

VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COUNTY OF COOK  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING –APRIL 21, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER**

Acting President Pisarzewski called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:19 PM

Acting President Pisarzewski reported the meeting was being recorded by Interim Clerk Kitakis, and is being streamed on social media.

**PLEDGE AND INVOCATION**

Acting President Pisarzewski led the pledge to the flag, followed with a moment of silence for our public servants, our military, our sick, and our recently deceased Pope Francis.

**Roll Call:**

Acting President Pisarzewski, Trustee Atkinson, Trustee Kaye, Trustee Reynolds, Trustee Cunningham, Public Work Superintendent Roberts, Recreation Director Dunlop, Police Chief Wesolowski. Also

Present: Attorney Dillner, Engineer Kaminsky, and Administrator Wiak.

Absent: Trustee Glaser, and Fire Chief Schweitzer

**NPDES Minutes:**

Motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the NPDES minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cunningham.

Ayes: Trustee Reynolds, Cunningham, Atkinson, Acting President Pisarzewski

Nays:

Abstain: Trustee Kaye

Absent: Trustee Glaser

Motion: Carried

**March 18<sup>th</sup> 2025 Committee Meeting Minutes:**

Motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the March 18th, 2025 Committee Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cunningham.

Ayes: Trustee Reynolds, Cunningham, Atkinson, Acting President Pisarzewski

Nays:

Abstain: Trustee Kaye

Absent: Trustee Glaser

Motion: Carried

**March 18<sup>th</sup> 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes:**

Motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the March 18th, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cunningham.

Ayes: Trustee Reynolds, Cunningham, Atkinson, Acting President Pisarzewski

Nays:

Abstain: Trustee Kaye

Absent: Trustee Glaser

Motion: Carried

#### **April 7th 2025 Youth Night Regular Meeting Minutes:**

Motion was made by Trustee Kaye to approve the April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Youth Night Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cunningham.

Ayes: Trustee Kaye, Cunningham, Reynolds, Atkinson, Acting President Pisarzewski

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Glaser

Motion: Carried

#### **FY25 LINE-ITEM ADJUSTMENT:**

Motion was made by Trustee Kaye to approve the FY25 line-item adjustment. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds

Ayes: Trustee Kaye, Reynolds, Cunningham, Atkinson, Acting President Pisarzewski

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Glaser

Motion: Carried

#### **Vouchers**

Acting President Pisarzewski asked for a motion to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$237,789.70 which \$140,457.72 from the SOS grant.

Trustee Atkinson questioned why the Village was paying \$300 of interest on the American Express bill. Interim Clerk Kitakis explained American Express is reimbursing the Village as this charge was made in error. Trustee Atkinson also questioned why the Police Department was charging the truck bed cover to the vehicle maintenance line when it is not maintenance, but rather an equipment purchase. She also questioned why the Board was approving a \$40,000 check for the wrong vendor, also charging it to the incorrect general ledger account. Trustee Atkinson requested a special meeting be held on Wednesday, April 23 to rectify these discrepancies. The bill in question was located, and Interim Clerk Kitakis explained the voucher was miscoded and will be recoded under the Village's water purchase general ledger. Interim Clerk Kitakis also explained the incorrect invoice would be deleted and it would be entered correctly. The invoice in question was uploaded under the incorrect vendor of Calumet City Plumbing, instead of the City of Chicago Heights.

After staff clarification, Acting President Pisarzewski asked for a motion to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$237,789.70 which \$140,457.72 from the SOS grant; with the adjustment that the Calumet

City Plumbing invoice be deleted, and the City of Chicago Heights water bill be added and coded to general ledger account number 02-74-7043.

Motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$237,789.70 which \$140,457.72 from the SOS grant, as adjusted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kaye.

Ayes: Trustee Reynolds, Kaye, Cunningham, Atkinson, Acting President Pisarzewski

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Glaser

Motion: Carried

### **Treasurer's Report**

Acting President Pisarzewski asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cunningham.

Ayes: Trustee Reynolds, Cunningham, Atkinson, Kaye, Acting President Pisarzewski

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Glaser

Motion: Carried

### **Public Comment**

An unidentified audience member made a public comment regarding the Historical Society's requests.

Mrs. Jammrock made a public comment regarding the vouchers to ensure errors do not happen.

Sharhianna Fulce - 200 Mallette: Made a public comment regarding the kindness of the community and her continued investment to making Thornton a welcoming and inclusive community. Ms. Fulce suggested the Village could increase communication and engagement with its residents.

Resident made a public comment regarding the leaf pick up.

### **2025 Employee Manual:**

Administrator Wiak asked for a motion for the 2025 Employee Manual, as amended.

Motion was made by Trustee Atkinson to approve the 2025 Employee Manual. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kaye.

Ayes: Trustee Atkinson, Kaye, Reynolds, Cunningham, Acting President Pisarzewski

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Glaser

Motion: Carried

## **ISATT VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASES**

### **Public Comment:**

Nancy Stonerock made public comment asking why ISATT purchases need Board approval.

Administrator Wiak asked Lieutenant Adam Broshous, an ISATT employee, who was in the audience, to answer Mrs. Stonerock's question. Lieutenant Broshous explained that all of ISATT purchases are funded through the State of Illinois and its grant program. Expenditures are already approved by the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Insurance Verification Vehicle Hijacking Council. He clarified that Village of Thornton monies do not fund ISATT.

Mrs. Stonerock had a follow up question regarding the reimbursement of Village staff's time for completing ISATT paperwork. Lieutenant Broshous indicated that ISATT pays for Village staff to complete ISATT related paperwork and expenditures.

Sharhianna Fulce asked Lieutenant Broshous what the benefits are to having ISATT in Thornton. He responded that the increase in police officers makes the Village a safer community, and through the grant, ISATT is able to employ a few individuals through the Village.

Administrator Wiak asked for a motion for the ISATT vehicle and equipment purchases.

Motion was made Trustee Reynolds to approve the ISATT vehicle and equipment purchases.

Seconded by Trustee Kaye.

Ayes: Trustee Reynolds, Kaye, Cunningham, Atkinson, Acting President Pisarzewski

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Glaser

Motion: Carried

### **Thornton Library Exterior Modifications**

Administrator Wiak asked for a motion for the Thornton Library Exterior Modifications. Trustee Kaye made the motion to approve the Thornton Library Exterior Modifications. Seconded by Trustee Reynolds.

Ayes: Trustee Kaye, Reynolds, Cunningham, Atkinson, Acting President Pisarzewski

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Glaser

Motion: Carried

### **Executive Session:**

Acting President Pisarzewski asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation with no action to be taken. Trustee Reynolds made the motion to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Trustee Cunningham.

Ayes: Trustee Reynolds, Cunningham, Atkinson, Acting President Pisarzewski

Nays: Trustee Kaye

Absent: Trustee Glaser

Motion: Carried

Acting President Pisarzewski called the regular board meeting back into session at 8:27 PM

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Atkinson asked for a status update regarding the FY 23-24 Audit. Administrator Wiak explained the Village received an email from the auditors indicating finishing up and the audit will be released soon.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for the good and welfare of the Village, Acting President Pisarzewski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Reynolds made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Sseconded by Trustee Atkinson

Ayes: Trustee Atkinson, Reynolds, Kaye, Cunningham, Acting President Pisarzewski

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Glaser

Motion: Carried

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Joseph Pisarzewski, Acting President

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Nikki Kitakis, Interim Clerk