

ORDINANCE NO. 24-09

ADOPTED August 5, 2024

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF TAYLOR BENNETT AS VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Village of Thornville is a statutory municipal corporation organized and governed by the laws of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2024, the Fiscal Officer resigned, effective May 31, 2024, because she was taking on a larger role as Grant Administrator along with her fiscal officer duties at the Village of Somerset; and

WHEREAS, because the Village of Thornville could not have a vacancy in the fiscal officer position for any extended period, Council for the Village of Thornville appointed Chris Kerby to serve on a temporary basis as Interim Fiscal Officer for the Village of Thornville until a new, permanent fiscal officer could be hired; and

WHEREAS, Council for the Village of Thornville understands the importance of the position and needs to hire an individual, who has the education, experience, and background, to serve as its next fiscal officer and believes Taylor Bennett has these qualities and qualifications; and

WHEREAS, Taylor Bennett has served as Village of South Zanesville Assistant Fiscal Officer for the past nine years, serves as the Village of Fultonham Fiscal Officer, has the knowledge and experience to help the Village of Thornville, and is willing to work as the next Village of Thornville Fiscal Officer.

NOW, **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council for the Village of Thornville, Perry County, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: Council for the Village of Thornville hereby confirms the Mayor's appointment of Taylor Bennett to serve as the Fiscal Officer for the Village of Thornville.

SECTION 2: As Fiscal Officer for the Village of Thornville, Taylor Bennett shall:

- a. Work no more than 25 hours per month, unless directed otherwise by Council or the Village Administrator.
- b. Be paid \$45.00 per hour.
- c. Not earn, or be entitled to, any vacation leave, sick leave, or any other Village employee benefit, except OPERS.
- d. Be an at-will employee, who may be removed without cause either by the mayor with the consent of a majority of the members of council or by a three-fourths vote of the council with or without the consent of the mayor.

SECTION 2: Council for the Village of Thornville hereby waives the residency requirement set forth in R.C. 733.262(D), and therefore approves Taylor Bennett's residence outside the Village of Thornville.

SECTION 3: All prior legislation, or any parts thereof, which is/are inconsistent with this Ordinance is/are hereby repealed as to the inconsistent parts thereof.

SECTION 4: It is hereby found and determined that all formal action of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberation of this Council and any of its committee that results in such formal action were in meeting open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements of the laws of the State of Ohio.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Thornville and the further reason that Council needs to confirm this appointment as soon as possible so that the Village is not without a fiscal officer. Wherefore, provided this Ordinance receives the required

affirmative votes of Council, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon passage by Council.

Passed in Council this 5th day of August, 2024.

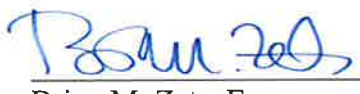

Amanda Lackey, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

Approved as to form this 2nd day of August 2024:


Brian M. Zets, Esq.
Village Solicitor