

VILLAGE OF THORNTON

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 1, 2025

Time: 6:35 p.m.

Location: Village Hall, Thornton, Illinois

1. CALL TO ORDER

Village President Maxine Reynolds called the Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Thornton to order at 6:35 p.m. The meeting was recorded by Village Clerk Nikki Kitakis and streamed via the Village's social media platforms. Attendees were asked to refrain from the use of electronic devices.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was observed in honor of public servants, members of the military, the sick, and recently departed individuals, including David Bryant, father of Robbins Mayor Derick Young Bryant.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

President Maxine Reynolds

Trustee Cunningham

Trustee Middlebrooks

Trustee Kaye

Trustee Glaser

Trustee Pisarzewski

Police Chief Wesolowski

Absent:

Trustee Pratscher

Fire Chief Schweitzer

Public Works Superintendent Roberts

Park & Recreation Director Dunlop

3. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 17, 2025

A motion was made by Trustee Kaye and seconded by Trustee Middlebrooks to approve the Committee Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2025, as written.

Discussion:

Several Trustees expressed concerns regarding the accuracy and completeness of the minutes. Trustee Cunningham stated that discussion related to the codification process, fees and fines, were insufficiently reflected, and the frustration regarding the lack of codification was not conveyed.

- Trustee Pisarzewski stated she voted no because, and she felt the minutes did not accurately reflect the discussion.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES – Trustees Kaye, Middlebrooks, Glaser

NAYS – Trustees Pisarzewski, Cunningham

ABSENT – Trustee Pratscher

The motion passed.

4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 17, 2025

A motion was made by Trustee Kaye and seconded by Trustee Middlebrooks to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2025, as written.

Discussion:

Trustees Cunningham reiterated concerns similar to those raised during the Committee Minutes discussion. Trustees stated that discussion regarding fees and fines was not accurately reflected and that approval should be deferred until corrections were made.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES – Trustees Kaye, Middlebrooks

NAYS – Trustees Glaser, Pisarzewski, Cunningham

ABSENT – Trustee Pratscher

The motion failed. The minutes will be revised and brought back for approval at a future meeting.

5. LINE ITEM TRANSFER – WATER CAPITAL FUND

A motion was made by Trustee Kaye and seconded by Trustee Cunningham to approve a line item transfer for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2026, in the amount of \$20,000 from Water Infrastructure Improvements to Engineering within the Water Capital Fund.

Discussion:

Trustees inquired whether the funds would be reimbursed through grants. Administration explained that the Village must pay upfront for engineering services related to the Lead Service Line Replacement Project, and reimbursement may occur if funding is awarded through the IEPA. While reimbursement is not guaranteed, Administration stated the Village has a strong chance based on surrounding community awards.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES – Trustees Kaye, Cunningham, Middlebrooks, Glaser

NAYS – None

ABSTAIN – Trustee Pisarzewski

ABSENT – Trustee Pratscher

Motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS – DECEMBER 1, 2025

A motion was made by Trustee Cunningham and seconded by Trustee Kaye to approve vouchers in the amount of \$455,554.99, including: - \$178,413.21 – SOS Grant expenditures- \$61,290.66 – Pre-paid checks

Discussion:

Trustees requested clarification regarding AV system upgrades to the boardroom totaling \$18,843.00. Administration confirmed this amount represented the final payment for microphones, cameras, televisions, and related equipment.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES – Trustees Cunningham, Kaye, Middlebrooks, Pisarzewski

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Trustee Pratscher

Motion carried.

7. ORDINANCE 2025-020 – 2026 TAX LEVY

A motion was made by Trustee Cunningham and seconded by Trustee Kaye to approve Ordinance 2025-020, approving the 2026 Tax Levy.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS – None

Motion carried.

8. RAFFLE LICENSE FEE WAIVER – THORNTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A motion was made by Trustee Cunningham and seconded by Trustee Glaser to approve a raffle license fee waiver for the Thornton Historical Society.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NAYS – None

Motion carried.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Roger Maltrato, 406 Water Street, addressed the Board regarding the condition of Arrowhead Street, citing extensive potholes and unsafe driving conditions. Mr. Maltrato expressed frustration with the condition of the roadway and offered to volunteer his time and labor to assist with temporary repairs once weather permits. He acknowledged staffing challenges within Public Works and commended the Village on progress in other areas.

10. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

11. NEW BUSINESS

President Reynolds reminded residents that garbage fees will be included on water bills beginning January 15, 2026, at a rate of \$23.06 per month, totaling \$46.12 per billing cycle.

12. PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS

President Reynolds thanked Village employees, elected officials, and residents for their continued support and for attending the meeting despite inclement weather.

13. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Cunningham and seconded by Trustee Glaser to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki Kitakis
Village Clerk
Village of Thornton

Maxine Reynolds
Village President
Village of Thornton