

**Village of Thornville Council Minutes
1 South Main Street
Thornville, Ohio
September 8, 2026**

Council Members:

Tasia Savage
Craig Cooperrider
Aaron Hoppel
Mackenzie Brune

Other Village Officials:

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

Guests: Sam Brown- Streets and Maintenance

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Amanda Lackey 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 Mackenzie Brune, Council Member Craig Cooperrider, Council Member Tasia Savage all present.

Excused Absences:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to excuse Council President Dale Brussee from the meeting as he is working. 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
Tasia Savage - aye
Mackenzie Brune - aye

Motion Passed 4-0

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to excuse Council Member Lynne Snider from the meeting due to illness. Council Member Mackenzie Brune made the motion and was seconded by Council Member Tasia Savage. 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

Motion Passed 4-0

Amendment of Regular Council Agenda for September 8, 2026

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to amend the Regular Council Agenda for August 3, 2026 and remove ORDINANCE 26-11 as a public hearing has to be held and the public must be notified in advance. 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
Mackenzie Brune - aye
Craig Cooperrider - aye
Tasia Savage - aye

Motion Passed 4-0

Review /Approval of Regular Council Agenda for September 8, 2026 as amended

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Agenda for September 8, as amended. Council Member Aaron Hoppel 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
Craig Cooperrider - aye
Mackenzie Brune - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye

Motion Passed 4-0

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Special Council Minutes from August 24, 2026 after review. Council Member Craig Cooperrider noted that Council member Brune was listed as absent but is then listed later in the roll call votes. The clerk pointed out where it was listed that she had arrived late and stated that she would remove Council Member Brune from the roll call vote she was listed in prior to the late arrival. Council Member Craig Cooperrider made the motion to approve pending corrections and was seconded by Council Member Aaron Hoppel. 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

Motion Passed 4-0

Guest: Sam Brown- General Village discussion

Sam Brown(Streets and Maintenance) addressed the council and mentioned the village's need for a VAC truck in order to keep the storm sewers clean and flowing freely. Council Member Aaron Hoppel asked the cost of renting a truck and how long would it be needed at this time. Administrator Wilkins stated that the rental cost is \$300.00 per hour. Sam Brown answered that the truck could be used for at least 2 months straight due to the state of the storm drains. Council Member Aaron Hoppel asked for more information and quotes on renting and purchasing this type of equipment. He stated that if it can be justified, he will bring it to council for a vote. Other employees stepping up and taking initiative was discussed. The Skid Loader is down again periodically- “sometimes it runs, sometimes it doesn’t”. Sam called Austin Romine to look at it and it ran for an hour with no issues. The age of the machine was questioned and Administrator Wilkins was asked to try and find this information. Sam stated that it is “throwing” 2 codes and they are both fuel system related but the problem cannot be determined. Council Member Hoppel asked if this equipment is garaged or kept outside and Sam confirmed that it is kept outside. A discussion was held regarding the pool and the concrete from the demolition. Sam mentioned that there are sinkholes popping up in the village due to storm drain issues and asked about repair. A discussion was held about priority areas and cost.

Public Hearings: None

Unfinished Business:

a. Capital Improvement Discussion

The attending council Members decided to hold the discussion until the next meeting so that absent council members could be involved.

b. Water Meter Upgrades

Council Member Aaron Hoppel stated that he would like to move forward with getting official quotes. Mayor Lackey provided information from the fiscal officer regarding funding for a project of this size. Council Member Cooperrider stated that he spoke with the village of Roseville as they upgraded the meters in their village. He was told that the meters paid for themselves in the first 3 years. Administrator Wilkins mentioned that he thought this project was pushed to 2027 and cited a message from the Mayor. It was decided that Administrator Wilkins would reach out to Heidi with RCAP and Bryce with NECO to get this process going again and obtain current quotes.

c. Village Job Descriptions

It was noted by Council Member Cooperrider that the descriptions were sent out to the council

and no one responded with additions or corrections. 3- Resumes for Maintenance/Laborers have been received as well as 2- resumes for Village administrator. It was mentioned that Sam Brown should be heavily involved with the interviewing and hiring of the part time Maintenance person as they will be working with him. The applicants were discussed.

d. Correction of Resolution 26-11 (9/2/26 Resolution)

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to correct the number on Resolution 26-11 as it had mistakenly been duplicated. The Correction would rename this legislation: Resolution 26-11A. 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:

Mackenzie Brune - aye

Tasia Savage - aye

Aaron Hoppel - aye

Craig Cooperrider - aye

Motion Passed 4-0

e. Pool Fill Quote

Two Estimates have been received: one for \$12,000 and one verbally for \$9,000 (if any additional dirt or fill is needed this estimate will go up) Both companies seemed like they could start immediately per Administrator Wilkins. Details of the job were discussed amongst the council.

**f. RESOLUTION 26-10: Resolution Ratifying CFLP's Updated Solid Waste Management Plan (2026)
3rd Reading**

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve RESOLUTION 26-10. 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:

Aaron Hoppel - aye

Craig Cooperrider - aye

Tasia Savage - aye

Mackenzie Brune - aye

Motion Passed 4-0

~~g. ORDINANCE 26-11: An Ordinance Creating Volunteer Police Civilian Position~~

~~3rd Reading~~

****REMOVED: Will be added to next meeting agenda (see earlier amendment of agenda)**

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 and invited were the mayor and the village administrator. Council Member Craig Cooperrider asked if the council should table this discussion until all members of council could be present and the council and village administrator agreed. Council Member Craig Cooperrider made the motion to table the discussion and was seconded by Council Member Mackenzie Brune. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Mackenzie Brune - aye

Aaron Hoppel - aye

Craig Cooperrider - aye

Tasia Savage - aye

Motion Passed 4-0

Comments and Announcements:

Mayor Lackey brought up Trick or Treat night in the village and stated that it is usually held the Thursday before Halloween which is 10/29/2026. She asked if the council agreed with this date- Council agreed. The time will be 6:00pm-8:00pm. Mayor Lackey asked the clerk to create a flyer for the event.

The Halloween House Decorating Contest was discussed. Village Officials will drive around and choose the home that is decorated the best. The winner will be chosen on 10/19/2026.

Community Clean up and dumpsters were also discussed. Mayor Lackey will reach out to the Health Department and waste removal companies for dumpster quotes.

Council Member Aaron Hoppel asked about the status of the Shelly Lift Station generator. Administrator Wilkins said that he was waiting to hear back from Gibson Electric. Council Member Hoppel also inquired about the Water Guys getting training on equipment so that Sam isn't always pulled to assist them. Administrator Wilkins and Sam Brown stated that the water department has had their own issues to attend to lately and that is why training has been pushed back.

Council Member Tasia Savage stated that the Village Signs are almost ready to be installed. She is waiting on 2 businesses/organizations to respond and turn in payment. She also wanted to remind the council of the America 250 event at the park this weekend. She asked that the clerk send out the information in the village all call system. She is also still looking for food trucks for the Food truck rally.

Chief Palmer asked about barriers for the Country Fair. He wants to ensure the safety of all who attend. Sam Brown will reach out to the Village of Hebron to see if we can borrow some.

Administrator Wilkins stated that WIN-Waste is requesting to change the pickup date but he has received conflicting information and is waiting on clarification.

Adjournment:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm. 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
Aaron Hoppel - aye
Mackenzie Brune - aye
Craig Cooperrider - aye

Motion Passed 4-0



Amanda Lackey, Mayor



Tonya Thurston, Clerk of Council