

**Minutes**  
**Special Pool Ad Hoc Committee**  
**Village Office, Three South Main Street**  
**Thornville, Ohio**  
**May 9, 2023**

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**Attendee List:**

**Committee Members:**

Sterling Krout- Chair  
Cici Trent- Vice Chair  
Lynne Snider

**Village Officials:**

Gina Kaetzel- Mayor  
Traci Sturgill- Village Administrator/ Clerk

**Guests:** Dale Brussee, Brad Blain, Teresa Whipkey, Sonya Rocco

**Call to Order:**

Committee member Sterling Krout called the Special Pool Ad Hoc Committee Meeting to order on May 9, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

**Assignment of Committee Chairs:**

**Motion** made by Committee member Lynne Snider to nominate Committee member Sterling Krout to be the Chair of the Special Pool Ad Hoc Committee. **Motion** seconded by committee member Sterling Krout. A roll call vote was taken with all committee members voting aye.

**Roll Call:**

Sterling Krout- aye  
Cici Trent- aye  
Lynne Snider- aye

**Motion passed 3-0**

Committee Chair Sterling Krout made a **motion** to nominate Cici Trent to be the Vice Chair of the Special Pool Ad Hoc Committee. **Motion** seconded by Committee member Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken with all committee members voting aye.

**Roll Call:**

Sterling Krout- aye  
Cici Trent- aye  
Lynne Snider- aye

**Motion passed 3-0**

**Review/Approval of the Special Pool Ad Hoc Committee Agenda for May 9, 2023:**

Committee Chair Sterling Krout asked for a **motion** to approve the business agenda for May 9, 2023. **Motion** made by Committee Vice Chair Cici Trent and was seconded by Committee Chair Sterling Krout. A roll call vote was taken with all committee members voting aye.

**Roll Call:**

Sterling Krout- aye  
Cici Trent- aye  
Lynne Snider- aye

**Motion passed 3-0**

**New Business:**

**Pool Replacement:** Committee Chair Sterling Krout asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves. Guests Dale Brussee and Brad Blain were just in attendance to listen in for an update. Committee Chair Sterling Krout introduced himself and let everyone know he is starting the committee to try and save the pool if that is what the Village

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residents and Township residents want. Mayor Kaetzel introduced herself added that her and Village Administrator Traci Sturgill are here to help in any way they can with research, loans, grants, decision making or whatever the committee feels they need to move forward with putting a levy on with the township. Sterling thanked everyone for being in attendance tonight. We have a lot of decisions that need to be made now and quickly due to the time sensitivity of the levy paperwork and grant applications.

Discussion held: Committee Chair Sterling Krout provided all the current facts in relation to the current condition of the swimming pool. It can no longer be repaired; it must be replaced. The cost to replace it is \$1.8 to \$2.2 million dollars. The current pool can no longer open again in its current state. It's a liability, risk, crumbling, falling apart and it has been there since 1962 when it was donated by Mr. Hite as a gift to the Village. Village Administrator Traci Sturgill explained all the repairs needed on the pool. The state health codes and current regulations we must adhere to cause our estimate to be much higher than expected. Committee Chair Sterling Krout advised we understand that the pool lies in the Village limits, but we also know it serves as a focal point for many surrounding communities and township. We have run the numbers many times and ways and it is going to just be too expensive to only put a levy on for the Village of Thornville residents to pay for. Traci advised even on a \$3 million dollar levy for 30 years, with just the Village, we would be unable to afford the payment on the loan per year. We do have funds set aside for the pool from a donation which can be used to help with a loan, but the payment is still too high.

The Village of Somerset and Reading Township have a levy on together for the Village of Somerset Pool along with many other entities. We would like to ask the Thorn Township Trustees to do the same with the Village. We would only need to ask for a \$2.5 mill levy for 5 years. This is really our only remaining option to try and save the pool. We will look at putting in a small splashpad to have something for the kids if we are unable to fund the replacement of the pool.

Decision was made to attend the Thorn Township Trustee meeting on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and ask them to put the levy on in November. All we can do is ask.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business, Committee Chair Sterling Krout asked for a **motion** to adjourn the Special Pool Ad Hoc Committee meeting. **Motion** made by Committee Vice Chair Cici Trent and seconded by Committee Chair Sterling Krout. A roll call vote was taken with all committee members voting aye.

**Roll Call:**

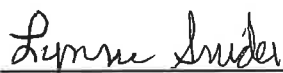
Lynne Snider- aye

Cici Trent – aye

Sterling Krout- aye

**Motion passed 3-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



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Sterling Krout, Committee Chair



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Traci Sturgill, Clerk of Council