

VILLAGE OF THORNTON

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2026 – 6:35 PM

1. Call to Order

President Reynolds called the Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Thornton to order on March 16, 2026 at 6:35 PM. The President stated the meeting was being recorded by Village Clerk Kitakis and streamed live on the Village's Facebook page. Attendees were asked to silence all electronic devices.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

3. Moment of Silence

President Reynolds asked that all present observe a moment of silence in honor of public servants, members of the military, those who are ill, and recently departed members of the community.

4. Roll Call

Clerk Kitakis called the roll.

Present: President Reynolds, Trustees Cunningham, Middlebrooks, Kaye, Glaser, Pratchett, and Piszczewski.

Village Officials Present: Public Works Superintendent Roberts, Park & Recreation Director Dunlop, Police Chief Wesolowski, and Deputy Chief Duvall.

5. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2025

Trustee Cunningham made a motion to approve the Committee Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2025. Trustee Kaye seconded the motion.

Brief discussion occurred regarding minor corrections that had been identified and distributed prior to the meeting. The Board confirmed that the updated version accurately reflected the discussions and actions taken.

Roll Call Vote:

Cunningham – Yes

Kaye – Yes

Middlebrooks – Yes

Glaser – Yes

Pratchett – Yes
Pisarczyewski – Yes
Motion carried.

6. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2026

Trustee Kaye made a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2026. Trustee Cunningham seconded the motion.

Trustees reviewed the minutes and confirmed that the document accurately reflected the official proceedings of the meeting with no additional changes requested.

Roll Call Vote:

Kaye – Yes
Cunningham – Yes
Middlebrooks – Yes
Glaser – Yes
Pratchett – Yes
Pisarczyewski – Yes
Motion carried.

7. Payment of Vouchers

Trustee Cunningham made a motion to approve payment of vouchers dated March 16, 2026 in the amount of \$420,423.29, including \$245,506.90 from the SOS Grant and \$171.00 from prepaid checks. Trustee Glaser seconded the motion.

Discussion occurred regarding the composition of the voucher total. Board members confirmed that the SOS grant portion reflected approved expenditures tied to state-funded programs, while the prepaid checks represented standard operational expenses and vendor payments.

Roll Call Vote:

Cunningham – Yes
Glaser – Yes
Middlebrooks – Yes
Kaye – Yes
Pratchett – Yes
Pisarczyewski – Abstain
Motion carried.

8. Resolution 2026-0074 – CDBG Participation

Trustee Cunningham made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-0074 authorizing the Village of Thornton's participation in the Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program. Trustee Glaser seconded the motion.

Discussion included the importance of continued participation in the program to secure funding opportunities for community development projects. Trustees expressed support for maintaining eligibility for grant-funded initiatives.

Roll Call Vote:

Cunningham – Yes

Glaser – Yes

Pratchett – Yes

Pisarzewski – Yes

Middlebrooks – Yes

Kaye – Yes

Motion carried.

9. Ordinance 2026-008 – Business License Regulations

Trustee Cunningham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-008 amending business license regulations within the Village Code. Trustee Kaye seconded the motion.

Discussion focused on ensuring compliance with licensing requirements and reinforcing enforcement provisions for incomplete or non-compliant applications. The Board acknowledged the importance of maintaining accurate and complete records for all businesses operating within the Village.

Roll Call Vote:

Cunningham – Yes

Kaye – Yes

Middlebrooks – Yes

Glaser – Yes

Pratchett – Yes

Pisarzewski – Yes

Motion carried.

10. Ordinance – Scrivener's Error Correction

Trustee Pisarzewski made a motion to approve the ordinance correcting a scrivener's error related to the vacant property registration fee. Trustee Kaye seconded the motion.

Discussion clarified that the originally approved ordinance incorrectly listed the fee as \$325, and this action corrects the amount to the intended \$350 as previously directed by the Board.

Roll Call Vote:

Pisarczyewski – Yes
Kaye – Yes
Cunningham – Yes
Middlebrooks – Yes
Glaser – Yes
Pratchett – Yes
Motion carried.

11. Vehicle Purchases – ISTAT Task Force

Trustee Glaser made motions to approve the purchase of three vehicles: a 2026 Ford Explorer from Ziegler Ford in the amount of \$57,877.63, a 2026 Dodge Durango from Bettenhausen in the amount of \$54,639.63, and a 2026 GMC Sierra from Woody GMC in the amount of \$58,228.63. Trustee Pratchett seconded the motions.

Discussion clarified that the vehicle purchases are funded through a Secretary of State grant and are designated for the ISTAT task force, not the Village of Thornton Police Department. It was also noted that the GMC Sierra represented the lowest bid after correcting for sales tax exemption.

Roll Call Vote:

Glaser – Yes
Pratchett – Yes
Pisarczyewski – Yes
Cunningham – Yes
Middlebrooks – Yes
Kaye – Yes
Motions carried.

12. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

No public comments were offered.

13. New Business

Board members expressed appreciation to Village staff, elected officials, and residents for their continued support and service to the community.

14. Adjournment

Trustee Glaser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Pratchett seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Glaser – Yes

Pratchett – Yes

Pisarzewski – Yes

Cunningham – Yes

Kaye – Yes

Middlebrooks – Yes

Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Maxine Reynolds, Village President

Nikki Kitakis, Village Clerk