

VILLAGE OF THORNTON

PUBLIC HEARING

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

June 29, 2026

Reconvened July 20, 2026

The Public Hearing for the Annual Appropriation Ordinance of the Village of Thornton was called to order by Village President Maxine Reynolds at **6:08 p.m.** on **June 29, 2026**, in the Council Chambers of Village Hall, 115 East Margaret Street, Thornton, Illinois.

The meeting was recorded by Village Clerk Nikki L. Kitakis.

Roll Call – June 29, 2026

Present

- President Maxine Reynolds
- Trustee Cunningham
- Trustee Middlebrooks
- Trustee Glaser
- Trustee Pratscher
- Trustee Piszczewski

Absent

- Trustee Kaye (arrived at 6:09 p.m.)

President Reynolds announced that Village Attorney Touhy was unable to attend and that Attorney Wise would advise the Board during the hearing.

Annual Appropriation Ordinance Public Hearing

Attorney Wise explained that the purpose of the hearing was the annual public hearing required by Illinois statute regarding the Village's Annual Appropriation Ordinance. He advised that the hearing would be recessed and continued to **July 20, 2026**, and therefore no presentation or Board discussion regarding the appropriation ordinance would occur during the June 29 hearing.

President Reynolds opened the floor for public comment.

No public comments were offered.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of meeting prior to July 20 to review the Village's budget and appropriation. Trustee Cunningham expressed interest in reviewing the budget prior to the continued hearing.

Attorney Wise explained that discussion of the Village budget and appropriation ordinance must occur in open session pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act. He further explained that discussions involving specific employee compensation could be held in executive session where appropriate. Attorney Wise suggested scheduling a special meeting prior to July 20 to address any executive session matters. The Board reached a consensus to schedule a special meeting prior to the continued hearing.

Motion to Recess Public Hearing

Trustee Pratscher made a motion to recess the Public Hearing until **July 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**

Seconded by Trustee Kaye.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion carried.

Attorney Wise clarified that the Public Hearing was being **recessed**, rather than adjourned, and would resume on **July 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**

The Public Hearing recessed at approximately **6:16 p.m.**

RECONVENED PUBLIC HEARING

July 20, 2026

The recessed Public Hearing for the Annual Appropriation Ordinance was reconvened by Village President Maxine Reynolds at **6:05 p.m.**

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 – July 20, 2026

Present

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

Absent

- Trustee Kaye
- Trustee Piszczewski

Public Comment

President Reynolds opened the floor for public comment.

No public comments were offered.

Continued Annual Appropriation Ordinance Hearing

Attorney Blake explained that the Annual Appropriation Ordinance serves as the Village's legal authorization for the expenditure of Village funds and establishes the maximum amount the Village may expend within each appropriation category. He further explained that the appropriation process is governed by Illinois statute and that all statutory requirements had been satisfied.

Attorney Blake noted that the hearing was a continuation of the Public Hearing originally convened on **June 29, 2026**. As there were no additional public comments or questions regarding the proposed Annual Appropriation Ordinance, he advised that the Public Hearing could be closed.

No further discussion followed.

Motion to Adjourn Public Hearing

Trustee Cunningham made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing.

Seconded by Trustee Middlebrooks.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion carried.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at **6:06 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikki L. Kitakis
Village Clerk

Approved: _____