

Village of Thornton

Committee Meeting

October 20, 2025

Call to Order

President Reynolds called the Committee Meeting to order at 7PM. The meeting was recorded by Clerk Kitakis and the Village's social media. Attendees were asked to refrain from using electronic devices.

Roll Call

- President Reynolds – Present
- Trustee Cunningham – Present
- Trustee Middlebrooks – Present
- Trustee Kaye – Absent
- Trustee Glaser – Present
- Trustee Pratscher – Present
- Trustee Piszczewski – Present
- Public Works Superintendent Roberts – Present
- Parks & Recreation Director Dunlop – Present
- Police Chief Wesolowski – Present
- Deputy Fire Chief Duvall – Present

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only)

No public comment at this time.

Committee Reports

Trustee Piszczewski – Building Department

- 19 permits issued in September totaling \$1,697 in fees.
- Total work value: \$920.50.
- 460 inspections completed.
- 34 citations issued.

Trustee Cunningham – Finance

Cash position as of September 30: \$10,328,506.63.

Trustee Middlebrooks – Recreation

Ongoing programs include senior bingo, Thornton Library Movie Nights, and Chair Yoga. Registration is open for the Pumpkin Hunt and Scarecrow Stroll. New program: Hot Dog Bingo (ages 9–15). Weekly activities: TOPS, AA, Senior Card Clubs. Village news available on Comcast Channel 4, Facebook, and Thornton OUS.

Trustee Kaye – Public Works

Absent-

President Reynolds gave Trustee Kaye's report.
32 JULIE calls and 1 service line repair.

Trustee Glaser – Police Department

737 calls for service in September:

- 109 citizen assists
- 42 suspicious activities
- 40 assists to other agencies
- 53 crimes reported

Trustee Pratscher

No report.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Jackson

General Fund

- Revenues: \$271,961.45
- Expenses: \$419,943.34
- Deficit: \$147,981.89

Water/Sewer Fund

- Revenues: \$266,811.81
- Expenses: \$93,655.66
- Surplus: \$173,156.15

Attorney's Report – Attorney Dillner

No report.

Clerk's Report – Clerk Kitakis

Trick-or-Treat hours set for Friday, October 31st, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Treasurer's Budget Line Item Request

Penalty Fee of \$14,275.51 from Illinois Department of Labor due to lack of prevailing wage notice on the roofing project after the storm. Request to transfer funds from General Contingency to Legal Settlements to cover penalty. Explanation given regarding administrative oversight by previous staff. Discussion included steps to ensure proper documentation for future projects.

2025 Tax Levy

Proposed 4.37% increase in the 2025 General Corporate Levy. Overall increase including bond and interest levy: 7.1%. No public hearing required as increase is below 5% threshold. Levy ordinance to be prepared for November 17th Regular Board Meeting.

Additional Financial Notes

FY24 audit completed; presentation scheduled for November 17th. County delayed tax bill second installment — anticipated slower tax revenue.

Administrator Payne – Agenda Items

- Crime Point Surveillance Camera: \$13,834 from single source vendor.
- Doolittle Vehicle Hauler: \$5,495 lowest bid.
- Street Takeover Ordinance introduced.
- Bank Resolution to remove Fry and add Treasurer Jackson.
- Risk Management Insurance Renewal: \$186,906.59 with 1% discount.

President Reynolds – Announcements

Parade of Lights acknowledgements, E-Cycle & Shred Event thanks, Thornton Distilling Company recognition, Historical Society meeting, Scarecrow Stroll & Pumpkin Hunt, Hot Dog Bingo, Trick-or-Treat schedule, Blood Pressure Checks, Chair Yoga, Pillar Night, school events, township Trunk or Treat, committee opportunities, Veterans Breakfast on November 11th.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Pratscher, seconded by Trustee Glaser.

All in favor — Aye. Motion carried.

Committee Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM

Nikki Kitakis Village Clerk