

Village of Thornville Council Minutes
1 South Main Street
Thornville, Ohio
August 24, 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: Luann Cooperrider, Rocky Eppley, Drew Cooperrider, Josh Hultgren, Levi Hultgren

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 Lynne Snider and Council Member Aaron Hoppel all present.

Excused Absences: Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to excuse Council Member Mackenzie Brune's absence. 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. (*Council Member Brune arrived at 7:02pm as noted later in the minutes.)

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 5-0

Review/Approval of Special Council Agenda for August 24, 2026

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Special Council agenda for August 24, 2026 after review. 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:

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

Motion Passed 5-0

Review/Approval of Regular Council Minutes for August 3, 2026:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Special Council agenda for August 24, 2026 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
Lynne Snider - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye
Tasia Savage - aye
Dale Brussee - aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Arrival of Council Member Mackenzie Brune at 7:02pm

Guest:

a. Luann Cooperrider/Rocky Eppley- Hometown Heroes Banner, Christmas Parade, E-Bike Laws

Judge Luann Cooperrider introduced herself and fellow members of TAC: Rocky Eppley and Drew Cooperrider. Judge Cooperrider presented a flyer with the Ohio E-bike Laws listed and went over them. She noted that she had free helmets for the Chief to give out as he sees fit. Chief Palmer inquired about enforcement of e-bike laws. Judge Cooperrider said that if warnings have been given, the Chief can cite the child/go to the parent. Chief Palmer stated that he believes that education on these vehicles is lacking. Judge Cooperrider stated that she would be willing to help with setting up a class for both parents and children. It was mentioned that an education booth could be set up at the America 250 event.

Judge Cooperrider brought up the Christmas Parade. She stated that it was the 5th or 6th year that TAC had been involved. It is held on the first Sunday in December at 5:00pm and she asked for the council's blessing to be able to have it again. All of the churches open, there will be cookies at the Lutheran Church. The Methodist Church does breakfast with Santa the day before. The Trinity Church does live nativity. The library is open for crafts for kids from 2:00-4:00pm as well as the tree lighting and Santa and Mrs. Santa. Judge Cooperrider then asked if the Village was going to require TAC to pay for the police coverage and Mayor Lackey informed her that every entity is required to pay for the police coverage during a special event. TAC Members informed the Council that the group had decided not to have the parade if they would be charged.

Judge Cooperrider went on to discuss the purchase and display of Hometown Hero Banners in the village and stated that TAC would like to spearhead this project. She stated that the family of the hero would provide a photo and pay \$100 for the banner, The village would be responsible for the pole brackets to hang the banner. The Banners are two sided with different heroes on each side. Bracket dimensions were discussed as well as installation. The Council discussed the amount of brackets desired and settled on 30 brackets that will allow for 60 Heroes. The Council asked that Judge Cooperrider obtain a quote for 30 brackets and present at a future meeting. Judge Cooperrider thanked the council.

Public Hearings:

a. RESOLUTION 26-10 Resolution Ratifying CFLP's Updated Solid Waste Management Plan (2026)

Mayor Lackey explained the legislation to the council. Public Hearing was opened at 7:22pm. With no discussion from the public the public hearing was closed at 7:23pm.

Police Report:

Chief Palmer talked about the village and police department accepting donations for the flood victims in Crooksville and Roseville. He said that the people were very thankful for the donations. Chief Palmer stated that he had approved the Lions special event application for the Country Fair and that he had spoken with the Thorn Township fire chief as well and everything was good on their end. Chief Palmer informed the council that he had spoken to the fiscal officer regarding moving around money within his budget (line item transfer) in order to get the new police cruiser outfitted. The cost will be about \$5000.00 and he has enough in the budget to cover it. He is requesting a motion from council to authorize the Fiscal officer to move the money from one line item to another. The Council wanted to know if there needed to be legislation for this. Mayor Lackey sent a text message to the fiscal officer as she was not in attendance. Mayor Lackey said she would come back to this and move on.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Lackey discussed the visit and meeting with Troy Balderson that happened on August 6th and informed the council that it went well. She stated that Representative Balderson is still backing the village and wants to help in any way he can. She noted that the village got \$1,000,000 from the first round of funding and is slated to receive an additional \$750,000 if it passes the House.

