipalities. Funds for this were also discussed. Mayor Lackey asked council for a motion to approve purchase of an e-bike. 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:**

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

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**Mayors Report:**

Mayor Lackey stated that she had spoken with Commissioner Owens who said that he was pleased to hear that the village was on the list to receive funds from Troy Balderson and indicated that he was willing to support us in the future should we need grants for the sewer plant.

Mayor Lackey and Administrator Wilkins met with Jeff from EDG to go over the next steps for the sewer plant. He will also attend our first council meeting in March to give updates.

Water Report to Council for December 2025

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the December 2025 report after review. 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:**

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

**Motion Passed 6-0**

Water Report to Council for January 2026

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the January 2026 report after review. 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:**

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

**Motion Passed 6-0**

Water Report to Perry County Commissioners for December 2025

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the December 2025 report after review. 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:**

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

**Motion Passed 6-0**

Water Report to Perry County Commissioners for January 2026

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the January 2026 report after review. 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:**

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

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**Administrators Report:**

Bills were presented for review.

Voorhies Property Purchase- Email sent to solicitor to verify any additional steps needed to close.

Water/Sewer- One of the sludge pits is leaking water. We have a welder coming in tomorrow as well as Zemba coming in with a vacuum to get all the water out. We discovered that the meter used to test samples had a bad probe so a new one was ordered and arrived today.

Snow Removal- The village was receptive and responsive to social media post and regroup texts, no signs needed at this time.

Foster Manor Park- Ready to go as soon as we can post the bids and begin to move forward.

Sam has been working on busting up the pools and sidewalks at the park and is making great progress.

Zoning Inspector Position- Chad Wilkins did not wish to take on another Village. Mayor Lackey stated that she had offered the position to Administrator Wilkins who is going to consider it.

Village Building Repair- Administrator Wilkins has spoken with an architect who is looking into a slanted roof instead of the current flat roof and will provide quotes which should be ready by the next meeting.

Generator issue at the water tower- It won't run consistently. We had a contractor come to look at it. He recommended replacing it as it is over 10 years old and thinks that there is moisture getting in somewhere.

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve payment of the bills. 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:**

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

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**Fiscal Officer's Report:**

The December 2025 Month end report and Bank Reconciliation was presented to council for review and approval. 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  
Tasia Savage – aye  
Dale Brussee – aye  
Aaron Hoppel – aye  
Mackenzie Brune – aye  
Craig Cooperrider - aye

**Motion Passed 6-0**

The year-end balance Certificate was presented to the council for review and approval so that it can be sent to the Auditors office. 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:**

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

**Motion Passed 6-0**

The next report presented was a report that the Fiscal officer sends to the state auditor each year. It explains the operations, how the funding works. It talks about the village balances, loans on all the repayments and how everything's repaid. The Fiscal officer informed the council that if they have any questions, to call her anytime.

The January 2026 Month end report and Bank Reconciliation was presented to council for review and approval. 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:**

Dale Brussee- aye  
Tasia Savage – aye

Aaron Hoppel – aye  
Craig Cooperrider - aye  
Mackenzie Brune – aye  
Lynne Snider - aye

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**Committee Reports:**

Finance: Chair and Co-Chair Elected

Parks and Recreation- Chair and Co-Chair Elected

Personnel- Chair and Co-Chair Elected

Public Facilities & Safety- Chair and Co-Chair Elected

Rules- Chair and Co-Chair Elected

**Zoning & Planning Commission Report:**

Not held yet, will resume March 9, 2026 at 7pm

**Unfinished Business:**

- a. **RESOLUTION 26-02: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE, BY INTERNET AUCTION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2026, OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE OR WHICH IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED. Third Reading**

Council Member Craig Cooperrider made the motion to adopt Resolution 26-02 and was seconded by Council President Dale Brussee. A Roll Call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion Passed 6-0**

**New Business:**

- a. **Ball Park Repairs & Maintenance:**

TYRA Contract is set for our next meeting. Mayor Lackey would like to replace the drinking fountain that fell off the side of the building as well as get the Ball field cleaned up as it is overgrown. Sam Brown stated there are several boards that are rotting at the concession stand as well and it needs a coat of fresh paint. Mayor Lackey suggested getting a community service worker once summer begins. A discussion was held on TYRA posting the things that need to be repaired and asking for volunteers.

**Comments and Announcements:**

CCR Report- Mayor Lackey mentioned that KC and Bryan need to get the CCR report finished by April. KC stated that he would start working on it.

Council President Dale Brussee mentioned that he would like to start inventory on the pool equipment that the village wishes to sell. Chris Shonk with the Village of Somerset is interested and is supposed to come and look at the items. Don From ADR also reached out to Baltimore to see if they are interested.

Council Member Tasia Savage asked that everyone share the upcoming America 250 events.

Sam Brown mentioned snow and ice removal for property owners and asked if there is an ordinance requiring this. Mayor Lackey said there is an ordinance and that she would share a reminder to residents on social media.

Administrator Wilkins informed Council members Craig Cooperrider and Mackenzie Brune that their emails had been set up.

Council President Dale Brussee mentioned that the Village caught some flack after the discussion with TAC regarding the 4th of July.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm. 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.

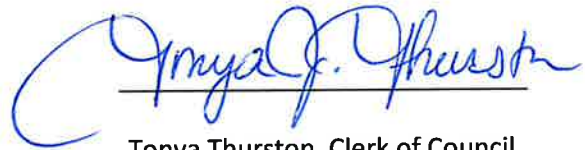
**Roll Call:**

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

**Motion Passed 6-0**



Amanda Lackey, Mayor



Tonya Thurston, Clerk of Council