

# VILLAGE OF THORNTON

## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2026

The Committee Meeting of the Village of Thornton, Illinois, was called to order by President Maxine Reynolds at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2026. The meeting was recorded by Clerk Kitakis and streamed live on the Village of Thornton Facebook page.

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### Roll Call

#### Present:

- President Maxine Reynolds
- Trustee Cunningham
- Trustee Middlebrooks
- Trustee Kaye
- Trustee Pisarzewski
- Trustee Pratscher
- Public Works Superintendent Bryan Roberts
- Park & Recreation Director Sharlee Dunlop
- Police Chief Wesolowski
- Fire Chief Schweitzer

#### Absent:

- Trustee Glaser
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### Public Comment

Robert Enright, 116 N. Wolcott Street, addressed the Board. Mr. Enright thanked the Board for restoring service to Fire Station No. 2 and expressed his appreciation for bringing fire protection back to the east side of the railroad tracks. He stated that residents feel much safer and wanted to thank the Village for returning the station to service.

No further public comments were offered.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Building Department – Trustee Pisarzewski

For the month of May:

- 27 permits were issued.
- Permit fees totaled \$1,637.00.
- The assessed value of work was \$125,067.35.
- The Building Department completed 214 inspections, including one stop-work order.
- A total of 132 citations were issued, most for operating without a business license.

There was no discussion.

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## **Finance – Trustee Cunningham**

The Village's cash and investment position as of May 2026 totaled **\$8,337,474.42**.

There was no discussion.

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## **Recreation Department – Trustee Middlebrooks**

Trustee Middlebrooks reported that registration remains open for summer programs and that staff are preparing for Fourth of July concessions and festivities commemorating America's 250th Anniversary. The Recreation Center continues to host Senior Card Club, Alcoholics Anonymous, and TOPS meetings weekly.

Monthly activities include Senior Bingo Luncheons and Free Family Movie Nights with the Library. Residents are encouraged to follow Village News, Comcast Channel 4, Facebook, and ThorntonIL.us for information regarding upcoming events and are encouraged to share suggestions.

Director Dunlop then read a letter received from TOPS Illinois Chapter #0790. The letter thanked the Recreation Department staff for their kindness, courtesy, and assistance, specifically mentioning providing water, moving scales, making wheelchairs available, and helping members with mobility limitations. The group expressed appreciation for the friendship and support shown by the Recreation Department and presented a small donation.

There was no discussion.

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## **Public Works – Trustee Kaye**

- 43 JULIE locate requests.
- Four sewer complaints.

Trustee Kaye thanked the Public Works employees for their efforts during the recent storm cleanup.

There was no discussion.

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## Police Department – Trustee Cunningham

For the month of May:

- 314 calls for service.
- 527 citations issued.
- Seven crime prevention notices.
- Forty-eight reports completed.
- 384 traffic stops.

The department also assisted Chicago Heights, Matteson, Glenwood, Homewood, Illinois State Police, South Holland, SSCRT, SSMCTF, SMART, and Lynwood Police Department.

Trustee Cunningham reminded residents that fireworks are illegal in the Village and urged residents to call 9-1-1 in case of emergencies.

There was no discussion.

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## Fire Department – Trustee Pratscher

Fire Department activity for the month included:

- 35 inspections and complaints.
- Two special-use permits for new businesses received.
- Twenty-eight violations discovered and corrected.
- Three properties requiring re-inspection.
- No tickets or fines issued.
- 122 emergency responses.
- 216 hours of training completed.

Chief Schweitzer reported that three firefighters completed advanced firefighting training and successfully passed their state examinations.

Engine 45 has been in the repair shop for the past four weeks.

The department received a grant from the Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office in the amount of **\$22,537** for the purchase of a power stair chair for an ambulance.

Firefighters participated in live fire training and also attended Field Day activities at Wolcott School.

Chief Schweitzer further reported that the department assisted in obtaining recognition for a Fire/EMS Person of the Year award.

President Reynolds commended all departments for their outstanding work.

There was no discussion.

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# **Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Simone Jackson**

For the month of May:

## **General Fund**

- Revenues: \$208,564.68
- Expenditures: \$400,776.50
- Excess of expenditures over revenues: \$192,211.82

## **Water Fund**

- Revenues: \$150.00
- Expenditures: \$14,230.76
- Excess of expenditures over revenues: \$14,080.76

There were no questions or comments.

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# **Attorney's Report – Attorney Touhy**

Attorney Touhy had no report.

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# **Administrator's Report – Administrator Payne**

Administrator Payne presented one item for discussion: a resolution authorizing and approving an intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Thornton and Will County regarding access to the Will County radio system.

Chief Schweitzer explained that after transitioning to the 800 MHz radio system last year, the Fire Department purchased new radios and related equipment. The proposed agreement would allow the Village Fire Department access to Will County radio channels. Chief Schweitzer noted that there would be no cost associated with the agreement.

Administrator Payne stated that the resolution would be presented for Board consideration during the Regular Board Meeting.

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# **President's Report**

President Reynolds had no report and thanked all Village departments for their hard work and dedication.

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# **Old Business**

None.

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## **New Business**

None.

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# **Adjournment**

Trustee Kaye moved, seconded by Trustee Pratscher, to adjourn the Committee Meeting.

## **Roll Call Vote**

### **Ayes:**

- Trustee Kaye
- Trustee Pratscher
- Trustee Cunningham
- Trustee Middlebrooks
- Trustee Pisarzewski

**Nays:** None

### **Absent:**

- Trustee Glaser

### **Motion carried.**

The Committee Meeting adjourned at **6:11 p.m.**

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Respectfully Submitted,

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**Nikki Kitakis, Village Clerk**