

# VILLAGE OF THORNTON

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 2026

### 1. Call to Order

The Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Thornton was called to order at 6:57 PM by President Reynolds. The meeting was recorded by Clerk Kitakis and streamed live. All attendees were asked to silence electronic devices.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence was observed for public servants, military personnel, the sick, and recently departed members of the community, including Joyce Adams, Amy Potwin's father, and Linda Cameron, who was recognized for over forty years of dedication to special needs education and service as President of the Library Board.

### 3. Roll Call

#### ROLL CALL

Present:

President Maxine Reynolds  
Trustee Cunningham  
Trustee Middlebrooks  
Trustee Kaye  
Trustee Pratscher  
Public Works Superintendent Bryan Roberts  
Park and Recreation Director Dunlop  
Police Chief Wesolowski  
Fire Chief Schweitzer

**Also Present:**

Attorney Touhy  
Administrator Payne  
Treasurer Simone Jackson  
Clerk Nikki Kitakis

**Absent:**

Trustee Glaser

Trustee Piszewski

#### **4. Approval of Youth Night Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2026**

Trustee Cunningham made a motion to approve the Youth Night Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2026 as written. Trustee Middlebrooks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Cunningham – Yes

Middlebrooks – Yes

Kaye – Abstain

Pratscher – Yes

Piszewski – Absent

Glaser – Absent

Motion carried.

#### **5. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2026**

Trustee Kaye made a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2026 as written. Trustee Cunningham seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Kaye – Yes

Cunningham – Yes

Middlebrooks – Yes

Pratscher – Yes

Glaser – Absent

Piszewski – Absent

Motion carried.

## **6. Fire Department Line Item Transfer – Training to Fuel**

Trustee Kaye made a motion to approve the line item transfer in the amount of \$1,900 from Account No. 01-69-8005 Training to Account No. 01-69-7031 Fuel. Trustee Pratscher seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Kaye – Yes  
Pratscher – Yes  
Cunningham – Yes  
Middlebrooks – Yes  
Glaser – Absent  
Pisarczywski – Absent

Motion carried.

## **7. Fire Department Line Item Transfer – Membership to Operating Supplies**

Trustee Pratscher made a motion to approve the line item transfer in the amount of \$2,000 from Account No. 01-69-8002 Membership to Account No. 01-69-8064 Operating Supplies. Trustee Kaye seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Pratscher – Yes  
Kaye – Yes  
Middlebrooks – Yes  
Cunningham – Yes  
Glaser – Absent  
Pisarczywski – Absent

Motion carried.

## **8. Fire Department Line Item Transfer – Uniforms to Operating Supplies**

Trustee Cunningham made a motion to approve the line item transfer in the amount of \$2,500 from Account No. 01-69-8013 Uniforms to Account No. 01-69-8064 Operating Supplies. Trustee Kaye seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Cunningham – Yes  
Kaye – Yes  
Middlebrooks – Yes  
Pratscher – Yes  
Glaser – Absent  
Pisarczyewski – Absent

Motion carried.

## **9. Building Department to Fire Department Fuel Transfer**

Trustee Pratscher made a motion to approve the line item transfer in the amount of \$1,500 from the Building Department Fuel Line Item to the Fire Department Fuel Line Item. Trustee Kaye seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Pratscher – Yes  
Kaye – Yes  
Cunningham – Yes  
Middlebrooks – Yes  
Glaser – Absent  
Pisarczyewski – Absent

Motion carried.

## **10. Payment of Vouchers**

Trustee Kaye made a motion to approve vouchers totaling \$139,489.11, of which \$77,769.92 was related to SOS Grant funds and \$58,930.86 related to prepaid checks. Trustee Pratscher seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Kaye – Yes  
Pratscher – Yes  
Middlebrooks – Yes  
Cunningham – Yes  
Glaser – Absent  
Pisarczyewski – Absent

Motion carried.

## **11. Ordinance 2026-016 – Amended Public Comment Policy**

Trustee Cunningham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-016 adopting the amended Public Comment Policy for the Village of Thornton. Trustee Kaye seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Cunningham – Yes  
Kaye – Yes  
Pratscher – Yes  
Middlebrooks – Yes  
Glaser – Absent  
Pisarczyewski – Absent

Motion carried.

## **12. Purchase of Village-Wide Network Switches**

Trustee Cunningham made a motion to approve the purchase of new Village-wide network switches from TrustTap in the amount of \$59,500. Trustee Pratscher seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Cunningham – Yes  
Pratscher – Yes  
Middlebrooks – Yes  
Kaye – Yes  
Glaser – Absent  
Pisarczyewski – Absent

Motion carried.

## **13. Purchase of 2026 Ford F-150 for ISAT**

Trustee Cunningham made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford F-150 from Ziegler Ford in the amount of \$63,227.63 for ISAT. Trustee Pratscher seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Cunningham – Yes  
Pratscher – Yes  
Middlebrooks – Yes  
Kaye – Yes  
Glaser – Absent  
Pisarczyewski – Absent

Motion carried.

## **14. Ordinance 2026-017 – Unlawful Assembly and Disorderly Conduct**

Trustee Cunningham made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-017 amending Section 10-1A-1 of Chapter 10-1 of Title 10 of the Municipal Code related to unlawful assembly and disorderly conduct. Trustee Middlebrooks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Cunningham – Yes  
Middlebrooks – Yes  
Kaye – Yes  
Pratscher – Yes  
Glaser – Absent  
Pisarczywski – Absent

Motion carried.

## **15. Purchase of Replacement Warning Siren**

Trustee Pratscher made a motion to approve the purchase of a replacement warning siren from Federal Signal in the amount of \$33,501. Trustee Kaye seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Pratscher – Yes  
Kaye – Yes  
Middlebrooks – Yes  
Cunningham – Yes  
Glaser – Absent  
Pisarczywski – Absent

Motion carried.

## **16. Resolution 2026-010R – Appointment of Health Officer**

Trustee Pratscher made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-010R appointing David DuVal as Health Officer for the Village of Thornton. Trustee Cunningham seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Pratscher – Yes  
Cunningham – Yes  
Kaye – Yes  
Middlebrooks – Yes  
Glaser – Absent  
Pisarczywski – Absent

Motion carried.

## **17. Resolution 2026-011R – Reappointment of Fire Chief**

Trustee Pratscher made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-011R reappointing Arthur Schweitzer as Fire Chief for the Village of Thornton. Trustee Middlebrooks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Pratscher – Yes  
Middlebrooks – Yes  
Kaye – Yes  
Cunningham – Yes  
Glaser – Absent  
Pisarczywski – Absent

Motion carried.

## **18. Resolution 2026-009R – Illinois America 250 Commemoration**

Trustee Pratscher made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-009R in support of the Illinois America 250 Commemoration. Trustee Middlebrooks seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Pratscher – Yes  
Middlebrooks – Yes  
Cunningham – Yes  
Kaye – Yes  
Glaser – Absent  
Pisarczywski – Absent

Motion carried.

## **19. Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

## **20. Old Business**

No old business was discussed.

## **21. New Business**

No new business was discussed.

## **22. President's Comments**

President Reynolds thanked Village employees, elected officials, residents, and all attendees for their continued support and service to the Village despite the inclement weather.

## **23. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Trustee Pratscher and seconded by Trustee Cunningham to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

Absent – Trustees Glaser and Pisarzewski

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10PM

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Maxine Reynolds, Village President

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Nikki Kitakis, Village Clerk