

VILLAGE OF THORNTON

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 6, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

President Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and requested Clerk Kitakis to take the roll. The meeting was recorded and streamed on social media. Attendees were asked to refrain from the use of electronic devices.

President Reynolds – Here

Trustee Cunningham – Here

Trustee Middlebrooks – Here

Trustee Kaye – Absent

Trustee Glaser – Here

Trustee Pratscher – Here

Trustee Pisarzewski – Here

Public Works Superintendent Roberts – Here

Recreation Director Dunlop – Here

Police Chief Wesolowski – Here

Fire Chief Schweitzer – Here

Public Comment

President Reynolds invited public comment on agenda items. No public comment was offered.

Committee Reports

Trustee Reports: Cunningham – No report; Middlebrooks – No report; Kaye – Absent; Glaser – No report; Pratscher – No report; Pisarzewski – No report.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Jackson

Cash Position (as of meeting date): \$10,050,928.13 (taking into consideration outstanding checks).

Revenue Sharing: Received \$68,699 from the Village of Homewood for Menards revenue-sharing.

Department Reports

Engineer Comiskey (Robinson Engineering) – Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Program Overview:

- IEPA mandates replacement of lead/galvanized service lines beginning 2027; ~7% per year to complete within 15 years.
- Typical replacement cost estimated at \$10,000–\$15,000 per service line.
- Village previously received a \$30,000 IEPA inventory grant (vacuum excavation at curb stops) to verify materials on public/private sides.
- Water meter replacement entries identified ~60 private-side lead services; partial services may exist.

- Sampling increased to 20 samples every six months until lead services are eliminated.
- Proposal: Robinson to prepare IEPA Project Plan and funding application (target ask up to ~200 services / ~\$3M) to maximize grant/forgiveness coverage; 0% IEPA loans are a potential backstop.
- Anticipated timeline: submit Project Plan (IEPA review up to ~6 months), apply by March 2026 for FY2027 list; potential fall construction start, 6–8 months duration (1–2 services/day).

Attorney (Tim Lapp for Attorney Dillner) – No report.

Administrator Payne – Items Presented:

- Intergovernmental Agreement creating the Southland Public Safety Communications Dispatch System (ECOM/SouthCom merger) – housekeeping for facility/ownership structure.
- Brycer “The Compliance Engine” – third- party software to track fire/life- safety testing and backflow compliance; automated notices and follow- ups; no direct cost to the Village. Fire Department leadership supported adoption.
- Parkway Tree Program – Annual removal/trimming proposals. Budget: \$17,000. One quote received (Pekarski & Sons) for \$16,700; recommended for safety- priority locations. Discussion included stump grinding/chip pickup cadence and sidewalk clearance responsibilities (parkway trees trimmed by Public Works; private- property overgrowth addressed via code enforcement).

President’s Report – President Reynolds

Brief remarks on recent activities and community engagement.

Announcements

- Parade of Lights: Tue, Oct 7, 6:30–8:30 PM (Thorn Creek Reformed Church to Thornton Fire Department); refreshments at TFD; residents encouraged along route with candles/lights.
- Senior Bingo Lunch & Chair Yoga: Wed, Oct 8 (Chair Yoga at 3 PM, library- sponsored). Illinois Pathways resource table 12–3 PM.
- Library & Rec Center Programs: Multiple ongoing programs; check websites.
- Scarecrow Stroll: Oct 17–Nov 1 at Nason Park (sign ups open through Oct 17).
- Coffee with the Mayor: Sat, Oct 11, 9:00–10:30 AM at Village Hall.
- Lions Club Pancake Breakfast: Sun, Oct 12, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM at the American Legion (seniors 65+ \$10; under 5 free); raffles and baked goods.
- Electronics Recycling & Shredding: Sat, Oct 18, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM at Village Hall parking lot (Village Hall open).
- School Notices: Book orders and fundraisers ongoing; all immunizations/physicals/eye exams due by Oct 15; board meeting Oct 20, 7:00 PM.
- South Holland Masters Chorale Performance: Sun, Oct 12, 4:00 PM at St. John Neumann Church, Homewood.
- Veterans Breakfast: Veterans Day, 9:00 AM at the American Legion (Village of Thornton residents). RSVP to Village Hall.

Old Business

None.

New Business

- Trustee Cunningham requested development of an ordinance addressing outside tree trimming contractors leaving debris/branches or dumping. Staff to draft baseline language for a future agenda.
- Items forwarded for Regular Board consideration: Southland Communications IGA; Robinson Engineering LSLR Project Plan; Piekarski & Sons tree proposal (\$16,700); Brycer Compliance Engine proposal.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Pratscher, second by Trustee Middlebrooks. Voice vote: Aye – All;

Opposed – None.

Motion carried.

Committee Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM

Village Clerk Nikki Kitakis