

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
3 South Main Street
Thornville Ohio
March 23, 2015

Council Members Present:

Heidi Robinson, Council President
Lynne Snider
Dale Brussee
Mary Renner

Other Village Officials

Gavin Renner, Mayor
Beth Patrick, Village Administrator
Sharon Brussee, Clerk of Council
Darrell Ball, Chief of Police

Guests Present:

Dave and Nancy Clum Ann Cooperrider Derrick Hanlor
Carly Snider Ron Dittoe

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

The Village of Thornville regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gavin Renner on March 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. by saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Roll call taken with all members in attendance

Approval of Agenda for March 23, 2015:

A motion was made by Councilman Dale Brussee to approve the agenda for March 23, 2015 and was seconded by Council President Heidi Robinson. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Approval of Minutes for Regular Council Meeting for February 23, 2015:

A motion was made by Council President Heidi Robinson to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes from the February 23, 2015 meeting and was seconded by Councilwoman Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Approval of Minutes for Special Council Meeting for March 2, 2015:

A motion was made by Councilman Dale Brussee to approve the minutes from the Special Council meeting held on March 2, 2015 and was seconded by Councilwoman Mary Renner. A roll vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Ann Cooperrider – Alley Vacating Request

Mrs. Ann Cooperrider brought before Council the issue of the alley behind her house. She stated that she was told at the time that she bought the property from Harry Cooper that it had been closed, and she also confirmed this with Ann Starr. Village Administrator Beth Patrick asked Mrs. Cooperrider what year that she had been told this. Mrs. Cooperrider responded that it was in 1975. Village Administrator Beth Patrick stated that she has gone through the ordinances to verify that it had been closed, and she could not find anything on it. Village Administrator Beth Patrick added that it may have been done through a motion, but it was not done by an ordinance. Village Administrator Beth Patrick also stated that she will go through the minutes, and it may be at the Engineer's office. Village Administrator Beth Patrick will do additional research to have it done by the next Council meeting. Mrs. Cooperrider and Mr. Derrick Hanlor voiced their concern with the traffic and the ruts in the alley. Village Administrator Beth Patrick asked that the Clerk of Council assist her in reviewing the minutes, and Mayor Gavin Renner agreed to this.

Dave and Nancy Clum:

Mr. Dave Clum stated that he had given a letter that had been given to Village Administrator Beth Patrick regarding the Clum Family not having any liability for capping the sewer lines. Discussion held. It was asked by Council President Heidi Robinson if Village Solicitor Brian Zets had read the letter from Mr. Dave Clum. Mayor Gavin Renner responded that Solicitor Zets read the letter and he did not recommend the Village signing it because he did not feel comfortable in giving the liability to the Village. It was asked by Mrs. Nancy Clum if there was a statute of limitations on this. Mayor Gavin Renner responded that he did not know, and asked what was meant by that

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comment. Mr. Dave Clum responded that after 7 years (they would have no liability). Councilman Dale Brussee responded that it would depend on if they are still connected after 7 years, and this is where he is having a problem because they are still connected even with a plug, and the only way that would satisfy him is if there would be no connection. Mr. Clum responded that Scott Stagers has done numerous jobs like this, and has had no problem. Council President Heidi Robinson responded there is a first time for everything. Councilman Dale Brussee also responded that it appears that Mr. Clum doubts Scott Stagers' work by wanting Council to sign the letter. Mr. Dave Clum responded that he doesn't want to deal with it anymore, and he wants to separate from the Village and be done with it. Councilman Dale Brussee responded that as long as the Village is attached somehow that the Village cannot sign this letter, and it was the recommendation of the Village Solicitor not to sign it. Mr. Dave Clum stated they have talked it over, and they are willing to let it go ahead without the signatures. Mr. Dave Clum added it is costing the Village a lot of money, and it is not worth going that route. Mr. Dave Clum added that they will worry liability at a future time. It was asked by Village Administrator Beth Patrick if Criss Clum is in agreement with this since he is the trustee. Mr. Dave Clum responded that Mr. Criss Clum is in agreement. Village Administrator Beth Patrick asked how soon this work would be done. Mr. Dave Clum responded that as soon as Scott Stagers could work it in. Village Administrator Beth Patrick asked if Mr. Dave Clum would be giving Scott Stagers the check for \$2400, and Mr. Dave Clum responded yes. Village Administrator Beth Patrick voiced her concern regarding the time it would take because the planting season is soon, and she asked Council if this would be a problem because last year Mr. Dave Clum had planted. It was agreed upon that this would not be a problem. She will check to see if another meeting needs to take place with the Trustees, Commissioners, the Clums and the Village (to move forward with the detachment).

