

Village of Thornville Council Minutes
1 South Main Street
Thornville, OH
March 10th, 2025

Council Members:

Dale Brussee
Lynne Snider
Tasia Savage
Tony Taylor
Aaron Hoppel

Other Village Officials:

Amanda Lackey – Mayor
Melissa Brofford – Village Administr.
Abby Tolliver – Clerk of Council
Taylor Bennett – Fiscal Officer

Guests: Cody Palmer, Robert Vanderbosch, Ambrosia Wilson, Tom Thorp, Laura Keene, Sott Keene

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 President Dale Brussee, Council Member Tasia Savage, Council Member Tony Taylor, Council Member Lynne Snider, and Council Member Aaron Hoppel all present.

Roll Call:

Dale Brussee – aye
Tasia Savage – aye
Tony Taylor – aye
Lynne Snider – aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye

Excused Absences:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to excuse Council Member Eric Wilkins due to illness. Council Member Tony Taylor made the motion, and was seconded by Council President Dale Brussee. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Dale Brussee – aye
Lynne Snider – aye
Tasia Savage – aye
Tony Taylor – aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Review/Approval of Business Agenda for March 10th, 2025:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the March 10th, 2025 Regular Council Business Agenda after review. Council President Dale Brussee made the motion, and was seconded by Council Member Tony Taylor. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Aaron Hoppel – aye
Lynne Snider – aye
Tony Taylor – aye
Tasia Savage – aye
Dale Brussee – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Review/Approval of Regular Council Minutes from February 24th, 2025:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes from February 24th, 2025, after review. Council Member Aaron Hoppel made the motion, and was seconded by Council Member Tasia Savage. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Lynne Snider – abstain

Tony Taylor – aye

Dale Brussee – aye

Tasia Savage – aye

Aaron Hoppel – aye

Motion Passed 4-0

Unfinished Business:

- i. **RESOLUTION #25-01: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO EXECUTE A CUSTOMER AGREEMENT WITH iamGIS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

3rd Reading:

Mayor Lackey introduced the Resolution and asked for a motion to approve the third reading. Council Member Tony Taylor 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

Tony Taylor – aye

Dale Brussee – aye

Lynne Snider – aye

Aaron Hoppel – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #25-01. Council President Dale Brussee asked for clarification on what the last motion was in reference to. Mayor Lackey explained the motion was to approve the third reading of the Resolution. Council President Dale Brussee explained that third readings of Ordinances and Resolutions do not require motioned approval. Council Member Tony Taylor made the motion to adopt Resolution #25-01, and was seconded by Council Member Aaron Hoppel. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Tony Taylor – aye

Tasia Savage – aye

Dale Brussee – aye

Lynne Snider – aye

Aaron Hoppel – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

- ii. **Community Meetings for General Levies on November 2025 Ballot:**

Administrator Brofford explained that Ordinances referencing the General Levies on the 2025 Ballot would begin appearing on business agendas starting in May. Council President Dale Brussee suggested hosting two community meetings, one in October and one in either June or July. Mayor Lackey suggested hosting the meetings at a location like Grace Lutheran Church or Thornville Elementary School to ensure enough room for attendees. Council Member Tony Taylor reminded Council that only

factual information can be presented to community members, nothing that comes off persuasive. Fiscal Officer Bennett suggested putting together a pamphlet with basic utility costs to disperse, and Administrator Brofford suggested including information like the 40% price jump in electricity, price jumps in gas, and costs of water tank maintenance.

New Business:

i. ORDINANCE #25-07: AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CODY PALMER AS THE FULL-TIME CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

1st Reading:

Mayor Lackey introduced the Ordinance, then asked for a motion to suspend the three-reading rule for Ordinance #25-07 and declare an emergency. Council President Dale Brussee made the motion, and was seconded by Council Member Tony Taylor. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Aaron Hoppel – aye
Lynne Snider – aye
Tony Taylor – aye
Tasia Savage – aye
Dale Brussee – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #25-07 as an emergency. Council President Dale Brussee made the motion, and was seconded by Council Member Tony Taylor. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Tony Taylor – aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye
Lynne Snider – aye
Dale Brussee – aye
Tasia Savage – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Mayor Lackey swore in Chief Cody Palmer and welcomed him to the Village.

ii. ORDINANCE #25-08: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW COMPENSATION AND PAY SCHEDULE WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE, REPEALING ALL PRIOR SALARY ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

1st Reading:

