

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
3 South Main Street
Thornville, OH
May 26, 2020

Council Members:

Lynne Snider
Josh Hultgren
Daria Carr
Erica O'Neill
Sterling Krout
Gina Kaetzel

Other Village Officials:

Dan Harmon, Mayor
Traci Sturgill, Village Administrator
Melissa Tremblay, Fiscal Officer
Stephanie Reyher, Clerk of Council

Guests Present: Shane Rocky, Nathaniel Johnson

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Dan Harmon called the Village of Thornville Regular Council Meeting to order on May 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. by saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Roll Call taken was taken with Council President Josh Hultgren, Councilmember Lynne Snider, Councilmember Daria Carr, Councilmember Sterling Krout and Councilmember Gina Kaetzel present. Councilmember Erica O'Neill was absent.

Motion to Approve the Business Agenda for Monday, May 26, 2020: Mayor Dan Harmon requested a **Motion** to approve the Business Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting on Monday May 26, 2020. A **Motion** was made by Councilmember Gina Kaetzel and was seconded by Councilmember Daria Carr. A roll call vote was taken.

Lynne Snider – aye
Josh Hultgren -aye
Daria Carr – aye
Sterling Krout – aye
Gina Kaetzel – aye
Erica O'Neill - absent
Motion passed 5-0

Motion to Approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on April 27, 2020: Mayor Dan Harmon requested a **Motion** to approve the minutes from Regular Council meeting on April 27, 2020. A **Motion** was made by Council President Josh Hultgren and was seconded by Councilmember Gina Kaetzel. A roll call vote was taken.

Lynne Snider – aye
Josh Hultgren -aye
Daria Carr – aye
Sterling Krout – aye
Gina Kaetzel – aye
Erica O'Neill - absent
Motion passed 5-0

Presentation of Bills:

Mayor Dan Harmon asked for a **Motion** to pay the bills for April 2020. A **Motion** was made by Councilmember Lynne Snider and seconded by Council President Josh Hultgren to pay the bills for April 2020. A roll call vote was taken.

Lynne Snider – aye
Josh Hultgren -aye
Daria Carr – aye
Sterling Krout – aye
Gina Kaetzel – aye
Erica O'Neill - absent
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Bank Reconciliation: Mayor Dan Harmon presented the Bank Reconciliation.

With no further discussion held Councilmember Lynne Snider made a **Motion** to receive the bank reconciliation for April 30, 2020 and was seconded by Councilmember Gina Kaetzel. A roll call vote was taken.

Lynne Snider – aye
Josh Hultgren -aye
Daria Carr – aye
Sterling Krout – aye
Gina Kaetzel – aye
Erica O'Neill - absent
Motion passed 5-0

Fiscal Officer's Report- Fiscal Officer Melissa Tremblay – Auditors were here for a couple of weeks going through everything then they were going back to their office to put the report together. She has not heard anything yet

Police Report for April 2020 – Chief Dan Williams – The Senior parade went off without a hitch. They were supposed to enter Thornville at 3:30 but were running ahead of schedule and the parade was finished at 3:10 PM.

If anyone has questions on the police report, please feel free to contact Chief Dan Williams.

Administrator's Report: Village Administrator Traci Sturgill – The street milling is complete. The Main Street curb repair is scheduled for next week with Paul Brown Construction. We now have a Gaga pit. We found one for \$1000, it was originally going to cost \$2000 for just the materials. We have it here ready to be installed. Paul Brown Construction is donating the concrete for the Gaga pit, they will put it inside the Gaga pit free of cost. We sold everything we had listed on Govdeals.net and made a total of \$6784.02. We were on a conference call on Friday about the pools opening. We are to include our grass area in the calculations for how many people are allowed in the pool at one time. With that area added in, we can have 798 people so we don't have to set a limit now. Councilmember Daria Carr asked if we were limited to the amount of people by the amount of lifeguards we have available. Village Administrator Traci Sturgill said yes, we can have three lifeguards. Mayor Dan Harmon said that would mean we could actually have 150 people. Village Administrator Traci Sturgill said yes, but we don't ever have that many people at the pool at one time. Mayor Dan Harmon asked if the water was going in yet. Village Administrator said not yet, but it will be, it has to sit for three days before we open. Village Administrator Traci Sturgill shared that we have one sewage pump that went out. We repair them twice, then they have to be replaced, because it costs so much to repair them. Councilmember Daria Carr asked how many pumps we have and if they are all in that situation where they have been repaired before. Village Administrator Traci Sturgill said she believes there are four pumps total and they have all been repaired before. She also said they have been running a lot because of all of the rain we've had lately. This is a regular maintenance issue but she wanted to run it by council before purchasing. Councilmember Daria Carr asked if we had the money. Fiscal Officer Melissa Tremblay said yes. Mayor Dan Harmon said yes, go ahead and purchase, we do not need any sewage problems. Councilmember Josh Hultgren asked if all the funds for the street repairs were exhausted. Village Administrator Traci Sturgill said no, we still have bills coming in for the repairs but there should be a little left over after everything is paid.

