

Village of Thornville Council Minutes
1 South Main Street
Thornville, Ohio
September 21, 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
Kelly Beem- Fiscal Officer
Tonya Thurston - Clerk Of Council
Sam Brown- Streets & Maintenance
Kenneth Westfall- Water/Sewer Superintendent

Guests: Bryan Yantis

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

Review/Approval of Regular Council Agenda for September 21, 2026

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council agenda for September 21, 2026 after review. Council Member Craig Cooperrider 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/Approval of Special Council Minutes for September 2, 2026:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Special Council Minutes for September 2, 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 5 members voting aye and 1 member abstaining.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 5-0 with 1 abstention (Council Member Savage abstained)

Review/Approval of Regular Council Minutes for September 8, 2026:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes for September 8, 2026 after review. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Craig Cooperrider. A roll call vote was taken with 4 members voting aye and 2 members abstaining.

Roll Call:

Aaron Hoppel - aye
Tasia Savage - aye
Lynne Snider - abstain

Dale Brussee - abstain
Craig Cooperrider- aye
Mackenzie Brune - aye

Motion Passed 3-0 with 2 abstentions (Council President Brussee and Council Member Snider abstained)

Guest: None

Public Hearings:

a) ORDINANCE 26-11: An Ordinance Creating Volunteer Police Civilian Position

Mayor Lackey opened the public hearing at 7:01pm. Mayor Lackey called for public comments.
Hearing none, Mayor Lackey closed the public hearing at 7:02pm

Police Report:

Chief Palmer informed the council that he was still waiting on the delivery of the bracket to install the computer in the new cruiser. He also stated that the company is waiting on this to add the Village logo and decals to the cruiser. He will email them to follow up

Mayors Report:

Mayor Lackey discussed upcoming interviews for the Village Administrator position.

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 Member Aaron Hoppel stated that he had a problem with the numbers on this report and asked for clarification from Water Superintendent Westfall. Mr. Westfall explained that due to the recent extreme rains, this is the reason for the higher numbers. A discussion was held. Mayor Lackey asked again for a motion to approve the July 2026 Water Report. Council President Dale Brussee made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Tasia Savage. A roll call vote was taken with 4 members voting aye and 2 members voting nay.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 4-2

b. Water Report to Council for August 2026

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Water Report to Council for August 2026. Council President Dale Brussee made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Tasia Savage. A roll call vote was taken with 4 members voting aye and 2 members voting nay.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 4-2

c. 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 President Dale Brussee made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken with 4 members voting aye and 2 members voting nay.

Roll Call:

Aaron Hoppel - nay
Tasia Savage - aye

Dale Brussee – aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Mackenzie Brune – aye
Craig Cooperrider - nay

Motion Passed 4-2

d. **Water Report to Perry County Commissioners for August 2026**

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the August 2026 Water report to the Perry County Commissioners after review. Council President Dale Brussee made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Tasia Savage. A roll call vote was taken with 4 members voting aye and 2 members voting nay.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 4-2

Administrators Report: Administrator Wilkins presented the bills for review and approval

Water/Sewer

The County water meter that has been down for months was discussed. The sludge pits are still in need of repair but this has been pushed back due to other issues being a priority. Administrator Wilkins has reached out to another company for the installation of the new hydrants as Ventura Brothers has not responded with a date to start. The easement required for sewer replacement under a residence is almost complete. The EQ basin pump went out. The cost to repair it was discussed and the council decided on moving forward with the repair.

Storm Sewer/Streets

Recent Storm sewer repairs were discussed. There is much work to be done after the recent rains.

Parks

The flag pole and all material has been delivered. Setting the pole has been delayed due to the weather.

Two estimates have now been received for resurfacing the basketball courts. Per Administrator Wilkins, they are basically identical other than one includes painting lines on the court. The council decided that the funding for this will come from the Letherman Fund. Council agreed to go with Neff Paving and Administrator Wilkins will reach out to them to verify the price quote is still good.

The pool is being filled in- Sam is hauling dirt daily. Finding someone to haul the concrete away was discussed but no choice was made. A local builder has offered the village some free fill dirt and the council discussed options for locations where the dirt can sit until it is used.

