

**Village of Thornville Council Minutes
1 South Main Street
Thornville, Ohio
June 15, 2026**

Council Members:

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

Other Village Officials:

Amanda Lackey- Mayor
Eric Wilkins- Village Administrator
Tonya Thurston - Clerk Of Council
Sam Brown- Streets & Maintenance

Guests: None

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Lackey called the 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 and Council Member Craig Cooperrider, Council Member Mackenzie Brune, Council Member Lynne Snider and Council Member Aaron Hoppel all present.

Excused Absences: None

Amendment of Regular Council Agenda for June 15, 2026

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to amend the Regular Council Agenda for June 15, 2026 in order to swap out Ordinance 26-08 with an updated copy of the OWDA Loan information. 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
Mackenzie Brune - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye
Tasia Savage - aye
Dale Brussee - aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Review/Approval of Amended Council Agenda for June 15, 2026

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda for June 15, 2026 after review. Council Member Aaron Hoppel 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
Dale Brussee - aye
Craig Cooperrider- aye
Mackenzie Brune- aye
Lynne Snider- aye
Aaron Hoppel- aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Review/Approval of Regular Council Minutes for May 18, 2026:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes from May 18, 2026 after review. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion to approve minutes and was seconded by Council Member Craig Cooperrider. A roll call vote was taken, with 5 members voting aye and 1 member abstaining.

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/Approval of Regular Council Minutes for June 1, 2026:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes from June 1, 2026 after review. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion to approve minutes and was seconded by Council Member Tasia Savage. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 5-0

Public Hearings: None

Police Report:

Chief Palmer was on vacation but Mayor Lackey wanted to express her gratitude for everyone who assisted in the Machine Mania event. She stated that she has received wonderful feedback on the event.

Mayor Lackey also wanted to thank the Goldsberry family for the beautiful flowers in the planters on the street and David and Anna Cox for their donation of mulch and flowers at veterans park. She also thanked Sam Brown for his assistance in maintaining them.

Mayors Report:

a. **Water Report to Council for March and April 2026**

Council President Dale Brussee asked why there was a negative number reported for the waste water treated. Water Superintendent KC Westfall stated that the totalizer had reset due to a generator malfunction. Council President asked for an explanation of numbers reported and the Water superintendent explained each number on the report. Council Member Aaron Hoppel asked for an explanation on why the numbers reported are used and how the totalizer could reset. Superintendent Westfall explained that this was how he was trained by previous employees and that the only explanation is the generator malfunction. Council President Dale Brussee stated that a motion can be made that March Cannot be approved. He 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
Craig Cooperrider – aye
Mackenzie Brune – aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the water report to council for April and May 2026. 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
Tasia Savage- aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Dale Brussee – aye

Motion Passed 6-0

b. **Water Report to Perry County Commissioners for May 2026**

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the May 2026 Water report to the Perry County Commissioners 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:

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

Motion Passed 6-0

Administrators Report:

Bills were presented for review.

Voorhies Property- to be addressed later in the meeting

Water/Sewer-

Perry County Water meter- Parts have been received but the meter is still not repaired. The administrator is told it is “on their list” and that they are understaffed. The administrator informed the council that he reaches out to them every week. Mayor Lackey inquired about the contract and wording regarding timely repairs.

Sludge pits remain an issue. The trash pump is ready to use.

Waiting on quote from Ventura Brothers for Hydrant Installation. Sam Brown noted that depending on the hydrant, we have rebuild kits. Council discussed hydrants to be repaired or replaced.

Streets/Storm

Residents have been complaining about speeding in the village. Council Member Craig Cooperrider stated that residents have mentioned it to him. E-bikes and E-scooters remain an issue. Several children have been seen going extremely fast down the middle of main routes by village officials. Mayor Lackey informed the council that she has submitted a list of questions to the village solicitor in regards to the e-bike/e-scooter issue. Options to remedy this situation were discussed such as signs and additional officers. Council Member Craig Cooperrider mentioned golf carts and inspections. He said that he feels golf carts are becoming an issue around the village. The Inspection process was discussed. Safety regulations were also discussed. Council President Dale Brussee suggested that we reach out to the village solicitor to ensure that we are verifying the appropriate requirements. Mayor Lackey agreed.