Mayor Lackey introduced the Ordinance and explained the Ordinance included Chief Palmer's salary, as well as removed the Meter Reader position to combine it with the Water Laborer position. Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to suspend the three-reading rule for Ordinance #25-08 and declare an emergency. Council President Dale Brussee made the motion, and was seconded by Council Member Tony Taylor. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Lynne Snider – aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye
Tasia Savage – aye
Tony Taylor – aye

Dale Brussee – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #25-08 as an emergency. Council President Dale Brussee made the motion, and was seconded by Council Member Aaron Hoppel. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Lynne Snider – aye
Tasia Savage – aye
Aaron Hoppel – aye
Dale Brussee – aye
Tasia Savage – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

iii. **ORDINANCE #25-09: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REVISING SPECIFIC LINE-ITEMS IN THE APPROPRIATIONS OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

1st Reading:

Mayor Lackey announced that Ordinance #25-09's first reading is being tabled to the March 24th, 2025. Fiscal Officer Bennett explained that the full \$161,000 of Leatherman Fund Money was not all located in the Pool Fund, and explained that the discrepancies were caused by salary pull outs and vacation hour cash outs by the previous Administrator. Fiscal Officer Bennett explained she'd reached out to Local Government Services and the State Auditor's Office for help getting all funds in the correct accounts.

iv. **RESOLUTION #25-02: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE, BY INTERNET AUCTION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2025, OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE OR WHICH IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED**

1st Reading:

Mayor Lackey introduced the Resolution for its first reading. No discussion was held.

v. **US Department of Transportation 2025 Rural Tribal Assistance Pilot Program Grant:**

Administrator Brofford explained that EDG had brought this grant to her and would be opening a portal for application on March 18th. Administrator Brofford explained this grant would cover a study from Circle K on State Route 204 to the end of the Village, as well as a 300-foot radius from the intersection on State Route 188, on ADA Compliance. Administrator Brofford explained this project would help resolve issues the Village had been facing like the sidewalk near the library, property line clarification, and storm drain issues. Administrator Brofford reminded Council there was no assurance we would be awarded the grant as its first come, first served, and that it's a non-matching grant, so no funds were being committed. Council Member Tony Taylor made a motion in support of Administrator Brofford applying for the grant, and was seconded by Council President Dale Brussee. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Tony Taylor – aye
Tasia Savage – aye
Dale Brussee – aye
Lynne Snider – aye

Aaron Hoppel – aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Comments & Announcements:

Mayor Lackey informed Council the Village received a Facebook Message from a concerned resident on Maple, including photos, stating that when school buses are leaving Thornville Elementary, they are entering into and tearing up their yard. Mayor Lackey continued on, explaining that the resident shared concerns that a bus had been so far into their yard they'd been afraid the bus would tip. Administrator Brofford suggested Chief Palmer keep an eye on the area during heavy traffic time, as well as double check right-of-way area, to which he agreed. Mayor Lackey requested that Fiscal Officer Bennet bring the 2026 Budget Information to the April Finance Committee Meeting, to which she agreed.

Mayor Lackey asked for Council to finalize a Fall Food Truck Event date, sharing that the Chamber of Commerce is hoping to do the Car Show again, as well. Mayor Lackey suggested October 4th. Council President Dale Brussee suggested looking into other car shows in the area around the time to ensure our event won't interfere with any other established events in the area. Council Member Tasia Savage found a website listing local car shows, and Council decided on October 4th from 3PM to 7PM.

Mayor Lackey asked Chief Palmer to reach out to sworn in officer Sean Campbell and see if he'd be interested in any third shift coverage a few nights a week, to which Chief Palmer Shared Officer Campbell had started full-time with New Lexington Police, but would be sure to reach out.

Council Member Aaron Hoppel questioned future plans for the site of the former Community Pool. Council President Dale Brussee explained the concrete from around the pool was going to be busted up and used as gravel for the roadway on the new property at the Water Plant once that property purchase was finalized, and explained the plans for the concrete removal and filling of the pool hole needed to be finalized, as well. Council Member Tasia Savage questioned if the filling of the hole was a Council or Committee discussion, to which Council President Dale Brussee answered that it could be brought up in Council to be finalized.


Adjournment:

With no further business, Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:06PM. Council Member Lynne Snider made the motion, and was seconded by Council Member Tasia Savage. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Aaron Hoppel – aye
Lynne Snider – aye
Tony Taylor – ay e
Tasia Savage – aye
Dale Brussee – aye

Motion Passed 5-0



Amanda Lackey, Mayor



Abby Tolliver, Clerk of Council