Public Hearing

Mayor Dan Harmon opened the public hearing for Resolution #20-05 at 7:16 PM.

- RESOLUTION #20-05 A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH PLACING THE ISSUE ON THE BALLOT FOR A TWO AND FOUR TENTHS (2.4) MILL, FIVE (5) YEAR RENEWAL TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE VILLAGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
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Mayor Dan Harmon closed the public hearing for Resolution #20-05 at 7:17 PM.

Mayor Dan Harmon opened the public hearing for Resolution #20-06 at 7:17 PM.

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- RESOLUTION #20-06 A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH PLACING THE ISSUE ON THE BALLOT FOR A ONE (1.00) MILL, FIVE (5) YEAR RENEWAL TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE VILLAGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
2nd Reading

Mayor Dan Harmon closed the public hearing for Resolution #20-06 at 7:18 PM.

Mayor Dan Harmon opened the public hearing for Ordinance #20-06 at 7:18 PM.

- ORDINANCE #20-06 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A 48-MONTH CONTRACT WITH FIRST ENERGY SOLUTIONS TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES TO THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
2nd Reading

Mayor Dan Harmon closed the public hearing for Ordinance #20-06 at 7:19 PM.

Mayor Dan Harmon opened the public hearing for Ordinance #20-07 at 7:19 PM.

- ORDINANCE #20-07 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO OHIO POWER COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE RIGHT TO ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE IN THE STREETS, THOROUGHFARES, ALLEYS, BRIDGES, AND PUBLIC PLACES OF THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE, LINES FOR THE TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC ENERGY FOR THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE AND THE INHABITANTS THEREOF FOR LIGHT, HEAT, POWER, AND OTHER PURPOSES, AND FOR THE TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE SAME WITHIN, THROUGH, OR ACROSS THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE
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Mayor Dan Harmon closed the public hearing for Ordinance #20-07 at 7:20 PM.

Mayor Dan Harmon opened the public hearing for Ordinance #20-08 at 7:20 PM.

- ORDINANCE #20-08 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2021 TAX BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF THORNVILLE, DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO SUBMIT THE 2021 BUDGET TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR
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Mayor Dan Harmon closed the public hearing for Ordinance #20-08 at 7:21 PM.

Mayor's Report for April 2020: Mayor Dan Harmon presented the Mayors Report

➤ Monthly Water Report to Perry County Commissioners for April 2020:

Mayor Harmon asked for a **Motion** to receive the monthly water report to Perry County Commissioners for April 2020. With no discussion held, a **Motion** was made by Council President Josh Hultgren to receive the Monthly Water Report to the Perry County Commissioners for April 2020 and was seconded by Councilmember Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken.

Lynne Snider – aye
Josh Hultgren -aye
Daria Carr – aye
Sterling Krout – aye
Gina Kaetzel – aye

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Erica O'Neill - absent
Motion passed 5-0

➤ **Monthly Water Report to Council for April 2020:**

Mayor Harmon asked for a **Motion** to receive the monthly water report to Council for April 2020. With no discussion held, Councilmember Lynne Snider made a **Motion** to receive the Water Report to Council for April 2020 and was seconded by Councilmember Sterling Krout. A roll call vote was taken.

