

VILLAGE OF THORNTON

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 2026

The Committee Meeting of the Village of Thornton was called to order by Village President Maxine Reynolds on **July 20, 2026, at 6:05 p.m.** in the Council Chambers of Village Hall. The meeting was recorded by Village Clerk Nikki L. Kitakis and streamed live on the Village of Thornton Facebook page. Attendees were asked to silence all electronic devices.

Roll Call

Present

- President Maxine Reynolds
- Trustee Cunningham
- Trustee Middlebrooks
- Trustee Glaser
- Trustee Pratscher
- Public Works Superintendent Bryan Roberts
- Park & Recreation Director Sharlee Dunlop
- Police Chief Wesolowski
- Fire Chief Schweitzer

Absent

- Trustee Kaye
 - Trustee Piszewski (*arrived at 6:12 p.m.*)
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Public Comment

President Reynolds opened the floor for public comment.

Robert Enright addressed the Board and thanked the Mayor and Board of Trustees for the time and effort devoted to preparing the Village's budget and appropriation. Mr. Enright stated that he had attended several budget work sessions over the previous three weeks, appreciated the Board's willingness to answer his questions, and commended everyone for their work.

There being no additional public comments, President Reynolds closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Trustee Piszewski arrived at 6:12 p.m.

Committee Reports

Building Department

In Trustee Piszewski's absence at the start of the meeting, President Reynolds presented the Building Department report.

During June 2026:

- 26 permits were issued.
- Permit fees totaled **\$2,715.00**.
- Permits represented **\$231,157.67** in construction value.
- The Building Department completed **300 inspections**.
- **99 citations** were issued.

No discussion followed.

Finance Committee

Trustee Cunningham reported the Village's cash position for the month ending June 2026 was **\$8,133,999.94**.

No discussion followed.

Recreation Committee

Trustee Middlebrooks thanked everyone who attended the Village's Fourth of July concessions and fireworks celebration and complimented the Mad Bombers on another successful fireworks display.

Special appreciation was extended to Recreation Department staff Amy, Jen, Pam, and Ida for their work throughout the holiday weekend.

Additional announcements included:

- Summer camp and workshops would conclude within the next few weeks.
- Preschool registration is now open.
- Thornton Police Department's National Night Out will be held on **August 4, 2026**.
- The Village continues planning **Thornton Fall Fest** on **October 17, 2026**, and is seeking volunteers.
- Weekly senior card clubs and Alcoholics Anonymous meetings continue.
- Monthly Senior Bingo Luncheons and Family Movie Nights with the Thornton Public Library remain ongoing.

Residents were encouraged to follow the Village's Facebook page for upcoming events and Village news.

No discussion followed.

Public Works Committee

Trustee Pratscher presented the Public Works report.

During June, Public Works completed:

- 47 JULIE utility locates.
- Four sewer complaints

No discussion followed.

Police Committee

Trustee Glaser reported the Thornton Police Department responded to **592 calls for service** during June, including:

- 317 traffic stops
- 61 citizen assists
- 16 suspicious activity calls
- 2 theft/burglary/robbery incidents
- 14 traffic accidents
- 43 assists to outside agencies

Residents were reminded that Thornton's National Night Out would be held on **August 4, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

No discussion followed.

Fire Committee

Trustee Pratscher reported the Fire Department completed during June:

- 8 inspections
- 15 fire investigations
- 17 violations identified
- 5 properties remaining to be inspected
- 129 emergency responses
- 188 training hours

Trustee Pratscher also reported that repairs were still pending for the floor at Fire Station 45 and that the Illinois State Fire Marshal recently conducted specialized training.

A letter of appreciation from the Glenwood Fire Department was read into the record recognizing Thornton firefighters for their assistance during a structure fire. The letter commended the professionalism, experience, and dedication of Thornton personnel, specifically highlighting Firefighter Dan Wysocki and the responding crew for their efforts in limiting damage to the residence under difficult weather conditions.

No discussion followed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Simone Jackson reported:

General Fund

- Revenues: **\$738,291.37**
- Expenditures: **\$417,593.55**
- Excess of Revenues over Expenditures: **\$320,697.82**

Water Fund

- Revenues: **\$0.00**
- Expenditures: **\$18,051.72**
- Excess of Expenditures over Revenues: **\$18,051.72**

No discussion followed.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Kaminsky reported there were no agenda items.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Blake had no report.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Payne presented the following items for discussion:

1. **Purchase of Four Vehicles** for the Illinois Statewide Auto Theft Task Force (ISAT) utilizing Secretary of State grant funding. The lowest responsible quote submitted by **Ziegler Ford** in the amount of **\$162,337.14** was recommended for approval and would appear on the Regular Board Meeting agenda.
 2. **Purchase of the G2 Voice Alert System** for Fire Station No. 2 in the amount of **\$54,039.26**. The system is required for integration with SouthCom (formerly E-COM) and the Village's emergency dispatch system. This item would also be presented for Board consideration.
 3. **Special Use Permit – 563 North Williams Street**. Administrator Payne reviewed the Plan Commission's recommendation approving a Special Use Permit for an automotive repair business, subject to nine conditions contained in the Planning Commission report. Applicant Eric Williams was present to answer questions. The request would be presented for consideration at the **August 3, 2026, Regular Board Meeting**.
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President's Comments

President Reynolds thanked Village employees, residents, and community partners for their efforts in responding to and cleaning up after the recent storms. She expressed appreciation to residents who assisted one another during the cleanup and thanked the Mad Bombers and everyone involved in making Thornton's Fourth of July fireworks celebration successful despite the weather.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Trustee Pratscher made a motion to adjourn the Committee Meeting.

Seconded by Trustee Cunningham.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion carried.

The Committee Meeting adjourned at **6:21p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikki L. Kitakis
Village Clerk