

**Village of Thornville Council Minutes
1 South Main Street
Thornville, Ohio
August 3rd, 2026**

Council Members:

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

Other Village Officials:

Eric Wilkins- Village Administrator
Cody Palmer- Chief of Police
Tonya Thurston- Clerk of Council

Guests: None

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Excused Absences: Mayor Amanda Lackey

Review/Acceptance of Regular Council Agenda for August 3, 2026

Council President Dale Brussee asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Agenda for August 3, 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:

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

Motion Passed 6-0

Review /Acceptance of Regular Council Minutes for July 20, 2026:

Council President Dale Brussee asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes from July 20, 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:

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

Motion Passed 6-0

Guest: Zenner Water Meters

Gave a brief history of the Zenner Company. He presented the council with samples of the options offered by the Zenner Company and explained how each meter functioned. Pricing and Installation process was discussed. Council members asked questions regarding power supply for meters and battery life as well as life of the water meters themselves. The representative informed council members that he can obtain funding from a municipal financing program usually within two weeks if that is something the village is interested in. He also noted that there is a sample system that can be set up so that the

software can be sampled and the clerk would be able to test it. The Council thanked the representatives for attending the meeting.

Public Hearings: None

Unfinished Business:

a. Capital Improvement Discussion

The Council discussed paving of streets as well as potential cost and funds available. \$25,000 can be obtained from the county to aid in paving costs but that amount won't cover all of the cost. Council discussed making some less expensive improvements such as updating the basketball court at the park. Grants for park improvements were discussed. Council will reach out to local companies for estimates. Sponsorship opportunities were discussed- allowing businesses or residents to contribute to the updates at the park and then displaying names on the shelter house or concession stand. Contacting the solicitor to find out what is required to accept donations for beautification. Administrator Wilkins will reach out to Brad Boyer to get information. Holding a separate meeting for Capital improvements was mentioned and the council decided to start that meeting at 6:30pm.

b. Village Sign Update

Council Member Tasia Savage explained the design of the sign as well as the size of the spaces for local businesses. The council also decided that the businesses who would like to participate will be allowed to on a first come first serve basis. The cost of participating would be \$400 for a business and would include the business name on 2 signs. Businesses will be instructed to make payment to the clerk at the village office.

c. Pump replacement at Shelly Lift Station

The pump is not functioning properly and the lift station now must be pumped out manually. The quote previously presented to Council was the replacement of 2-pumps and upgrade of the electric panel that controls them at the cost of approximately \$27,000. Administrator Wilkins said that he was meeting with Don Gibson to determine if the generator is compatible. If it is not, a new generator will have to be purchased. Council discussed the potential cost of a new generator and decided on \$40,000. Council member Aaron Hoppel made a motion to approve the replacement of the pumps at the Shelly List Station at the cost for the amount of up to \$40,000 and was seconded by Council Member Craig Cooperrider. 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
Lynne Snider - aye
Craig Cooperrider - aye

Motion Passed 6-0

d. Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer pay ranges

Council member Craig Cooperrider explained to the council that the pay ranges for the Village Administrator and Fiscal officer positions were discussed at the last meeting but that no decision was made. He also informed the council that the job duties were being re-written. It was mentioned at the last meeting that pay cannot be determined without an accurate job description. The Fiscal officer pay was discussed. Council Member Aaron Hoppel stated that there are ways that he thinks the fiscal officer's job can be improved and that she may stay for what she currently earns. He made the comment that the Administrator is too busy to get things to her in a timely manner as the administrator position is part time. A heated exchange occurred, with the parties involved exchanging opposing views.

New Business:

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

Council Members Craig Cooperrider and Aaron Hoppel questioned the legislation and asked for clarification. Council President Brussee asked the clerk who stated that the legislation was sent to her by the mayor and she was told it was to be passed as an emergency. Council decided that more information was needed.

Council President Dale Brussee asked for a motion to suspend the 3-reading rule and declare an emergency. Council President Dale Brussee made the motion with NO second. This was the first reading and this legislation will be read again at the next council meeting.

b. RESOLUTION 26-11 A Resolution Authorizing the purchase of two new “Welcome to Thornville” signs with the assistance of the Buckeye Lake Regional Corporation and declaring an emergency.

First reading

Council President Dale Brussee asked for a motion to suspend the 3-reading rule and declare RESOLUTION 26-11 an emergency. Council Member Craig Cooperrider 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
Craig Cooperrider - aye
Mackenzie Brune - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Council President Dale Brussee asked for a motion to approve and adopt RESOLUTION 26-11 as 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:

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

Motion Passed 6-0

Comments and Announcements:

Council President Brussee asked the council their thoughts on having legislation created to allow the police department to have an unpaid volunteer and asked Chief Palmer to explain. Chief Palmer informed the council that there is a young lady who is a student in the criminal justice program at the Mid-East Career Center who is trying to get some real life experience on how the job operates. He also stated that the intern signed a non-liability waiver. Council agreed that the solicitor should draw up legislation for this. It will be presented at the next meeting.

Filling in the pool was discussed. The equipment that we have is inadequate and Council President Brussee mentioned asking the county engineers office if they have a piece of equipment that they could loan to complete the job. Administrator Wilkins stated that he would reach out to Charlie Shaffer to obtain a quote.

Council Member Hoppel mentioned getting a general maintenance person to help Sam Brown. He also mentioned the Water operator and superintendent getting certified/trained to run equipment so that Sam is not pulled from what he is doing to help them. It was also mentioned that the village should not hire anyone in the future that cannot operate equipment. Council decided that the position will be posted.

Council discussed prioritizing a list of things that need to be completed in the village.

Council Member Savage reminded everyone that the America 250 reenactment will take place on October 13th from 10:00am-5:00pm and October 14th from 10:00am-3:00pm at the park.

Administrator Wilkins read a list sent to him by the mayor. Mayor Lackey wanted to bring the idea of keeping the office closed until 8:30am to the council. She states that this will help provide quiet time to the clerk from 7:30am-8:30am and allow her to focus on her council work. Council asked the clerk if she thought this would help. The clerk answered that she did not think that it would help as she is working, at minimum, a full time job as well as a part time job and trying to fit it into a 40 hour week. The clerk asked council members to consider doing away with flex time and allowing comp time. The clerk explained that with Flex time she is required to flex all council hours worked after 4pm. Time must be flexed within the same pay period and that puts her even further behind. Especially when this falls during meter readings or billing. Comp time would allow her to use the time accrued during a week when she is not so busy in the office. Council decided to try keeping the office closed for an hour in the morning.

Administrator Wilkins discussed a topic that was brought up at the meeting with Buckeye Hills- Speed Tables. It is not a speed bump as they are permanent. This is a material that can be applied to the road and can also be moved to other locations as needed. Similar to a speed hump but able to be moved as needed (location change or for snow removal)

There is a meeting with Representative Troy Balderson Thursday, 8/6/2026. Council President Dale Brussee asked the Administrator to ask Representative Balderson what he sees by the region and what he expects from the region.

Adjournment:

Council President Brussee asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm. 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
Tasia Savage - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Dale Brussee - aye
Mackenzie Brune - aye

Motion Passed 6-0



Dale Brussee, Council President



Tonya Thurston, Clerk of Council