Lynne Snider – aye
Josh Hultgren -aye
Daria Carr – aye
Sterling Krout – aye
Gina Kaetzel – aye
Erica O'Neill - absent
Motion passed 5-0

Mayor's Court Report for April 2020: Mayor Harmon asked for a **Motion** to receive the Mayor's Court report for April 2020. With no discussion held, Council President Josh Hultgren made a **Motion** to receive the Mayor's Court report for April 2020 and was seconded by Councilmember Sterling Krout. A roll call vote was taken.

Lynne Snider – aye
Josh Hultgren – aye
Sterling Krout – aye
Daria Carr – aye
Gina Kaetzel – aye
Erica O'Neill – absent
Motion passed 5-0

Committee Reports for May 2020:

➤ **Parks and Rec – Committee Chair Lynne Snider:** Talked about opening the pool and the park.

➤ **Personnel - Committee Chair Josh Hultgren:** Didn't have any new or old business.

➤ **Public Facilities & Safety- Committee Chair Josh Hultgren:** Talked about the Senior parade. Talked about the zoning applications for the pools in Thornhill. Council President Josh Hultgren asked Village Administrator Traci Sturgill what happened with those zoning applications. Village Administrator Traci Sturgill said they were not allowed to have the above ground pools in Thornhill. they are still under their deed restrictions.

➤ **Finance Committee – Committee Chair Daria Carr:** Talked about the police levy and the pool.
Councilmember Daria Carr gave an update - The Village Administrator and I have had a conversation with County Auditor Drew Cannon. The police levy is a continuous levy which means the two ways to get additional funds would be to bring the levy to current value by doing a replacement levy on the ballot or to do a new levy. Auditor Drew Cannon is willing to come to a Committee or Council meeting to answer questions. Given that the levy was put into place in 1997 and never been brought to current value, for the next finance committee meeting we will discuss our options.

Unfinished Business

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New Business: None

Council Comments:

Daria Carr - no comments
Gina Kaetzel - We talked a few weeks ago about people being unemployed and not being able to pay their bills. Have we seen anything like that happening with the water bills? Village Administrator Traci Sturgill said no, we had not seen anything unusual so far, just a few bills paid late, which is normal. Councilmember Gina Kaetzel said she was just wondering about that and felt like the water bills would be a good way to gauge if citizens were having any financial difficulties. Mayor Dan Harmon agreed and said we would keep an eye on that because we do not want to pile on to any residents financial problems.

Sterling Krout - Have we made any decisions on the 4th of July parade? It's now just six weeks away. Mayor Dan Harmon said with everything starting to open up, we may be able to have the parade. We will just have to pay attention to the Governor and what other villages are doing.

Lynne Snider - no comments

Josh Hultgren - no comments

Erica O'Neill - absent

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Village Administrator Traci Sturgill asked if we would be going back to in person meetings for the Committee meetings next week. Mayor Dan Harmon said we are still under the social distancing rules so he doesn't feel that would be a good idea to do just yet.

Village Administrator Traci Sturgill said that Tom Conners had contacted her and he is putting together a baseball team for the summer. He would like to use the baseball diamond in the park. He said he would provide insurance, be responsible for the electricity and for the social distancing requirements. She also said that TYRA was not having teams this year. Mayor Dan Harmon said that as long as he has the required insurance and will be responsible for the social distancing guidelines, he doesn't see why he couldn't use the baseball diamond. Fiscal Officer Melissa Tremblay asked if parks were open now. Village Administrator Traci Sturgill said that parks are not open, but baseball is allowed as of today. Councilmember Daria Carr agreed, baseball did open today. Village Administrator Traci Sturgill said she thought that the baseball diamonds could be used but the playground equipment still had to be roped off and not used. Mayor Dan Harmon said this should be added to the next Parks and Recreation Committee agenda to be discussed.

Citizens Comments: None

Announcements: None

Adjournment:

Mayor Dan Harmon asked for a **Motion** to adjourn. A **Motion** was made by Council President Josh Hultgren and was seconded by Councilmember Gina Kaetzel. A roll call vote was taken.

Lynne Snider - aye
Josh Hultgren -aye
Daria Carr - aye
Sterling Krout - aye
Gina Kaetzel - aye
Erica O'Neill - absent
Motion passed 5-0

Meeting concluded at 7:44 p.m.



Mayor Dan Harmon



Stephanie Reyher, Council Clerk