

## Regular Board Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2025

VILLAGE OF THORNTON  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
November 17, 2025

President Reynolds called the Regular Board Meeting to order for the Village of Thornton, Illinois on November 17, 2025, at 6:49 p.m. This meeting is being recorded by Clerk Kitakis and on Village social media. Attendees were asked to refrain from using electronic devices.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence was observed for public servants, military members, the sick and injured, and the recently departed, including: Gina Rae Bork, Kathy Howard, Bernard Joseph Anderson, Arlene Runge, James Pratangaro, the uncle of Trustee Kaye, Len Kenzies, and David Ryan, father of Elsa Mayer and John Ryan.

### ROLL CALL:

President Reynolds – Present

Trustee Cunningham – Present

Trustee Middlebrooks – Present

Trustee Kaye – Present

Trustee Glaser – Present

Trustee Pratscher – Present

Trustee Pisarzewski – Present

Also present: Public Works Superintendent Roberts, Parks & Recreation Director Dunlop, Police Chief Wesolowski, and Fire Chief Schweitzer.

### Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2025

Motion by Trustee Kaye, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, to approve the Committee Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2025, as presented.

AYES – Trustees Kaye, Cunningham, Middlebrooks, Glaser, Pratscher, Pisarzewski

ABSTAIN – None

NAYS – None

MOTION CARRIED

### Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2025

Motion by Trustee Glaser, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2025, as presented.

AYES – Trustees Glaser, Kaye, Cunningham, Middlebrooks, Pratscher, Pisarzewski

ABSTAIN – None

NAYS – None

MOTION CARRIED

### Approval of Line Item Transfer – \$200 (Training to Dues & Fees)

Motion by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Glaser, to approve the line-item transfer decreasing 01-69-

8005 Training by \$200 and increasing 01-69-8004 Dues and Fees by \$200.

AYES – Trustees Cunningham, Glaser, Kaye, Middlebrooks, Pratscher, Pisarzewski

ABSTAIN – None

NAYS – None

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Line Item Transfer – \$5,600 (Contingency to Miscellaneous)

Motion by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Pratscher, to approve the line-item transfer decreasing 01-73-8006 Contingency by \$5,600 and increasing 01-50-8006 Miscellaneous by \$5,600.

AYES – Trustees Cunningham, Pratscher, Kaye, Middlebrooks, Glaser

ABSTAIN – Trustee Pisarzewski

NAYS – None

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Vouchers – November 17, 2025

Motion by Trustee Pratscher, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to approve the payment of vouchers in the amount of \$414,734.60, of which \$112,259.19 is from the SOS Grant and \$257,100.85 is from prepaid checks.

AYES – Trustees Pratscher, Kaye, Cunningham, Middlebrooks, Glaser, Pisarzewski

ABSTAIN – None

NAYS – None

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of 2026 Fireworks Agreement

Motion by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to approve the agreement with Mad Bomber Fireworks Productions for the 2026 Fireworks Display in the amount of \$13,500.

AYES – Trustees Cunningham, Kaye, Middlebrooks, Glaser, Pratscher, Pisarzewski

ABSTAIN – None

NAYS – None

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Resolution 2025-18R – Sale of 601 Ridge Road

Motion by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Pratscher, to approve Resolution No. 2025-18R, approving the sale of 601 Ridge Road to Washington Memory Gardens.

AYES – Trustees Cunningham, Pratscher, Kaye, Middlebrooks, Glaser, Pisarzewski

ABSTAIN – None

NAYS – None

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Ordinance 2025-019 – Special Use Permit for 583 N. Williams

Motion by Trustee Pisarzewski, seconded by Trustee Pratscher, to approve Ordinance No. 2025-019, granting a special use permit to operate an automotive repair shop at 583 North Williams Street.

AYES – Trustees Pisarzewski, Pratscher, Cunningham, Kaye, Middlebrooks, Glaser

ABSTAIN – None

NAYS – None

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motion by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Middlebrooks, to approve the Treasurer's Report as

submitted during the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

AYES – Trustees Cunningham, Middlebrooks, Kaye, Glaser, Pratscher, Pisarzewski

ABSTAIN – None

NAYS – None

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment for items not on the agenda.

Motion to Enter Executive Session

Motion by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Middlebrooks, to enter Executive Session to discuss the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), with action to follow.

AYES – Trustees Cunningham, Middlebrooks, Glaser, Pratscher, Pisarzewski

ABSTAIN – None

NAYS – Trustee Kaye

MOTION CARRIED

The Regular Board Meeting adjourned into Executive Session on November 17, 2025 at 6:58 PM

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION & CONTINUATION OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING – November 17, 2025 at 7:42 PM

President Reynolds called the Regular Board Meeting back to order at 7:43 p.m.

Roll Call:

President Reynolds – Here

Trustee Cunningham – Here

Trustee Middlebrooks – Here

Trustee Kaye – Here

Trustee Glaser – Here

Trustee Pratscher – Here

Trustee Pisarzewski – Here

Motion to appoint Montana & Welch as Corporate Counsel for the Village of Thornton, Illinois.

Motion by Trustee Pratcher, seconded by Trustee Middlebrooks.

AYES – Trustees Pratcher, Middlebrooks, Cunningham, Kaye, Glaser, Pisarzewski

NAYS – None

MOTION CARRIED

**Old Business:**

Board briefly discussed the audit that had been distributed. Trustee Cunningham noted that the Board had just received the audit and asked for clarification regarding its status. Administrator Payne confirmed that the document provided is the official completed audit for the fiscal year and represents the finalized version from the auditors.

Administrator Payne further explained that the auditing firm had originally been scheduled to attend the November 17 meeting to present the audit findings, walk the Board through key financial statements, and respond to any questions. However, the auditors notified the Village earlier in the week that they had a

scheduling conflict and were unable to be present this evening. Their formal presentation has been rescheduled for the December 1, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

Board members were encouraged to thoroughly review the audit prior to that meeting so that any questions, financial clarifications, or points of concern can be addressed directly with the auditors during their presentation. No additional items were brought forward under Old Business.

New Business:  
None presented.

Closing Remarks:  
President Reynolds thanked Village employees, elected officials, and residents, and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Adjournment:  
Motion to adjourn by Trustee Pratcher, seconded by Trustee Kaye.  
ALL IN FAVOR – Aye  
OPPOSED – None  
MOTION CARRIED

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Maxine Reynolds Village President

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Nikki Kitakis Village Clerk