

VILLAGE OF THORNTON, ILLINOIS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2026

1. Call to Order

The Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Thornton was called to order at **6:41 PM** by President **Maxine Reynolds**. The meeting was recorded by Clerk **Nikki Kitakis** and streamed live. All attendees were asked to silence electronic devices.

2. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence was observed for public servants, military personnel, the sick, and recently departed.

3. Roll Call

Present:

President Maxine Reynolds

Trustee Cunningham

Trustee Middlebrooks

Trustee Glaser

Trustee Piszczewski

Absent:

Trustee Kaye

Trustee Pratscher

Also Present:

Public Works Superintendent Bryan Roberts

Park & Recreation Director Dunlop

Police Chief Wesolowski

Fire Chief Schweitzer

4. Administrator Report – Vivian Payne

Administrator Payne presented the following items for Board consideration that were not discussed in Committee due to the Youth Night event:

- **Resolution 2026-008** – Amended Purchasing Policy
- **Ordinance 2026-015** – Side yard variance for **510 N. Julian Street**, reducing the setback to 3.85 feet, previously approved by the Planning Commission with conditions
- **Purchase Approval** – 2026 Chevrolet Traverse in the amount of **\$58,308.86** from Ziegler Chevrolet (lowest bidder)

It was noted the variance was brought forward to avoid delaying the resident’s project due to the monthly Planning schedule.

5. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2026

Trustee Cunningham made a motion to approve the Committee Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2026. Trustee Middlebrooks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Cunningham – Yes

Middlebrooks – Yes

Glaser – Abstain

Pisarczyewski – Yes

Kaye – Absent

Pratscher – Absent

Motion carried.

6. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2026

Trustee Cunningham made a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2026. Trustee Middlebrooks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Cunningham – Yes

Middlebrooks – Yes

Glaser – Abstain
Pisarczywski – Yes
Kaye – Absent
Pratscher – Absent

Motion carried.

7. Payment of Vouchers

Trustee Cunningham made a motion to approve vouchers totaling **\$480,825.18**, including **\$301,509.18 from SOS grant funds** and **\$1,326.87 from prepaid checks**. Trustee Glaser seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Cunningham – Yes
Glaser – Yes
Middlebrooks – Yes
Pisarczywski – Yes
Kaye – Absent
Pratscher – Absent

Motion carried.

8. Resolution 2026-008 – Amended Purchasing Policy

Trustee Cunningham made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-008 adopting an amended purchasing policy. Trustee Middlebrooks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Cunningham – Yes
Middlebrooks – Yes
Glaser – Yes
Pisarczywski – Yes
Kaye – Absent
Pratscher – Absent

Motion carried.

9. Ordinance 2026-015 – Side Yard Variance (510 N. Julian Street)

Trustee Pisarzewski made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-015 granting a variation from the side yard setback requirements. Trustee Middlebrooks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Pisarzewski – Yes
Middlebrooks – Yes
Cunningham – Yes
Glaser – Yes
Kaye – Absent
Pratscher – Absent

Motion carried.

10. Approval of Vehicle Purchase – 2026 Chevrolet Traverse

Trustee Glaser made a motion to approve the purchase of a **2026 Chevrolet Traverse** in the amount of **\$58,308.86** from Ziegler Chevrolet. Trustee Cunningham seconded the motion.

Discussion clarified that this purchase is funded through grant funds and not general Village funds.

Roll Call Vote:

Glaser – Yes
Cunningham – Yes
Middlebrooks – Yes
Pisarzewski – Yes
Kaye – Absent
Pratscher – Absent

Motion carried.

11. Treasurer's Report – Simone Jackson

For the month of March 2026:

General Fund:

- Revenues: \$73,092.18
- Expenditures: \$429,778.40
- Excess of expenditures over revenues: (\$356,686.22)

Water Fund:

- Revenues: \$121,092.88
- Expenditures: \$17,234.12
- Excess of revenues over expenditures: \$103,858.76

No action was required.

12. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

13. Old Business

None.

14. New Business

President Reynolds expressed appreciation to:

- Village employees
- Elected officials
- Residents
- Youth Night participants and their families

Special recognition was given to those who assisted with the Youth Night event.

15. Adjournment

Trustee Middlebrooks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Cunningham seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All Ayes

Meeting adjourned at 6:49PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Maxine Reynolds, Village President

Nikki Kitakis, Village Clerk