

VILLAGE OF THORNTON

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 1, 2026

The Committee Meeting of the Village of Thornton was called to order by President Maxine Reynolds on Monday, June 1, 2026, at 6:02 P.M.

President Reynolds stated that the meeting was being recorded by Clerk Kitakis and streamed live on the Village of Thornton Facebook page. Residents were asked to be respectful with their electronic devices during the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present:

- President Reynolds
- Trustee Cunningham
- Trustee Middlebrooks
- Trustee Glaser
- Trustee Pratscher
- Park & Recreation Director Dunlop
- Police Chief Wesolowski
- Fire Chief Schweitzer

Absent:

- Trustee Kaye
- Trustee Pisarzewski
- Public Works Superintendent Roberts

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Reynolds asked if there was any public comment regarding items appearing on either agenda. There was no public comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Pisarzewski

Absent. No report

Trustee Cunningham

No report.

Trustee Middlebrooks

No report.

Trustee Kaye

Absent. No report.

Trustee Glaser

No report.

Trustee Pratscher

No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jackson reported that the Village's cash position as of May 29, 2026, was **\$9,163,312.63**.

Treasurer Jackson advised that the Village has entered budget season and that Trustees have been provided with a preliminary budget draft, along with an introductory memorandum explaining the purpose of the draft budget. She explained that the document is intended to serve as a working draft to begin the budget development process and facilitate discussions regarding Village priorities, operational needs, staffing considerations, and capital improvement projects before a final budget is presented and adopted.

Treasurer Jackson further reported that she prepared departmental budget memorandums for each department she met with. These memorandums provide background information regarding proposed departmental budgets and the reasoning behind budget requests to assist Trustees in reviewing and understanding the proposed expenditures.

Discussion followed regarding opportunities for Trustees to meet individually with department heads, the Treasurer, and Administrator Payne to review departmental budgets and ask

questions. Trustees were encouraged to carefully review the budget memorandums and submit questions throughout the budget development process.

President Reynolds acknowledged Trustee Cunningham's efforts to schedule meetings regarding budget discussions and encouraged all Trustees to participate in departmental budget reviews. President Reynolds further stated that the budget memorandums provide valuable context and greatly improve understanding of departmental operations and budget requests.

President Reynolds thanked Treasurer Jackson and the department heads for the time and effort invested in preparing the budget materials and supporting documentation.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Payne reported no items.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Reynolds reported the following:

The Village received a recognition letter from the American Legion in recognition of the Village's support of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program benefiting American veterans. President Reynolds expressed appreciation to the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary on behalf of the Village.

President Reynolds thanked everyone involved in the Memorial Day Parade, Memorial Day Service, and related activities, including Phillip Warner, the Thornton Fire Department, the

American Legion, the Police Department, Village staff, department heads, and all volunteers who participated in making the event a success.

President Reynolds also thanked Trustee Pratscher, Trustee Middlebrooks, and Treasurer Jackson for participating in the Memorial Day Parade.

President Reynolds thanked Trustee Glaser and Trustee Cunningham for attending Wolcott School's graduation ceremony and congratulated all Thornton graduates.

President Reynolds reported that she and Trustee Middlebrooks recently attended the Crossing Guard Appreciation Breakfast. She thanked Charlene and her staff for hosting and preparing the event and thanked Fire Chief Rick Schweitzer for his assistance and participation.

President Reynolds expressed appreciation for the Village's crossing guards and their dedication to ensuring the safety of Thornton's children each school day.

President Reynolds announced that applications are currently being accepted for Thornton T-Ball.

Knee High Camp will begin on June 2, 2026, at the Community Center.

Free popsicles will be distributed from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on June 5 and June 12.

Summer Workshops will begin on June 9, 2026.

Summer Talks will begin on June 15, 2026.

Senior Bingo and Luncheon will be held on June 10, 2026.

Coffee with the President will be held on June 13, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. at Village Hall.

The Village is currently accepting vendor, crafter, and food truck applications for the Thornton Fall Fest scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2026.

President Reynolds encouraged residents to stay informed through the Village's Facebook pages, newsletters, and electronic sign.

President Reynolds stated that the Village recently declined a proposed battery storage project. Due to numerous inquiries received from residents and neighboring communities, she wished to publicly clarify that the Village politely declined the proposal.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Pratscher, seconded by Trustee Middlebrooks, to adjourn the Committee Meeting.

Roll Call Vote

Trustee	Vote
Pratscher	Yes
Middlebrooks	Yes
Cunningham	Yes
Glaser	Yes

Motion carried.

The Committee Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:11 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikki Kitakis, Village Clerk