

Town of Thunderbolt  
Council Meeting October 8, 2025.

**Mayor Williams opened the public comment at 6:00PM.**

**Michael Gaster** approached Mayor and Council to speak to the mailing of utility bills. He stated he received his last bill the date it was due. Mayor Williams asked Matthew Walker, Town Administrator, to investigate his concerns.

**Mayor Williams closed the public comment at 6:30PM.**

**Mayor Williams** called the meeting to order at 6:30PM, October 8, 2025. Those in attendance were Council Members Bethany Skipper-Greer, David Crenshaw, Lawrence Ward, Dr. Edward Drohan, James Lavin and Brooks Barbaree. Also in attendance were Charlie Barrow, Town Attorney; Matthew Walker, Town Administrator; and Jan LeViner, Town Clerk.

Mayor Williams delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Meeting Agenda.** **Council Member Ward** made a motion to approve the agenda with item 7(b) moved to the Consent Agenda and item 8(a), WE Honey Park Fence Estimate for approval, be removed. **Council Member Crenshaw** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting, September 10, 2025.** **Council Member Ward** made a motion to approve the minutes. **Council Member Crenshaw** seconded. Vote was unanimous 6-0 to approve.

**Mayor Williams** recognized the following business and encouraged everyone to shop local:

- Terracon
- American Legion Post 184
- JSC Systems, Inc
- Erica Davis Catering, LLC

**Mayor Williams** recognized Georgia Retired Educators Day with the reading of a Proclamation. He then asked those who were retired educators to please come forward to be recognized.

**Anna Marie Thomas** approached Mayor and Council to give an update on the Thunderbolt Museum. Ms. Thomas invited everyone to attend the Oyster Roast on November 9, 2025, and tickets are on sale but limited. She continued there will also be hot dogs, raffle items, and other gifts available. Ms. Thomas continued, the museum's events are to preserve Thunderbolt's history and support local artists, with a focus on community engagement.

**Shannon Britt** approached the Mayor and Council to give a financial report. Ms. Britt stated everything is in good order and there is one United Community Bank account left open. The general account is about \$25,000 but the Town is expecting an insurance premium deposit which is a rather large one. Since the last meeting, there is a newly established Georgia One Fund. Also there were several challenges, but it is now open and in early October about \$3.2M has been transferred into that account. The current yield in that account is 4.28%. She anticipates there will be approximately \$11.2M in cash and almost all of it is earning interest at 4%. Ms. Britt updated the progress of the new software as it should be in place by spring. She is also happy to report that everything is on track. Ms. Britt stated the water and sewer account with Georgia Fund One is still being set up and funds will be transferred on completed. Also, an interim budget

amendment is proposed due to increased salaries and playground renovations with a FEMA reimbursement of over \$400,000 is expected.

**Consideration of Consent Agenda:**

- a. End of Year Budget Amendment
- b. Police Department Vehicle Quotes

**Council Member Drohan** made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. **Council Member Ward** seconded. **Discussion: Chief Clayton** stated he is requesting two new police vehicles to replace some of the older sedans that we currently have. The funding would come from Blue Line Solutions and will not impact on the general fund. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

**Discussion Agenda:**

- a. Permit Application: Ancient Order of Hibernians. **James Haley** approached Mayor and Council. He stated this is the same type of event that was held previously without incident. He is also asking permission to do a third event in March of 2026. They will start at the American Legion and come up Rowland and move through town. Mayor Williams reminded them they will need insurance for the event. Mr. Haley confirmed. **Council Member Ward** made a motion to approve with the caveat they meet all the requirements from the previous year for insurance and proper paperwork. **Council Member Skipper-Greer** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

**Department Head Reports**

**Chief Clayton, Police Department**, approached Mayor and Council to entertain questions. He stated they did another three-week study on Bonaventure regarding speed tables. Chief Clayton stated 50% of vehicles traveling each week are traveling between 21 and 25 mph. There was also a discussion regarding how to keep tractor trailers off Bonaventure as there is no need for them to travel that road.

**Chief Boyles, Fire Department**, approached Mayor and Council to answer any questions regarding his report as included in the packet before them. Chief Boyles stated for those who do not know, when a mobile home catches fire, there is little time to save the structure. Last week we did have a call and were able to respond quickly enough to save it from a total loss. Chief Boyles wanted to congratulate the fire department staff for a job well done. Mayor Williams commended all of the public safety staff to include public works department as they support and back each other up. He thanked everyone for the job well done.

**Oscar Crosby, Department of Public Works** approached Mayor and Council. Mr. Crosby stated there was a leak at Nellie Johnson Park which is one reason why the Town consumption was high. It has been located and repaired. He asked if there were any questions or topics to be discussed. Being none, he thanked Mayor and Council.

**Matthew Walker, Town Administration**, reported the Georgia State Sidewalk Repairs for the sidewalks in Town and the repairs are scheduled for late in the month so by Halloween, they should be taken care of and leveled out. Mr. Walker stated there will be two RFP's posted soon. One to replace the current roof at Town Hall and the other for the replacement of the bathrooms at Honey Park. They will be on the agenda for the November meeting. Staff are also working on the final budget which will be presented at the two meetings in December. Mayor Williams then thanked Mr. Walker and the staff for all their hard work. They support each other, which is great teamwork.

**Jan LeViner, Town Clerk**, thanked the candidates for placing their signs in proper locations and reminded everyone Tuesday, November 4, 2025, is election day. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mayor Williams thanked Ms. LeViner for her hard work with her office as well as with the election process.

**Legal Reports**

**No report.**

**Council Member Crenshaw** made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel, litigation, and real estate. **Council Member Ward** seconded. Motion to approve was unanimous, 6-0.

**Council Member Ward** made a motion to return to regular session. **Council Member Drohan** seconded. The motion to approve was unanimous, 6-0.

**Council Member Crenshaw** made a motion to adjourn. **Council Member Ward** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

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Jan LeViner, Clerk

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Dana Williams, Mayor  
Town of Thunderbolt