

Village of Thornville Council Minutes
1 South Main Street
Thornville, Ohio
April 6, 2026

Council Members:

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

Other Village Officials:

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

Guests: Bryce Sanborn- NECO, Heidi Milner- RCAP, K.C Westfall, Bryan Yantis, 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 Tasia Savage, Council President Dale Brussee, Council Member Craig Cooperrider, Council Member Mackenzie Brune, Council Member Lynne Snider and Council Member Aaron Hoppel all present.

Excused Absences: Fiscal Officer Kelly Beam

Amendment of Regular Council Agenda for April 6, 2026

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to amend the Regular Council Agenda for April 6, 2026 replacing Ordinance 26-04 with Ordinance 26-05 due to an error. Mayor Lackey stated that Ordinance 26-04 will be kept for record but is superseded by Ordinance 26-05 Council Member Craig Cooperrider made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Mackenzie Brune.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
Aaron Hoppel – aye
Lynne Snider – aye
Dale Brussee – aye
Tasia Savage – aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Review and Approval of Regular Council Agenda as amended for April 6, 2026

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Agenda as amended for April 6, 2026. 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:

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

Motion Passed 6-0

Review /Acceptance of Regular Council Minutes for March 16, 2026:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes from March 16, 2026 after review. 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
Mackenzie Brune – aye
Tasia Savage – aye
Dale Brussee – aye
Craig Cooperrider – aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Guests: Bryce Sanborn-NECO/Heidi Milner- Meter Upgrades

Mr. Sanborn presented Council with Quotes for Meter/System upgrades and went over a few different costs and options for installation and ongoing software subscriptions, as well as radio transmission and 24-hour monitoring upgrades that can be added at a later time if necessary. He also noted that remote tech support is available to help with any issues. He then gave a demonstration of new meter components and ease of use for meter reading.

Ms. Milner, a representative for RCAP introduced herself and explained that the organization is funded by the Ohio EPA, US EPA, USDA and provides no-cost technical assistance to rural communities to aid in applying for and obtaining funding (such as grants and loans) for infrastructure improvements. She explained all of the challenges of obtaining grant funding for meter replacement and stated that it is most likely not an option. Ms. Milner then discussed what options have worked best for other rural communities. She stated that the organization would be willing to assist in an analysis of our current meters and system to determine if an upgrade of all meters is necessary. This will provide cost per resident and village as well as data to show if the savings will outweigh the debt incurred. She noted that there are several things to consider before deciding on the upgrade such as who will be performing the labor and that having employees do so can save a significant amount of money. The discussion went on regarding available loans, requirements and pros and cons of a meter upgrade. She stated that she would request information from the Village administrator, Water Superintendent and water/sewer clerk and she would provide a spreadsheet with loan options, interest rates and payment amount as well as savings amount, debt amount and customer rate increase. She will check her schedule to see if she can attend the next council meeting.

Public Hearings: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

a. Special Event Application- Fun Run: 5k for mental health

Ms. Ariana Frick was not in attendance for the meeting but had submitted her special event application for Chief Palmer's review. Upon review of the Chief, it was determined that 2 officers would be needed for this event. Cost for two officers would be \$260.00. The route for this event will follow the parade route. Proceeds will go to a local mental health organization. Council asked the clerk to reach out to Ms. Frick and her mother to confirm that they are aware of the cost for two officers and that they understand that must be paid or permission for the event will be revoked. Council President Dale Brussee made the motion to approve this Special Event Application providing police services will be paid for. Council Member Craig Cooperrider seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll call:

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

Motion Passed 6-0

b. Park Flagpole Replacement

Council President Dale Brussee stated that the village had been approached by the American Legion who would like to give a \$3000.00 donation to the village to replace the flagpole at the park. Mr. Brussee told him that the village would like to make the flagpole the same height or higher which is 40ft. Council agreed to table this until the next meeting. Council Member Tasia

Savage made the motion and was seconded by Council President Dale Brussee. 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

- c. **RESOLUTION 26-06: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2026-2027 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
FIRST READING

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to suspend the 3-reading rule and declare **RESOLUTION 26-06** 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
Craig Cooperrider - aye
Mackenzie Brune – aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION 26-06** 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:

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

Motion Passed 6-0

- d. **ORDINANCE 26-05: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW COMPENSATION AND PAY SCHEDULE WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE, REPEALING ALL PRIOR SALARY ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
First reading

