**Council Members:**  **Other Village Officials:**

Kim Billman Gina Kaetzel- Mayor

Erica O’Neill Traci Sturgill- Village Administrator

Lynne Snider Dan Williams- Chief of Police

Sterling Krout Kelly Beem- Fiscal Officer

Tasia Savage

**Guests Present:** Dale Brussee

**Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Kaetzel called the Village of Thornville Regular Council Meeting to order on April 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. by saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

Roll Call was taken with Council member Lynne Snider, Council President Sterling Krout, Council member Tasia Savage, Council member Erica O’Neill, Council member Kim Billman all present. Council member Ashley Moore did contact Mayor Kaetzel and let her know she would be out of town for this meeting.

Mayor Kaetzel asked for a **motion** to excuse Council member Ashley Moore. **Motion** made by Council President Sterling Krout and was seconded by Council member Kim Billman. A roll call vote was taken with all Council members voting aye.

**Roll Call**

Sterling Krout- aye

Tasia Savage- aye

Kim Billman- aye

Lynne Snider- aye

Erica O’Neill- aye

**Motion passed 5-0**

**Motion to approve the Business Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting on April 24, 2023:**

Mayor Kaetzel requested a **motion** to approve the business agenda for the Regular Council Meeting on April 24, 2023. A **motion** was made by Council President Sterling Krout and was seconded by Council member Erica O’Neill. A roll call vote was taken with all Council members voting aye.

**Roll Call**

Erica O’Neill- aye

Kim Snider- aye

Lynne Snider- aye

Tasia Savage- aye

Sterling Krout- aye

**Motion passed 5-0**

**Motion to Approve the Minutes from the Regular Council meeting on March 27, 2023**: Mayor Kaetzel requested a **motion** to approve the minutes from the Regular Council meeting March 27, 2023. A **Motion** was made by Council President Sterling Krout and was seconded by Council member Erica O’Neill. A roll call vote was taken with 4 council members voting aye and 1 abstain due to absence.

**Roll Call**

Sterling Krout- aye

Tasia Savage- aye

Lynne Snider- aye

Erica O’Neill- aye

Kim Billman- abstain

**Motion passed 4-0**

**Public Hearings:**

Mayor Kaetzel opened the public hearing for Ordinance #23-03 at 7:01 p.m.

* ORDINANCE #23-03 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #21-14 (THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE), THEREBY REVISING SUMS FOR OPERATING EXPENSES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

2nd Reading

Mayor Kaetzel closed the public hearing for Ordinance #23-03 after no public questions at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Kaetzel opened the public hearing for Ordinance #23-04 at 7:02 p.m.

* ORDINANCE #23-04 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2024 TAX BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO SUBMIT THE 2024 BUDGET TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

2ndReading

Mayor Kaetzel closed the public hearing for Ordinance #23-04 after no public questions at 7:03 p.m.

**Police Report for April 2023:** Chief Williams introduced our new part-time police officer, Sean Corley, to council. He is doing an excellent job on 2nd shift and keeping very visible to the public. Many traffic stops have been written. Council welcomed Officer Corley to the Village. Chief Williams went over his monthly police report calls. Summer is coming so calls and traffic stops will most likely increase.

Citizen Dale Brussee had a question for Chief Williams. What is the speed limit on unmarked streets/ alleys in the Village? Chief Williams said he would need to double check the ORC but believes they are 15 mph for an alley and all residential areas are 25 mph.

**Monthly Water Report to Perry County Commissioners for March 2023:**

Mayor Kaetzel advised she needs a **motion** to receive the monthly water report to the Perry County Commissioners for March 2023. **Motion** made by Council member Kim Billman and seconded by Council member Erica O’Neill. A roll call vote was taken with all Council members voting aye.

**Roll Call:**

Sterling Krout- aye

Tasia Savage- aye

Lynne Snider- aye

Kim Billman- aye

Erica O’Neill- aye

**Motion passed 5-0**

**Monthly Water Report to Council for March 2023:**

Mayor Kaetzel advised she needs a **motion** to receive the monthly water report to Council for March 2023. **Motion** made by Council President Sterling Krout and was seconded by Council member Erica O’Neill. A roll call vote was taken with all council members voting aye.