Mayor Lackey stated that she and Administrator Wilkins have a meeting with EDG coming up regarding the sewer plant. They want to discuss a meeting schedule with the commissioners. There is a meeting with AT&T as they are phasing some services out. There is also a Plant meeting tomorrow with DEFA.

Mayor Lackey informed the council that the fiscal officer had responded and said no legislation was needed. She then asked for a motion to authorize the line item transfer to outfit the new police cruiser.

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

Motion Passed 6-0

Mayor Lackey mentioned the Flood donations and noted that they were also delivered to Glenford as well.

a. **Water Report to Council for July 2026**

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Water Report to Council for July 2026. Council President Dale Brussee said that he had a lot of questions as the numbers do not add up but noted that there was a big rain event. Council Member Craig Cooperrider noted that these numbers were obtained before the recent rains. He also stated that he did not feel that he could approve this report. Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to table until the next 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:

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

Motion Passed 6-0

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

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the July 2026 Water report to the Perry County Commissioners after review. Council Member Craig Cooperrider stated that he doesn't know how the council can approve this and Council President Dale Brussee agreed. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion to table approval until the next meeting 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
Mackenzie Brune – aye
Dale Brussee – aye
Lynne Snider - aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Administrators Report: Read by the Mayor as Administrator Wilkins was not present

Water/Sewer

Working to get the low flow meter replaced- waiting on Jim to get back to us as the contract needs to be signed. Still trying to get on the Ventura Brothers schedule for hydrant replacement. Working with EDG to get the easement for the manhole replacement. Shelly Lift station is working great. Waiting on generator status from Gibson Electric. Conco is handling the storm drain replacement at the Packer residence. Administrator Wilkins and Sam Brown are working on a list of projects to be completed around town. Council may want to consider getting a Vac Truck for the village as the storm drain lines are in poor condition and plugged, creating flooding.

Parks-

The flag pole is here. We need to dig holes and set per specs. Gibson Electric is going to assist with setting it with their boom truck. Sam Brown stated that Brad Blain mentioned that his dad is looking for a flagpole. He may be interested in taking the old flagpole down and hauling it away to get rid of it. Council President Dale Brussee stated that he cannot have the sleeve in the ground and Sam stated that Mr. Blain was aware.

Council Member Aaron Hoppel asked to go back to the Vac Truck. He wanted to know what a truck like this would cost to purchase a truck versus renting one and how would we justify the purchase. Sam explained that there is a storm line near the Kaetzel residence that was cleared out when Visu-sewer was in the village doing the sewer lining. This line has since clogged again. Visu-Sewer was contacted again on Friday and they jetted the line 60 feet to where it was clogged and Sam noted that this particular line has 4 different types of pipe. 3-hours cost \$1000. A used truck sold on Municibid You sold for fifty, fifty-six thousand. A new truck could be \$250,000 to \$500,000. Council Member Aaron Hoppel stated that if this is a \$2000.00 per year problem, \$50,000 is a lot, but if this is a \$10,000 problem that makes a difference. Sam stated that he could work that truck for 2-months straight just cleaning out storm drains as they are old, falling apart and clogged. He also believes that this could potentially postpone the complete upgrade of the storm drains. Council President Dale Brussee stated that the problem with these trucks is that they are complicated machines and are expensive to fix. Sam Brown suggested that the village check with the state for a truck. Council President Brussee stated that the problem is that the state is getting rid of these trucks because they feel like repairing them is more costly than they are worth. Mayor Lackey stated that they will look into this and see what can be found.

The estimate has been received for resurfacing the basketball courts: \$15,387. Shelly would not be able to start this project until next year. Council Member Aaron Hoppel asked for more estimates.

