

VILLAGE OF THORNTON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2026

The Committee Meeting of the Village of Thornton was called to order by Village President Maxine Reynolds on September 8, 2026, at 6:02 p.m. The meeting was recorded by Clerk Kitakis and streamed live on the Village of Thornton Facebook page.

President Reynolds requested that all electronic devices be silenced and that those in attendance remain respectful throughout the meeting.

Roll Call

Official	Status
President Reynolds	Present
Trustee Cunningham	Present
Trustee Middlebrooks	Present
Trustee Glaser	Present
Trustee Pratscher	Absent
Trustee Pisarzewski	Present

Public Comment – Agenda Items

President Reynolds opened the floor for public comment concerning items appearing on the agendas. There were no public comments.

Committee Reports

Building Committee – Trustee Pisarzewski

No report.

Finance Committee – Trustee Cunningham

No report.

Recreation Committee – Trustee Middlebrooks

No report.

Public Works Committee

Trustee Pratscher was absent. No report was presented.

It was noted that the committee position previously held by former Trustee Kaye is now held by Trustee Pratscher following Trustee Kaye's resignation.

Police Committee – Trustee Glaser

No report.

Engineer's Report – Engineer Kaminsky

Engineer Kaminsky reported that he had no items for discussion.

Attorney's Report – Attorney Wise

Attorney Wise arrived after the beginning of the meeting and reported that he had no items for discussion.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Payne presented two items related to the dismissal of former Treasurer Simone Jackson. Administrator Payne explained that both matters were essentially housekeeping items resulting from the change in personnel and would be presented for formal consideration during the Regular Board Meeting immediately following the Committee Meeting.

Resolution 2026-015-R – IMRF Authorized Agent

Administrator Payne presented Resolution 2026-015-R, authorizing and approving the appointment of Village Clerk Nikki L. Kitakis as the Village of Thornton's Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Authorized Agent.

Administrator Payne explained that former Treasurer Jackson had previously been appointed by the Board to serve in this capacity and that the proposed resolution would transfer the designation to Clerk Kitakis.

The resolution was scheduled for formal consideration during the Regular Board Meeting.

Resolution 2026-016-R – TIF Administrator

Administrator Payne presented Resolution 2026-016-R, appointing Village President Maxine Reynolds as the Village of Thornton Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Administrator.

Administrator Payne explained that former Treasurer Jackson had previously been appointed by the Board to serve in this capacity and that the proposed resolution would transfer the designation to President Reynolds.

The resolution was scheduled for formal consideration during the Regular Board Meeting.

There were no questions or comments regarding either proposed resolution.

Old Business

Wolcott School One-Way Traffic Enforcement

Trustee Cunningham raised concerns regarding complaints from residents about motorists failing to comply with the newly established one-way traffic pattern around Wolcott School. It was noted that residents had posted videos on Facebook showing vehicles traveling the wrong direction and had questioned whether the Police Department was issuing citations.

Chief Wesolowski confirmed that enforcement and ticketing began on the first day of school. It was explained that officers have discretion when issuing individual citations and that there was no additional waiting period once school began.

It was reported that approximately 19 citations had been issued on a recent Friday and that officers were actively enforcing the traffic regulations.

Discussion followed regarding the volume of violations. It was noted that while an officer is conducting one traffic stop or writing a citation, additional motorists may continue violating the one-way restriction before the officer is available to initiate another stop.

The Board clarified for residents that the warning period had concluded and that the one-way traffic restriction around Wolcott School was being actively enforced beginning with the first day of school.

There was no further Old Business.

New Business

Storm-Related Tree Branch and Debris Removal

The Board discussed tree branches and storm-related debris that remained in several Village parkways.

It was explained that some of the remaining branches require removal by a professional tree company rather than Village personnel.

Due to the significant number of storms that had recently affected Thornton and surrounding communities, tree-removal companies and related contractors were experiencing substantial demand. As a result, the Village was required to wait for contractor availability.

Residents were assured that the remaining storm debris had not been overlooked and would be addressed as contractors became available.

Residents with concerns regarding remaining branches or debris were encouraged to contact Village Hall so the location could be documented and forwarded to the appropriate Village personnel.

There was no further New Business.

Adjournment

Trustee Glaser moved to adjourn the Committee Meeting.

Trustee Middlebrooks seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, Clerk Kitakis conducted the roll call vote.

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

Motion carried.

The Committee Meeting was adjourned at 6:08PM

Nikki Kitakis
Village Clerk