General-

The new contract for village garbage collection is almost complete. Waiting on the solicitor to review to prepare for bid. Will post next week.

Lee Crader asked if his daughter could have the bike rack from the old pool area as she used to work at the pool for several years. A discussion took place and the Council decided to allow this.

Hiring of Part-time Maintenance Assistant- Administrator Wilkins stated that interviews for this position were completed that evening. After talking with Sam Brown it was decided that Hunter Schultz would be the best candidate for this position. Council discussed the pay for this position and decided on \$16.50/hour. He will be appointed at the October 5th Regular Council meeting.

Fiscal Officer's Report:

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem presented the July and August bills and bills to council for review and approval. Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to pay the July bills 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:

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

Motion Passed 6-0

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to pay the August bills 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:

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

Motion Passed 6-0

Presentation of the Bank Reconciliation for August 2026

Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem presented the August Bank reconciliation to council and reviewed items with them. She discussed the upcoming mandatory meeting with the Budget Commission and stated that she will attend the meeting on the Mayor’s behalf as the Mayor will be out of state. This meeting is to discuss appropriations and the Commission requesting a reduction next year due to the amount of funds the village currently has. She stated that our voters voted on the levies and that money should stay in the district and not go to another municipality.

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Bank Reconciliation report for August 2026. Council Member Mackenzie Brune 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
Tasia Savage - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye
Craig Cooperrider - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Dale Brussee - aye

Motion Passed 6-0

Committee Reports: No Committee Meetings held this month

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

Unfinished Business:

- a. **Capital Improvement Discussion-** Council President Brussee asked if the council had any plans for road repair and road paving. A discussion was held regarding the amount of money available from the state/county and that it cannot be used this year. Any projects would have to wait until Early 2027. Priority Areas were discussed.

- b. **Water Meter Upgrades**
Administrator Wilkins has requested a quote from NECO. Working with Heidi/RCAPfor the payment options. The Fiscal Officer has mentioned principal forgiveness. It was noted that all the communities surrounding the village have or are in the process of upgrading.

- c. **Fall Dumpster Dates**

Mayor Lackey asked the council their thoughts on holding this event again. She stated that Brad Blaine is willing to provide the dumpsters again. The Council decided on October 12 - October 26, 2026.

d. Pool Fill Quotes

Mayor Lackey noted that this had been covered earlier in the meeting and moved to the next agenda item.

**e. ORDINANCE 26-11: An Ordinance Creating Volunteer Police Civilian Position
Second Reading**

New Business:

a. Executive Session: R.C. 121.22(G)(1) to discuss the compensation of a public employee

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to enter into executive session, inviting the Mayor, Administrator and Fiscal Officer. 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

Council Entered Executive Session at 8:06pm

After Executive session discussion, the council returned. Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to exit the Executive Session. Council Member Craig Cooperrider made the motion and was seconded by Council President Dale Brussee. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 6-0

Council Exited Executive Session at 8:26pm

A discussion was held regarding the compensation of Bryan Yantis. Council President Dale Brussee made a motion to increase the pay of Bryan Yantis in the amount of \$1.75 as of the 1st of the year along with a cost of living increase. Mayor Lackey explained that they would like to see him employed by the village for one year before the raise takes effect. Council Member Lynne Snider seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 5-1

Comments and Announcements:

Council Member Tasia Savage stated that the spots on the new village signs are all sold and paid for. She is waiting to hear back from the company on a start date for installation. Council President Brussee asked

about obtaining the signs off of the old village sign in order to return them to the organizations that they advertised. The Council Agreed.

The Mayor presented two flyers advertising the house decorating contest for review and selection

Sam Brown stated that a new pole saw is needed for tree trimming

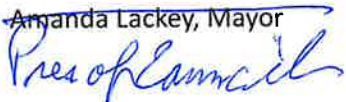
Adjournment:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Council Member Mackenzie Brune made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed 6-0


Amanda Lackey, Mayor

Tonya Thurston, Clerk of Council