

RESOLUTION NO. 24-04
ADOPTED January 22, 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A NATUREWORKS LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT AGREEMENT, ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT, RECEIVE, AND USE THIS FUNDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes, through the State of Ohio NatureWorks grant program; and

WHEREAS, the NatureWorks Grant Program provides up to 75% reimbursement assistance for local government subdivisions (townships, villages, cities, counties, park districts, joint recreation districts, and conservancy districts) to for the acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of recreational areas; and

WHEREAS, since NatureWorks' inception, the grant has funded over 2,300 public park projects in all 88 counties. Last year, Round 28 funding totaled \$1,728,671.00; and

WHEREAS, with Resolution 23-12, Council for the Village of Thornville authorized and directed Heidi Milner, or her designee, of SE Ohio Grant Solutions, LLC to complete and file an application with the State of Ohio, Department of Natural Resources, for a NatureWorks Grant, to replace the Thornville Municipal Swimming Pool with a Water Sports Facility (i.e., Splashpad/Spray Park); and

WHEREAS, ODNR recently awarded the Village of Thornville funding assistance not to exceed \$20,768.00 from Ohio's fiscal allocations made available under the provisions of Amended Substitute House Bill No. 687, and pursuant to R.C. 1557.06, the NatureWorks Local Assistance Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, to take advantage of this funding, the Village of Thornville must execute a NatureWorks Local Assistance Grant Agreement.

NOW, **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Village of Thornville, County of Perry, State of Ohio:

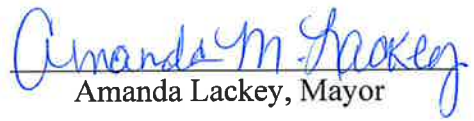
SECTION 1: Council for the Village of Thornville hereby authorizes and directs the Village Administrator to execute a NatureWorks Local Assistance Grant Agreement, and any other documents necessary to accept, receive, and use this funding, with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources acting through its Office of Real Estate and Land Management, ("ODNR").

SECTION 2: All prior legislation, or any part thereof, which is/are inconsistent with this Resolution is/are hereby repealed as to the inconsistent parts thereof.

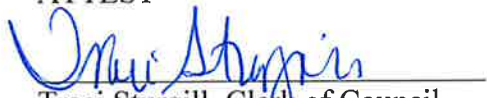
SECTION 3: It is hereby and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in opening meeting of this Council and that any and all deliberating if this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements of the laws of the State of Ohio.

SECTION 4: This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency measure necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Village and for the further reason that Village must sign and return the Grant Agreement as soon as possible. Wherefore, provided this Resolution receives the required affirmative votes of Council, it shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon passage by Council.

Passed in Council this 22nd day of January, 2024.


Amanda Lackey, Mayor

ATTEST


Traci Sturgill, Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

Approved as to form this 11th day of January 2024:


Brian M. Zets, Esq.
Village Solicitor