

Village of Thornville Council Minutes
1 South Main Street
Thornville, OH
April 14th, 2025

Council Members:

Dale Brussee - President
Aaron Hoppel
Lynne Snider
Tasia Savage
Eric Wilkins

Other Village Officials:

Amanda Lackey – Mayor
Melissa Brofford – Village Administr.
Abby Tolliver – Clerk of Council
Taylor Bennett – Fiscal Officer
Cody Palmer - Chief of Police

Guests: Martha Russler, Steve Carr

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 Eric Wilkins, Council Member Lynne Snider, and Council Member Aaron Hoppel all present.

Roll Call:

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

Excused Absences:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to excuse Council Member Tony Taylor due to previously scheduled travel. Council Member Lynne Snider 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
Lynne Snider - aye
Eric Wilkins - aye
Tasia Savage - aye
Dale Brussee - aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Review/Approval of Business Agenda for April 14th, 2025:

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to approve the April 14th, 2025 Regular Council Business Agenda after review. 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
Eric Wilkins - aye

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

Motion Passed 5-0

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #25-09 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:

Dale Brussee - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Tasia Savage - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye
Eric Wilkins - aye

Motion Passed 5-0

c. Use of Materials Surrounding Pool:

Council President Dale Brussee expressed his wishes for the Village to use the concrete surrounding the Village Pool for gravel going into the Voorhies property being acquired. Council President Dale Brussee offered to bust up & haul out the material himself, citing the fact that this material will have to leave the site at some point in the near future. Discussion was held over next steps for the walls of the pool and other materials left over, to which Council decided to remove walls and use concrete floor to help fill the hole. Guest Steve Carr questioned future plans for the Community Pool Site, to which Council President Dale Brussee explained that there were none in place at the moment. Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to use the concrete material surrounding the pool for a gravel pathway to the Voorhies property to be acquired. 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:

Dale Brussee - aye
Tasia Savage - aye
Eric Wilkins - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye

Motion Passed 5-0

d. Community Meetings for November Levies on 2025 Ballot:

Discussion was held on the best date to hold Community Meetings regarding the Village Levies on the November 2025 Ballot. Council decided to hold the meetings on June 12th, 2025 at 7PM, with plans to host the meeting at Thornville Elementary School.

New Business:

a. July 4th Activity Committee Application:

Mayor Lackey informed Council a representative from the Thornville Activity Committee had come to answer any questions, and opened the floor to Council & Public Officials. Chief Palmer and TAC Representative Martha Russler discussed policing measures & pay, and TAC Representative Martha Russler explained the activities planned for the day. Council decided to table approving the application until policing plans were

Motion Passed 5-0

- d. RESOLUTION #25-05: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO EXECUTE AND AGREEMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP TO PREPARE A WATER AUDIT REPORT AND DECLARE AN EMERGENCY**

1st Reading:

Administrator Brofford explained that this resolution goes along with Resolution #25-03, authorizing the payment for the report itself. Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to suspend the three reading rule and declare Resolution #25-05 an emergency. Council President Dale Brussee 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 - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye
Dale Brussee - aye
Tasia Savage - aye
Eric Wilkins - aye

Motion Passed 5-0

- e. RESOLUTION #25-06: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

1st Reading:

Administrator Brofford explained the amounts of road salt to be received should the resolution be passed. Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to suspend the three reading rule and declare Resolution #25-06 an emergency. Council President Dale Brussee made the motion, and was seconded by Council Member Eric Wilkins. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Eric Wilkins - aye
Tasia Savage - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Dale Brussee - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #25-06 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:

Tasia Savage - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Eric Wilkins - aye
Dale Brussee - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye

Motion Passed 4-0

Mayor Lackey asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #25-11 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:

Eric Wilkins - aye
Tasia Savage - aye
Dale Brussee - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Comments & Announcements:

Mayor Lackey welcomed Chief Palmer to his first official Village Council Meeting, and shared all he'd accomplished so far.

Mayor Lackey informed Council that two more poles at the Community Ball Diamond had fallen during recent storms, with one pole remaining standing, yet holding strong concern. Mayor Lackey explained that a resident had offered to donate the labor if the Village provided the poles. Mayor Lackey shared that she & Administrator Brofford had attending Lobbying Day at the Ohio State House, and met with Representative Kevin Miller as well as a representative from Senator Balderson's office.

Mayor Lackey shared plans for a Community Clean Up Day Event, with a grant being applied for to provide supplies for the event.

Mayor Lackey shared that a Water Repair in front of the Thornville Post Office was scheduled for the 21st, and informed Council that a boil advisory was not expected to follow the repair.

Administrator Brofford informed Council that TYRA had not provided their COI for the season, violating their agreement with the Village to use Community Ball Diamonds.

Administrator Brofford explained that discussion was being held on soliciting bids for the designated park area in Foster Manor. Administrator Brofford shared previously expressed support and disapproval from residents on selling the property to a private owner.

Administrator Brofford shared the results of the RFQ Rankings, done by herself and the Village Public Facilities & Safety Committee, with ADR coming in first. Administrator Brofford asked for a motion to move forward with ADR in negotiations. Council President Dale Brussee made the motion, and was seconded by Council Member Eric Wilkins. A roll call vote was taken, with all members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Tasia Savage - aye
Dale Brussee - aye
Eric Wilkins - aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Aaron Hoppel - aye

Motion Passed 5-0

Administrator Brofford explained that the Federal Government was scrapping all applications for the Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program and restarting the RTA Grant applications, a new date for the application portal to open has not been set.

Mayor Lackey shared that Jason Kidd with the Village Streets Department had resigned, with his last day effective April 22nd. Mayor Lackey explained that a motion accepting his resignation was needed as soon as possible so postings to fill the position could go out. Council Member