Parks-

Foster Manor Park- Paperwork has been taken down to the Tennants who submitted the winning bid for the property. Closing will be scheduled after their review of the documents.

General-

Administrator Wilkins then expressed his gratitude and thanked everyone for their work on the Machine Mania and food truck events. He has been receiving great feedback from the community.

Water Meter Upgrades- Following up with Heidi from RCAP.

Pool Supplies- an Invoice has been sent to New Lexington for the pool supplies sold to them. Waiting on payment.

Sam turned in another load of scrap metal from the pool worth approximately \$330.00.

Administrator Wilkins is reaching out to Council Member Mackenzie Brune's husband in regards to repairing the flashing light on Sam's truck.

The village garbage contract is up for bid in August so Administrator Wilkins is working on the post for bid requests.

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:

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

Motion Passed 6-0

Fiscal Officer's Report:

The May 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 Craig Cooperrider. 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
Lynne Snider - aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Committee Reports: Not Held due to lack of business

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

Unfinished Business:

- a. **Capital Improvement Discussion-** The light at the basketball court was discussed. Mayor Lackey stated that she will get with AEP to find out if that is a light they maintain. Council Member Tasia Savage brought up the idea of sponsors for improvements at the park. She stated that banners or signs would be posted at the shelter house and the fence around the ball fields. She will work on getting quotes for banners and or signs. Council Member Craig Cooperrider mentioned installing a pickleball court. Council Member Mackenzie Brune said that she is waiting on 6 return calls in regards to grants available for park improvements that pertain to pickleball, disc golf, etc. Obtaining a grant writer for the village was also discussed. Council Member Mackenzie Brune stated that she has experience in grant writing and she is familiar with everything and willing to assist.
- b. **Voorhies Property-** Mayor Lackey recapped that at the last meeting, the decision had been made to NOT proceed with the purchase of this property and that council had wanted to wait until Council Member Cooperrider was there to join in the discussion. Council members voiced their concerns and opinions on the purchase. Council Members Cooperrider and Hoppel want quotes/estimates on the cost to build the road going back to the sewer plant. Mayor Lackey informed council that the previous motion to stop the purchase must be overridden by a new motion to purchase the property. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion to proceed with the Voorhies property purchase 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
Lynne Snider- aye
Dale Brussee- aye
Mackenzie Brune- aye
Craig Cooperrider- aye

Motion Passed 6-0**New Business:****a. ORDINANCE 26-07 Ordinance to prohibit dumping on Village property
1st Reading****b. ORDINANCE 26-08 AMENDED 2025 appropriations estimated resources
1st reading**

Mayor Lackey explained that a motion was needed to amend this ordinance as the OWDA loan information was not on the original. Council President 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:

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

Motion Passed 6-0

Council Member Craig Cooperrider made the motion to suspend the 3-reading rule and declare Amended Ordinance 26-08 as an emergency 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
Mackenzie Brune- aye
Craig Cooperrider- aye
Dale Brussee- aye
Lynne Snider- aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion to adopt Amended Ordinance 26-08 and was seconded by Council President Dale Brussee. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 6-0**c. Discussion on Solicitation within the Village**

Council member Craig Cooperrider asked if there was any legislation that prohibited solicitation within the village. Council President Dale Brussee mentioned that at one time there were signs up that said solicitation was prohibited but the supreme court ruled that they were illegal.