Police Report February 2015:

Police Chief Darrell Ball presented the February Police Report.

Cases Handled:

- 1 Crash
- 2 Assistance Calls
- 1 Lockout
- 2 Traffic Cases

Auxiliary Hours Worked:

Total: 65

Trainings Attended:

None to report.

Items of Importance:

February 20, 2015 Cruiser vehicle 102 struck by hay round bailer being pulled on a trailer while parked.

February 23, 2015 Village bobcat involved in an accident on West Columbus St.

Mayor's Report March 23, 2015:

Office Hours:

Due to a large project at work he may not be able to do office hours through the remainder of the year. His contact information is 614-745-4802 or

mayor.thornville@gmail.com

Correspondence:

- Received an email from Charlie Prince, Editor of the *Buckeye Lake Beacon* asking the Village to sign on to a statement of support for the Buckeye Lake community. He provided an example letter for our consideration.

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- Email to State Representative Bill Hayes regarding the Buckeye Lake situation. Received a response from Sam Smith, Legislative Aide to Representative Hayes.

- Attended a public meeting at the Buckeye Lake Winery on March 19, 2015 issue.

Heard the following:

- o Confirmation from County Commissioners for Fairfield, Licking and Perry County regarding their take on the issue.
- o Statement from Perry County Auditor Drew Cannon regarding property values around the lake and the impact to property taxes. Auditor Cannon and others suggested re-evaluation of local property taxes to reduce tax impact to residents. This has impacts to Village property taxes if residents in the Village are able to reduce their tax burdens.
- o ODNR is planning to dredge canals and areas of the lake to increase the depth of some areas.
- o The Governor has pledged \$150 million to ODNR for repairs. He has also indicated the winter water level will be maintained indefinitely.
- o ODNR will setup a project steering committee. This committee may include a local representative for the project. There isn't any information about who would be eligible for this position or qualifications. It was suggested to write letters to ODNR for information.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed letter that was requested by Charlie Prince. It was Councilman Dale Brussee's opinion that Council members are not engineers, and cannot render an opinion on it. Mayor Gavin Renner agreed. Council President Heidi Robinson agreed with this, and it should be acknowledged there was discussion.

Solicitor:

- None.

Online:

- Postings regarding the Buckeye Lake situation to keep area residents up-to-date.

Press Contacts:

- Statement to the *Columbus Dispatch* regarding the Buckeye Lake issue, and its impact to the Village.

- Request from the Beacon regarding condition of the streets in the Village post-winter

Fourth of July Parade

The Thornville Fourth of July Parade will be held on Friday, July 3, 2015 because the Fourth of July falls on a Saturday, and that conflicts with the Somerset Parade, which will be held on July 4. Councilwoman Mary Renner asked if the area businesses would be notified. Mayor Renner responded that he would do that. Councilman Dale Brussee asked if the Special Events Application has been submitted. Mayor Gavin Renner responded that it has not been done yet, and he would take care of that and bring an Special Events Application to the next Council meeting.

• **Monthly Water Report to Perry County Commissioners for February 2015:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lynne Snider to receive the Monthly Water report for February 2015 and was seconded by Councilwoman Mary Renner. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed 4-0.**

• **Monthly Water Report to Council for February 2015:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Heidi Robinson to receive the Monthly Water Report to Council for February 2015 and was seconded by Councilwoman Mary Renner. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Discussion was held regarding the Water Report. Councilman Dale Brussee gave an overview of why the report was requested.

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- **Mayor's Court Report for January 2015:**

A **motion** was made by Council President Heidi Robinson to receive the Mayor's Court Report for January 2015 and was seconded by Councilwoman Mary Renner.

Discussion held regarding the Mayor's Court Report that has the January 2015 and the date the Mayor's Court Report was prepared on the second page. Mayor Gavin Renner stated that he will get a clarification the Mayor's Court Clerk. It was agreed that to table the motion until Mayor Gavin Renner gets a clarification.

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Mary Renner to table the motion until the April 27, 2015 meeting and was seconded by Council President Heidi Robinson. Discussion was held. Councilman Dale Brussee stated that it needs to be noted that the motion has been tabled so that it can be brought back up for the Mayor's Court Report for January/February.