**Roll Call**

Tasia Savage- aye

Kim Billman- aye

Sterling Krout- aye

Erica O’Neill- aye

Lynne Snider- aye

**Motion passed 5-0**

**Monthly Mayor’s Court Reports for March 2023:**

Mayor Kaetzel advised she needs a **motion** to receive the Mayor’s Court Reports for March 2023. **Motion** made by Council member Erica O’Neill and was seconded by Council President Sterling Krout. A roll call vote was taken with all council members voting aye.

**Roll Call**

Kim Billman-aye

Sterling Krout- aye

Lynne Snider- aye

Tasia Savage- aye

Erica O’Neill- aye

**Motion passed 5-0**

**Administrator’s Report:**

Village Administrator Traci Sturgill advised council the bills are on the table for review. Mayor Kaetzel stated if there are no questions on the bills, she will need a **motion** to pay the bills. **Motion** made by Council President Sterling Krout and was

seconded by Council member Kim Billman. A roll call vote was taken with all council members voting aye.

**Roll Call**

Tasia Savage- aye

Sterling Krout- aye

Lynne Snider- aye

Kim Billman- aye

Erica O’Neill- aye

**Motion passed 5-0**

Village Administrator Traci Sturgill advised she was awarded a grant from BWC for the trench box for $10,000. The Village will owe approximately $3,000. She will be getting it ordered.

**Fiscal Officer’s Report:** Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem advised the bank reconciliation is on the table for council’s review and signature and she can answer any questions they have. Council President Sterling Krout asked how the financial health of the Village is doing. Is anything changing? Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem advised all is good. No changes of which she is aware. She went back and compared 2022 to 2023 and we are staying steady.

Mayor Kaetzel asked for a **motion** to receive the bank reconciliation for March 2023. **Motion** made by Council President Sterling Krout and was seconded by Council member Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken with all Council members voting aye.

**Roll Call:**

Erica O’Neill- aye

Sterling Krout- aye

Kim Billman- aye

Lynne Snider- aye

Tasia Snider- aye

**Motion passed 5-0**

**Committee Reports:** None

**Unfinished Business:**

* **Playground Grand Opening:** Mayor Kaetzel let everyone know the playground install will be starting around May 11th. She would like to have a grand opening, ribbon cutting/ dedication ceremony for it. She suggested having Kona Ice (Council member Erica O’Neill advised she will take care of getting them scheduled), hot dogs provided, face painting (Council member Tasia Savage will work on this item) and possibly a bike decorating contest and a scavenger hunt. We will have a personalized dedication plague for Richard Shelly made. She will also reach out to his kids and invite them as well. The date is scheduled for Sunday, June 11th from 2-4pm and a rain date is set for June 16th from 5-7pm. Village Administrator Traci Sturgill will advertise it in the newspaper.
* **July 4th Parade:** Mayor Kaetzel discussed the parade and parade float. She asked for a council member to take charge of this. Traci advised she may be out of town on the 4th. Kim Billman advised she may also be gone. Council member Erica O’Neill advised she will work on this as much as she can. It was decided we would decorate Erica’s golf cart instead of a trailer and get kids to ride their bikes behind. Council member Tasia Savage volunteered to make a sign for the golf cart announcing the Village. Mayor Kaetzel will be in her own vehicle.
* **Summer Activities:** Council member Kim Billman would like to see about getting a Farmer’s Market started in the Village. Village Administrator Traci Sturgill said we would need to decide where we could have it at, possibly at the park or maybe at the elementary parking lot. Kim feels we need to figure out how to find out if the public would be interested in something like this first. Council member Tasia Savage advised the Village of Millersport had one last year but she didn’t think it went very well. There were not many vendors set up or very many customers. Kim also added there are rules and regulations we would need to get familiar with and follow. Somerset puts one on monthly. Village Administrator Traci Sturgill added that the TAC Committee is having several activities at the park after the parade on July 4th. Music, arts & crafts vendors, pet contest, food, bingo and jumping equipment. Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem added that Somerset only charges the vendor’s $5, and the Village also supplies the table and canopy for the farmer’s market.