Council Member Cooperrider stated that his children were approached in his yard by a salesman. The clerk explained that the Chief asks that they stop in at the office and give a copy of their drivers license as well as company credentials. Council Member Craig Cooperrider asked that this be researched and Mayor Lackey stated she would reach out to the solicitor.

d. **Police Department Discussion**

Mayor Lackey noted again that Chief Palmer was on vacation but that she wanted to get the discussion going for him. It has been mentioned in council that speeding is an issue and one way to fight that is to hire another officer. Chief Palmer is actively recruiting. Current Auxiliary officers schedules and pay were discussed. She stated that the chief is asking for the village to aid in purchasing a uniform for the new officer. Mayor Lackey moved on to discuss the purchase of a new cruiser so that all officers could be ready to work when on duty. Several options for purchase and leasing were mentioned as well as vehicle types. Revenue for Mayors court was discussed. Council Member Aaron Hoppel asked for more information and quotes on these items.

e. **Thornville Cybersecurity policy**

Mayor Lackey explained that the state is requiring an update of cybersecurity and explained what that entails. Council President Dale Brussee asked if there was an Ordinance to go along with this document and Mayor Lackey stated that this was all that was received from the Solicitor. Council President Dale Brussee made a motion to move forward with the new cybersecurity policy and was seconded by Council Member Aaron Hoppel. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Mackenzie Brune- aye

Dale Brussee- aye

Tasia Savage- aye

Aaron Hoppel- aye

Lynne Snider- aye

Craig Cooperrider- aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Comments and Announcements:

Mayor Lackey stated that she would like to discuss loud exhausts on vehicles. She said that her husband and several others she knows work 3rd shift and this is a nuisance. Legislation was discussed as well as the Chiefs ability to ticket. Mayor Lackey stated that she will talk with the Chief when he returns.

The Clerk informed Council that some “americana wands” were found in the basement that at one time were sold for \$1.00. She asked if Parks and Rec would be ok with those being handed out during the parade. Council agreed.

The Clerk then asked the council if they recall having a discussion on when and how to disconnect water service when someone is delinquent. She provided the council with our current procedures and asked for clarity in regards to disconnection. Ohio administrative code was cited and reviewed. The Mayor stated that we need to look for legislation regarding this issue.

Mayor Lackey noted that the clerk has a couple of flyer samples for the upcoming special council meeting regarding the water meter upgrade. The Council decided on the one that they liked best.

Sam Brown informed the council that we have a community service worker that has been doing well and stays busy. Sam asked him if the village would consider him for a part-time position. Mayor Lackey noted that there is a part-time laborer position already on the pay ordinance and said that she would consider a seasonal position in the summer for mowing and fall for leaf pick up.

Council Member Dale Brussee discussed the flagpole replacement

Sam Brown mentioned that the sink at the shelter house is old and rusted out and needs to be replaced. He asked if he could purchase a new cabinet and fixture.

Filling in the pool was discussed. Must be mindful as we do not want the ground to collapse. Council President Dale Brussee made a motion for Sam to continue his demolition of the pool 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
Lynne Snider- aye
Tasia Savage- aye
Mackenzie Brune- aye
Craig Cooperrider- aye

Motion passed 6-0

Council discussed the demolition of the old concession stand as well as options to remodel the old pool bathrooms.

Adjournment:

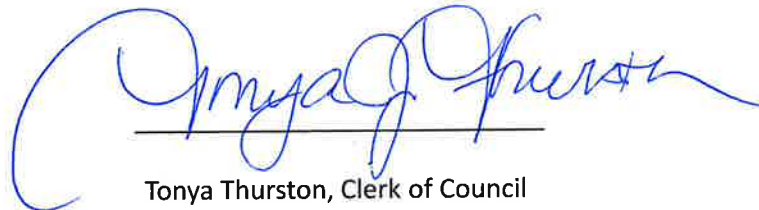
Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56pm. Council Member Tasia Savage made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Craig Cooperrider. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 6-0

Amanda Lackey, Mayor



Tonya Thurston, Clerk of Council