A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Administrator's Report:

Village Administrator Beth Patrick presented the Administrator's Report to Council.

- Recommended hiring the following as the 2015 Pool Personnel:

Jodi Metzger – Pool Manager

Austin Dittoe – Assistant Pool Manager/Lifeguard

Hayley Miller – Lifeguard

Danielle Justice – Lifeguard

Kira Harris – Lifeguard

Hannah Debs – Lifeguard

Amy Romine – Lifeguard

Megan Clum – Lifeguard

Karlie Cade - Concession stand worker

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Mary Renner to hire Jodi Metzger – Pool Manager, Austin Dittoe – Assistant Pool Manager/Lifeguard, Hayley Miller – Lifeguard, Danielle Justice – Lifeguard, Kira Harris – Lifeguard, Hannah Debs – Lifeguard, Amy Romine – Lifeguard, Megan Clum – Lifeguard, Karlie Cade - Concession stand worker and was seconded by Councilwoman Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed 4-0.**

- Shelly Lift Update – start date of April 13 and should be completed 2 -4 weeks, weather permitting. Cost of the job is \$74, 273.
- Received call from Tim Cooperrider – TYRA about sprucing up the concession stand. Timberwolves and TYRA would be doing the work. TYRA would also like to add security lights in the back and front of the concession stand and TYRA would be paying the lights and the electrician for this to be done. TYRA has offered to pay for the additional electricity that will be used. It was stated by Councilman Dale Brussee to wait and see how much will be used. A concern was raised by Councilwoman Mary Renner if this may disturb residents. It was thought not to be a problem. TYRA would like to purchase keyless keys. It was stated that this is okay as long the Village has the code.
- Pool Repairs – The Georges will be out in the next couple of weeks to repair the gutters.
- Will take a picnic table from the park and move it to the baby pool area.
- Received an invoice for pool paint for 20 gallons of paint at \$2, 552.
- Patching and painting will be done on the pool.
- Power washing will be needed.
- Painting the breezeway.
- Councilwoman Dale Brussee will be working on the diving board.
- J. Jennie is working on potholes.
- Looking into the possibility of hiring a helper on a temporary basis to assist J. Jennie with road repair.

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- Working on budgets and levies.

Presentation and Payment of Bills:

The bills were not presented because the Fiscal Officer was ill.

Bank Reconciliation:

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Mary Renner to receive the Bank Reconciliation and was seconded by Council President Heidi Robinson. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Fiscal Officer's Report:

No Fiscal Officer's Report.

Zoning Report - Council Representative Dale Brussee

- Met on March 2, 2015.
 - Discussed the scoreboard sign that TYRA wanted to do, and what was permissible since Zoning does not allow a private person to put things permanently on public property. There needs to be more discussion on this issue.
 - Motion to waive fees for TYRA and Timberwolves sponsor signs to present to Council.
- A **motion** was made by Councilman Dale Brussee to waive the fees for TYRA and Timberwolves signs around the ball park during baseball season and was seconded by Council President Heidi Robinson. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Committee Reports

Parks and Recreation – Chairperson Lynne Snider

- Fourth of July Parade.
 - Pool Repairs
 - Scoreboard
- Discussion was held about the scoreboard application for a variance, and whose responsibility it is to do this since it is the Village's property. Councilman Dale Brussee stated this needs to be taken to Solicitor Zets since a private individual wants to put something permanent on public property and that it is why Zoning can't do it. Councilman Dale Brussee stated that he didn't think the Village wants the liability or responsibility of not owning this on public property. He stated that it should be donated to the Village and put up as Village property and that way the Village has ownership and responsibility of it and not anyone else.
- Councilwoman Lynne Snider stated it was discussed in committee that decided this should be donated to the Village or it wasn't going to be put up. It was asked by Mayor Gavin Renner if Tim Cooperrider agreed to this. Councilwoman Lynne Snider stated he had not and that it was not discussed with him. Village Administrator Beth Patrick stated that she would contact Tim Cooperrider, if this is what Council wants. Councilwoman Lynne Snider stated that Council wants Village Administrator Beth Patrick to speak to Tim Cooperrider regarding Council's decision. Councilwoman Mary Renner stated that a decision from a previous Solicitor's was that private property cannot be on public land. Councilman Dale Brussee added that Council is not denying TYRA's request, but it needs to go through the proper procedure.
- Movie night – Resource Fair is scheduled on June 25. She is going to let TYRA this is scheduled. The 3 movies have been picked.
 - Hiring of pool personnel.
 - Contacted the port-a-john company.
 - No information on the Baptist Easter Egg Hunt.