Charlie Shafer came back with an estimate for filling in the pool: \$12,000 for an estimated 40 hours of work. Council Member Craig Cooperrider stated that Shelly Company could bring dirt but would not provide any equipment to move the dirt. Equipment rental was discussed. Other local companies were mentioned as more quotes are needed for both the project and equipment rental.

General-

The new contract for village garbage collection is almost complete.

Administrator/Zoning Inspector Wilkins wanted to ask the council about unkept houses and junk. Council Member Cooperrider stated again that it is hard to enforce zoning rules when they don't mention some of these things. Mayor Lackey stated that this is the reason that they wanted Zoning enforcement.

Fiscal Officer's Report:

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem was not in attendance so Mayor Lackey presented the August bank reconciliation to council for review and approval. She asked for a motion to approve it after review. Council Member Tasia Savage 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
Lynne Snider - aye
Craig Cooperrider - aye
Tasia Savage - aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye
Mackenzie Brune – aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Committee Reports:

- a. **Personnel-** Committee Chair Craig Cooperrider stated that the topic of the meeting was the job descriptions for the village administrator and for a general maintenance laborer. He stated that the council folders contained the current job description and then an updated version of the job description that the committee started working on. The Committee would like the council to review these and come back with suggestions. The Committee is open to adding to or taking away as they feel the current job description is outdated. The committee will reconvene next month.

- b. **Parks and Recreation-** Committee Chair Tasia Savage stated that Park improvements were discussed as well as getting involvement from the community with possible donations for the improvements. Mayor Lackey stated that she reached out to the solicitor regarding the village accepting donations and is awaiting a response.

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

Unfinished Business:

- a. **Capital Improvement Discussion-** The Council agreed that the last discussion went well and it was noted that they would like to have a separate meeting for Capital improvements prior to the Council meeting.
- b. **Fiscal Officer and Village Administrator positions pay ranges-**
Ranges of pay were discussed as well as the other benefits offered by the village. Job demands were mentioned as well as 24-hour availability for the Administrator. Mayor Lackey asked the clerk to get the pay ordinance for the last administrator. She was brought in at \$55,000 for full-time and later went to \$37.00 per hour when the position went to part-time. She noted that the current Administrator is earning \$30.00 per hour part-time. The idea of 2-Village Administrators was discussed again. It was decided that the Administrator position would be posted with a \$62,000-\$72,000 pay range. The part time general maintenance worker pay range would be \$15.00-\$18.00.
- c. **RESOLUTION 26-10: Resolution Ratifying CFLP's Updated Solid Waste Management Plan (2026)**
2nd reading

New Business:

- a. **Special Event Application, Thornville Lions Club- Country Fair**
Council Member Tasia Savage stated that she had the proof of insurance and that she would drop it off the next day.
- b. **ORDINANCE 26-11: An Ordinance Creating Volunteer Police Civilian Position**
1st Reading

Comments and Announcements:

Council President Dale Brussee brought up the sewer issue on Maple street and gave some history on when the sewer lines were put in.

Council Member Tasia Savage stated that she could use some suggestions on food trucks and vendors for the September America 250 event

Chief Palmer stated that he has started working on Machine Mania for next year and reaching out to local companies as well as larger agencies for sponsorship as well as volunteers to bring equipment and donate time. He also thanked Tonya, the clerk, Administrator Wilkins, Council President Brussee and everyone else who helped collect, sort and deliver donations to the victims of the flooding.

The Mayor discussed keeping the office closed for the first hour of the day to allow the clerk to only work on council minutes. She stated that she thinks this will help the clerk stay caught up and that she would at least like to try it for a month or two.

Adjournment:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Council Member Mackenzie Brune made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Aaron Hoppel. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 6-0

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Amanda Lackey", written over a horizontal line.

Amanda Lackey, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Tonya Thurston", written over a horizontal line.

Tonya Thurston, Clerk of Council