

VILLAGE OF THORNTON

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 29, 2026

The Special Meeting of the Village Board was called to order by President Reynolds at **6:16 p.m.** in the Council Chambers, 115 E. Margaret Street, Thornton, Illinois.

The meeting was recorded by Clerk Kitakis.

Pledge of Allegiance

Those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

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

Roll Call

Present:

- President Reynolds
- Trustee Cunningham
- Trustee Middlebrooks
- Trustee Kaye
- Trustee Glaser
- Trustee Pratscher
- Trustee Pisarzewski

Ordinance No. 2026-022

Authorizing and Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Village of Thornton and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police

Motion: Trustee Glaser moved to approve Ordinance No. 2026-022 authorizing and approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Thornton and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police.

Second: Trustee Kaye

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee	Vote
Glaser	Yes
Kaye	Yes
Cunningham	Yes
Middlebrooks	Yes
Pratscher	Yes
Pisarzewski	Yes

Motion Carried.

Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Trustee Kaye voiced concerns regarding railroad crossings being blocked for extended periods within the Village.

President Reynolds reported repeated delays caused by stopped trains and discussed efforts to contact railroad representatives regarding scheduling and operations affecting Thornton residents.

The Board discussed possible methods for addressing the issue, including contacting railroad officials directly and encouraging residents to submit complaints regarding blocked crossings through the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).

Staff was directed to research the legality of publishing information regarding the FRA complaint process in a future Village newsletter. No formal action was taken.

Adjournment

Motion: Trustee Pratscher moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Trustee Kaye

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee	Vote
Pratscher	Yes
Kaye	Yes
Cunningham	Yes
Middlebrooks	Yes
Glaser	Yes
Pisarszewski	Yes

Motion Carried.

The Special Meeting adjourned at approximately **6:24 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikki Kitakis, Village Clerk

Maxine Reynolds, Village President
