

VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – MAY 19, 2025

**Call to Order:**

Acting President Reynolds called the regular meeting to order at 7:37 pm. President Reynolds reported the meeting was being recorded by Clerk Kitakis, and was placed on social media.

**PLEDGE AND INVOCATION:**

Acting President Reynolds led the pledge to the flag, followed with a moment of silence for our public servants, our military, our recently deceased.

**Roll Call:**

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

Absent: Trustee Pisarzewski, Trustee Kaye

**Minutes:**

May 5th, 2025 committee meeting minutes.

Presidents Reynolds asked for a motion to approve the May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 committee meeting minutes. Motion was made to approve the May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 committee meeting minutes by Trustee Cunningham, motion was seconded by Trustee Glaser.

Ayes: Trustee Cunningham, Glaser, Pratscher, Middlebrooks

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Kaye, Pisarzewski

Motion: Carries

May 5th, 2025 regular meeting minutes.

Presidents Reynolds asked for a motion to approve the May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Motion was made to approve the May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Regular meeting minutes by Trustee Cunningham, motion was seconded by Trustee Pratscher.

Ayes: Trustee Cunningham, Pratscher, Middlebrooks, Glaser

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Kaye, Pisarzewski

Motion: Carries

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Special meeting minutes.

Presidents Reynolds asked for a motion to approve the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Special meeting minutes. Motion was made to approve the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Special meeting minutes by Trustee Cunningham, motion was seconded by Trustee Pratscher.

Ayes: Trustee Cunningham, Pratscher, Middlebrooks, Glaser

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Kaye, Pisarzewski

Motion: Carries

Fy' 25 Line item Transfers:

President Reynolds asked for a motion to approve the Fy' 25 line item transfers. Trustee Cunningham made the motion to approve the Fy' 25 line item transfers, seconded by Trustee Glaser.

Ayes: Trustee Cunningham, Glaser, Pratscher, Middlebrooks

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Kaye, Pisarzewski

Motion: Carries

Vouchers:

President Reynolds asked for a motion to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$192,858.03, which \$50, 642.25 is from the SOS grant.

Trustee Pratscher made the motion to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$192,858.03, which \$50, 642.25 is from the SOS grant, seconded by Trustee Glaser.

Ayes: Trustee Pratscher, Glaser, Middlebrooks, Cunningham

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Kaye, Pisarzewski

Motion: Carries

**Public comment:**

None

Attorney Dillners asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2025-008R.

Trustee Cunningham made the motion to Resolution 2025-008R, seconded by Trustee Pratscher.

Ayes: Trustee Cunningham, Pratscher, Middlebrooks, Glaser

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Kaye, Pisarzewski

Motion: Carries

Administrator Payne asked for a motion to approve the Mad bomber contract of 2025.

Trustee Pratscher made the motion to approve the Mad bomber contract of 2025, seconded by Trustee Glaser.

Ayes: Trustee Pratscher, Glaser, Middlebrooks, Cunningham

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Kaye, Pisarzewski

Motion: Carries

Administrator Payne asked for a motion to approve the road closure of Hubbard on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 11AM to 3PM for Wolcott School's field day.

Motion was made by Trustee Glaser to approve the road closure of Hubbard on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 11AM to 3PM for Wolcott School's field day, seconded by Trustee Cunningham.

Ayes: Trustee Glaser, Cunningham, Middlebrooks, Pratscher.

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Kaye, Pisarzewski

Motion: Carries

President Reynolds asked for a motion to approve the appointments of Village department heads, and Village officials Village Attorney Scott Dillner Engineer Steven Kaminsky Fire Chief Arthur Schweitzer, Police Chief Richard Wesolowski, Building commissioner and Code enforcement Keith Zigterman, Recreation Director Sharlee Dunlop, Public Works Supt. Bryan Roberts, Collector Nikki Kitakis, Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Brozowski. Motion was made by Trustee Cunningham to approve the appointments of Village department heads, and Village officials Village Attorney Scott Dillner Engineer Steven Kaminsky Fire Chief Arthur Schweitzer, Police Chief Richard Wesolowski, building commissioner and Code enforcement Keith Zigterman, Recreation Director Sharlee Dunlop, Public Works Supt. Bryan Roberts, Collector Nikki Kitakis, Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Brozowski, seconded by Trustee Pratscher.