Public Facilities and Safety – Chairperson Dale Brussee

- Shelly Lift Station Update.

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- Update Water Tower and Water Well to Wireless Communication Service.

Personnel – Chairperson Heidi Robinson

- Regular Committee Meeting not held due to lack of a quorum.
 - Special Personnel Committee Meeting was held on March 9, 2015.
 - The Personnel Handbook was reviewed in its entirety.
 - Committee Chair Heidi Robinson received a disc to redline, and needs clarification on several issues from either Village Administrator Beth Patrick or Solicitor Zets.
- Committee Chair Heidi Robinson stated that the Personnel Committee recommends pre-hiring drug testing for all employees considered for employment and this would include pool employees. Village Administrator Beth Patrick stated this would need to be done by ordinance and could not be done for this year.

Discussion was held about who would be tested. It was stated that Council is exempt since they are elected public officials.

Finance – Chairperson Mary Renner

- Not held due to lack of a quorum.

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

Ordinance 15-04 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2016 TAX BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO SUBMIT THE 2016 TAX BUDGET TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR. **1st Reading.**

Resolution 15-001 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY TO THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WILL BE GENERATED BY A RENEWAL TAX OF TWO AND FOURTH TENTHS (2.4) MILLS LEVIED FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE SUBDIVISION IN EXCESS OF THE 10 MILLS LIMITATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **1st Reading.**

A **motion** was made by Council President Heidi Robinson to suspend the rules for **Resolution 15-001** and declare as an emergency and was seconded Councilman Dale Brussee. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Discussion was held regarding the language on the fourth tenths. It was stated that the Solicitor has looked at the language. It was asked by Councilwoman Mary Renner to come back to this. After further review, it was corrected to four tenths while still in discussion.

With no further discussion, a **motion** was made by Council President Heidi Robinson to adopt **Resolution 15-001** and pass as an emergency and seconded by Councilman Dale Brussee. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Resolution 15-002 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY TO THE VILLAGE OF THORVILLE THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WILL BE GENERATED BY THE RENEWAL TAX OF ONE (1.0) MILLS LEVIED FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE SUBDIVISION IN EXCESS OF THE 10 MILL LIMITATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **1st Reading.**

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A **motion** was made by Council President Heidi Robinson to suspend the rules for **Resolution 15-002** and declare as an emergency and was seconded Councilman Dale Brussee. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed 4-0.**

A **motion** was made by Council President Heidi Robinson to adopt **Resolution 15-002** and pass as an emergency and seconded by Councilman Dale Brussee. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Special Events Application – Thornville Elementary School – Community Wellness 5k:

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Lynne Snider to pass the Special Events Application upon receipt of insurance and was seconded by Councilwoman Mary Renner. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Council Comments:

Councilman Dale Brussee had no comment.

Council President Heidi Robinson had no comment.

Councilwoman Mary Renner had no comment.

Councilwoman Lynne Snider had no comment.

Citizens Comments:

None.

Meeting Announcements:

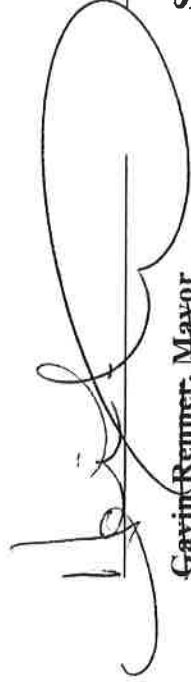
April 27 Next Regular Council Meeting.

April 20 Next Committee Meetings.

Adjournment:

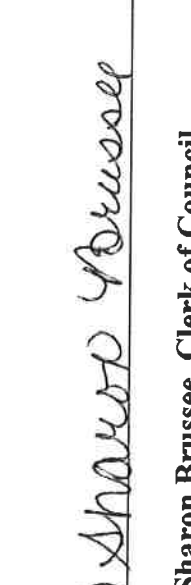
A **motion** was made by Council President Heidi Robinson to adjourn and was seconded by Councilwoman Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed 4-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



Heidi Robinson, Mayor

Heidi Robinson Pro-tem



Sharon Brussee, Clerk of Council