

VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING –JULY 21, 2025.

President Reynolds called the Committee Meeting of July 21st, 2025 to order at 7:00 pm

Roll Call:

Roll Call: President Reynolds, Trustee Cunningham, Trustee Middlebrooks, Trustee Pratscher Trustee Glaser, Trustee Pisarzewski. Recreation Director Dunlop, Public Works Supt. Roberts, Fire Chief Schweitzer, Police Chief Wesolowski. Also in attendance Administrator Payne, Attorney Diller, Engineer Kaminsky.

Absent: Trustee Kaye

Public Comment:

Robert Enright made a public comment regarding the suggested name change of Memorial Park to Dave Hudson memorial garden. Mr. Enright mentioned a moratorium established by Mayor Swan.

Committee Reports:

Trustee Pisarezewski : None

President Reynolds: The building department had 17 permits issued, totaling \$9,869.00, and 327 inspections were completed.

Trustee Cunningham: July cash position is \$7,282,814.98

Administrator Payne informed the board that Treasurer Frye has been in contact with the audit firm, Treasurer Frye is currently reviewing the final draft, but we are still a few weeks out from the final audit report.

Trustee Middlebrooks: Reviewed the rec centers past month activities, and upcoming events. Most notable upcoming events in National Night Out, Tuesday August 5th, 2025 from 5pm-7pm. Rec Director Dunlop suggested Memorial Park name be changed to David Hudson memorial park.

President Reynolds asked for discussion regarding the name change of memorial park. Trustee Pratscher stated memorial park is for everyone, it should not be named after a certain individual. Trustee Cunningham, Trustee Glaser, and Trustee Pisarzewski were also all in agreement that memorial park should not be named after David Hudson. Trustee Pratscher suggested a proclamation for David Hudson. President Reynolds suggested donating a brick in honor of David Hudson, or planting a tree in his honor at memorial park.

Trustee Kaye: Absent

President Reynolds gave the public works report there were 14 julie locates, and one water and sewer repair.

Trustee Glaser: The police department received 577 calls, and ISATT is requesting \$207,084.50 to purchase 5 vehicles from there SOS grant funds.

Trustee Pratscher: The fire department had 49 inspections, 99 calls, and 205 training hours.

Engineer Kaminsky:

Engineer Kaminsky reviewed the IDOT resolutions authorizing all REBUILD Illinois funds that were included in the packet.

Attorney Dillner:

None

Administrator Payne:

Grocery Sales Tax Ordinance- Administrator Payne went on to explain with this ordinance IT IS NOT A NEW TAX, the state legislation repealed the 1% grocery Tax starting January 1st, 2026. IML fought to allow municipalities to impose its own 1% grocery tax so the municipality does not miss out on the revenue.

2025 Water Valve Exercise Program – Public Works Supt. Roberts explained every other year the village alternates between exercising the valves and hydrants. This year they will clean out the valve boxes and exercise the valves to keep them in good working order, and identify any issues or problems.

Amendment to Ordinance Regarding Ambulance billing - Fire Chief Schweitzer explained this would increase the ambulance fees to the current Gmet standard and would be a 50/50 split. Half would go to the village and the other half would go the fire department capital improvement fund. Trustee Cunningham questioned if residents were charged for ambulance rides, and Fire Chief Schweitzer confirmed residents are not charged. The fire department receives whatever Medicare, or the private insurance covers and that is it. The ambulance mileage was also raised from \$19 to \$21.

Annual Health Insurance Renewal – Administrator Payne explained that the village's health insurance coverage is up for renewal, it is up by 13%. The village is looking in to eliminating one plan, an HSA plan that only employee participates in.

President Reynolds:

Cooling center is the community center, for anything after hours please call the non-emergency line an officer will assist you 24/7.

If you see something strange please the police, or something don't just post it on facebook. Example the quarry gate was open, call someone don't just post it. That could've been really bad.

Every Sunday the fire department does free blood pressure checks.

Remember national night out in Tuesday August 5th, 2025 from 5pm to 7pm, Jimboos will be there and it is cash only.

Adjournment:

President Reynolds asked for a motion to adjourn the committee meeting. Trustee Cunningham made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Trustee Pratscher. All in favor Motion carried Committee Meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM.

Village Clerk, Nikki Kitakis