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to suspend the 3-reading rule and declare **ORDINANCE 26-05** an emergency. 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
Tasia Savage – aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye
Mackenzie Brune – aye
Dale Brussee – aye
Craig Cooperrider- aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adopt **ORDINANCE 26-05** an emergency. 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
Lynne Snider – aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye
Mackenzie Brune – aye
Dale Brussee – aye

Motion Passed 6-0

- e. **Executive Session- R.C. 121.22(G)(1) to discuss the compensation of a public employee**
Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to enter executive session at 8:31pm. 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
Craig Cooperrider - aye
Mackenzie Brune – aye
Dale Brussee – aye
Tasia Savage – aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to exit executive session at 8:53pm. 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
Dale Brussee – aye
Mackenzie Brune- aye
Craig Cooperrider- aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye
Lynne Snider – aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Comments and Announcements:

Discussion was held regarding levies for Parks and Rec and Police and if a new 1, 3 or 5-year levy will be added to the ballot as well as reasons for doing so.

Chief Palmer stated that Machine Mania is still on and that he has gotten good response from those he asked to attend. He also stated he would like some food trucks at the event and Council Member Tasia Savage said that she would help with that and she had already reached out to Weldon's Ice Cream. Mayor Lackey asked if porta-potties would be needed? Clerk confirmed that the school will not be open so porta-potties will have to be there.

Village signs were discussed and Council Member Tasia savage stated that communication with the sign people has been difficult and the cost seems to vary depending on whom you speak with. Cost for businesses to obtain signage and space was also mentioned as well as how many businesses could participate.

Shelter House Agreement- Clerk stated that a padlock has been added to the spigot at the shelter house and inquired about the need to add this to the shelter house agreement. Council President Dale Brussee said to add an additional option to the agreement that allows for use of the spigot. The clerk asked if she could add that verbiage or if the solicitor would need to be brought in as his signature is on the agreement. Mayor Lackey stated that she would reach out to Mr. Zets, the Village solicitor.

A local event called "Bike Safety Rodeo" presented by the Perry County Health Department will take place on Saturday, May 9, 2026. They have asked Chief Palmer to attend.

Council Member Aaron Hoppel stated that he thinks the council needs to work on a 1, 3, 5 and 10-year plan for the village. The logistics of this were discussed. It was suggested that committees meet more often. Council President Dale Brussee suggested that 10 Minutes of Council meetings be devoted to this topic. Mayor Lackey said that she thinks that the priority of a Capital Improvement Plan should be the Sewer Plant. Discussion was held regarding ideas to improve the village. It was decided that this would be added to the next council agenda.

Council Member Aaron Hoppel mentioned Chief Palmer not being authorized to take the police cruiser home at the end of his shift. He stated that he feels this is a safety issue in regards to response time should the Chief get called out after hours. Council discussed the issue and Mayor Lackey explained the reasons that the Village Solicitor said this could be an issue.

Council Member Lynne Snider mentioned that the asphalt on her street is breaking up and wanted to know if it will be repaired. The Administrator stated that he and the Street department have reached out to Columbia Gas to ask that they make the repair as their work has caused the road issues.

Council President Dale Brussee mentioned the backflow valve location and wanted the reason that it is where it is. Administrator said that he would reach out to EDG and find out if there is a requirement for this. He also mentioned the cut up sidewalk at Veterans Park. The administrator stated that Steve Baldwin will be having them come back to redo the whole thing as the wrong material was used.

Voorhies Property- Still waiting for Mr. Voorhies to close and sign.

Lo-Flow Meter (County water meter)- Council President Dale Brussee stated that he obtained the usage for 12 months and found that on average the village is losing \$2000 per month. It was also noted that this meter is the county's responsibility to maintain. A discussion was held regarding billing the county for this revenue loss.

Council Member Tasia Savage mentioned the America 250 events and said that they are working on a civil war camp reenactment and discussed the details.

Foster Manor Park will be posted in this week's Perry County Tribune. Council will need to open the bids on May 18th. The deadline to turn in the bids. Is May 15th at 4:00.

Adjournment:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:34pm. 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:

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

Motion Passed 6-0



Amanda Lackey, Mayor



Tonya Thurston, Clerk of Council