Ayes: Trustee Cunningham, Pratscher, Middlebrooks, Glaser

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Kaye, Pisarzewski

Motion: Carries

Clerk Kitakis Proceeded to swear in:

Building commissioner and Code enforcement Keith Zigterman

Fire Chief Arthur Schweitzer

Police Chief Richard Wesolowski

Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Brozowski

President Reynolds asked for a motion to approve the appointment of the police and fire commission. Dennis Selix, Barry Blackmore, and David Nettles.

Motion was made by Trustee Cunningham to approve the appointment of the police and fire commission.

Dennis Selix, Barry Blackmore, and David Nettles, seconded by Trustee Pratscher.

Ayes: Trustee Cunningham, Pratscher, Middlebrooks, Glaser

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Kaye, Pisarzewski

Motion: Carries

Clerk Kitakis Proceeded to swear in:

The police and fire commission.

President Reynolds asked for a motion to approve the appointments of Martha Ruiz, Dennis Peters, and Stephanie Weidaman for the Ethics Board. Motion was made by Trustee Pratscher to approve the

appointments of Martha Ruiz, Dennis Peters, and Stephanie Weidaman for the Ethics Board, seconded by Trustee Glaser.

Ayes: Trustee Pratscher, Glaser, Middlebrooks, Cunningham

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Kaye, Pisarzewski

Motion: Carries

Clerk Kitakis Proceeded to swear in:

The Ethics Board

President Reynolds asked for a motion to approve the appointments of Planning & Development Board  
Chairman - Andrew Howell Commissioner - Marianne Ogbonnaya Commissioner - Matthew Klemm  
Commissioner - Maribel Biedzycki Commissioner - Alex Roeda Commissioner - Jake Paarlberg Commissioner -  
Sue Hanson

Motion was made by Trustee Pratscher to approve the appointments of Planning & Development Board  
Chairman - Andrew Howell Commissioner - Marianne Ogbonnaya Commissioner - Matthew Klemm  
Commissioner - Maribel Biedzycki Commissioner - Alex Roeda Commissioner - Jake Paarlberg Commissioner -  
Sue Hanson, seconded by Trustee Glaser.

Ayes: Trustee Pratscher, Glaser, Middlebrooks, Cunningham

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Kaye, Pisarzewski

Motion: Carries

Clerk Kitakis Proceeded to swear in:

All the planning and development board members that were present at the meeting.

Absent: Maribel Biedzycki, Jake Paarlberg, and Marianne Ogbonnaya.

President Reynolds asked for a motion to approve the Trustee Committee appointments. Trustee Cunningham – Finance, Trustee Kaye- Public Works, Trustee Middlebrooks – Rec Center, Trustee Glaser – Police Department, Trustee Pratscher Fire Department, Trustee Pisarzewski- Building Department. Trustee Cunningham made the motion to approve the Trustee Committee appointments. Trustee Cunningham – Finance, Trustee Kaye- Public Works, Trustee Middlebrooks – Rec Center, Trustee Glaser – Police Department, Trustee Pratscher Fire Department, Trustee Pisarzewski- Building Department, seconded by Trustee Middlebrooks.

Ayes: Trustee Cunningham, Middlebrooks, Pratscher, Glaser

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Kaye, Pisarzewski

Motion: Carries

President Reynold asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. Trustee Cunningham made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel, seconded by Trustee Pratscher.

Ayes: Trustee Cunningham, Pratscher, Middlebrooks, Glaser

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Kaye, Pisarzewski

Motion: Carries

Executive Session began at 8:05 PM

Regular Session resume at 8:22 PM

**Roll Call:**

President Reynolds, Trustee Cunningham, Trustee Middlebrooks, Trustee, Pratscher Trustee Glaser. Also in attendance Attorney Diller, Administrator Payne.

Absent: Trustee Pisarzewski, Trustee Kaye

**Old & New Business**

President Reynolds reminded everyone of the Memorial Day parade that will take place Monday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 1PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business for the good and welfare of the Village, President Reynolds asked for a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting. The motion was made by Trustee Cunningham to adjourn the regular board meeting. Trustee Pratscher seconded the motion. The regular board meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM

Ayes: Trustee Cunningham, Pratscher, Middlebrooks, Glaser

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Kaye, Pisarzewski

Motion: Carries

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Village President Maxine Reynolds

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Village Clerk Nikki Kitakis