Mayor Kaetzel advised she will post something in the next newsletter with information on a possible farmer’s market and ask for interest. Mayor Kaetzel would like to plan something for the month of August also. School starts back around August 15th. We need to look at adding a car show to the food trucks in October and possibly firetrucks to spray the kids in August prior to school going back in session. Traci asked if we need to purchase prizes for the contests on the playground opening day. Mayor Kaetzel advised a few dollar store items will be fine. Erica suggested buying a bag of squishy tools. Citizen Dale Brussee also added his tractor club lays out a tarp, throws sawdust and coins on it for the younger kids to try to get the most coins in a limited time. Council President Sterling Krout suggested a Tug-A-War also. Council member Erica O’Neill suggested a cornhole tournament also. Council member Erica O’Neill was excused from the meeting early for a prior appointment.

* **Pool Upgrades / Ad Hoc Committee Update:** Village Administrator Traci Sturgill advised the council they have the latest pool estimate in their files. It came back at close to $1.7 million. Council President Sterling Krout stated he had not heard back from any possible committee members yet, but he would like to get a meeting scheduled soon and get on the Thorn Township’s agenda asap. Traci said we are going to need to know which path we are going quickly due to the timely manner of the grants being submitted. Mayor Kaetzel advised she spoke with all 3 of the trustees and they were open-minded to at least putting it on their agenda to discuss. Herself & Traci have been discussing many of the scenarios that could happen with the levy & the grants. We could be awarded the grants and then the levy fails IF the township decided to put it on. At that point we would have to return or deny the grant we were awarded. This will not look good on the Village for future grant awards if this were to happen. Mayor Kaetzel feels if we go to the township and ask for a levy, we need to have a very strong showing of residents who are going with us. Council President Sterling Krout agreed. Heath is struggling for lifeguards again this year, along with the Village of Pleasantville. Citizen resident Dale Brussee also added we must remember what the pool costs to operate and maintenance along with the minimum wage increases. Mayor Kaetzel is very concerned that even if we do pass a levy, can we continue to maintain and operate it since the levy will only cover the yearly loan payment of the pool. Council member Kim Billman also added we need to remember that we also are in need of a new sewer plant. Village Administrator Traci Sturgill advised she feels these three items should take priority of the Village to worry about: 1. Sewer 2. Water 3. Street paving. Traci asked Council member Lynne Snider what her thoughts are on the pool situation since she has been involved with it over many years. She advised that she just never wanted to be sitting on the council that cannot open the pool. Mayor Kaetzel feels we have worked very hard to come up with a solution and it all comes down to the cost. Nobody on this council wants to close down the pool but it is at the point where it can no longer be repaired every year just to get by. Council member Lynne Snider agreed that it has not been kept up with or repaired correctly for the past 30 years most likely. The pool has been applied a band-aid yearly to keep it alive. Citizen Dale Brussee added when he was Mayor back in 2004 this was going on with the pool every year. There have never been enough available funds to repair it correctly each year. He felt maybe we could wait a year and see if the demand for the pool is still there. Dale stated everyone has always known the end was near for the pool, it just depended on when the cost went up as to what year that would end up being. Lynne agreed. And we are at that point. It has lasted much longer than it’s expected lifespan. It was decided to move forward with the Ad Hoc Committee meeting and be added to the Thorn Township agenda.

Mayor Kaetzel will be putting out another newsletter and update on the pool. We will also put out another survey if everyone could please send Traci some questions we would like to ask the residents.

* **New Business:**

Mayor Kaetzel advised this is the first reading for Resolution #23-10:

* RESOLUTION #23-10 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERRY COUNTY ENGINEER KENT CANNON TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

1ST Reading

**Comments and Announcements:**

Council member Lynne Snider would like the guys to check the drain at the end of her property. Village Administrator Traci Sturgill will add that to their schedule.

**Citizen Comments**:

Dale Brussee 110 Thornhill Dr, Thornville- He would like the gravel picked up that has moved across into the cemetery grass line along the drive due to it being difficult to mow. Traci advised she will get it taken care of along with posts up to try and keep the sludge trucks off the cemetery bank.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Kaetzel asked for a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. **Motion** made by Council member Kim Billman and was seconded by Council President Sterling Krout. A roll call vote was taken with all council members voting aye.

**Roll Call:**

Sterling Krout- aye

Lynne Snider- aye

Kim Billman- aye

Tasia Savage- aye

**Motion passed 4-0**

Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Mayor Gina Kaetzel Traci Sturgill, Council Clerk