



VILLAGE OF THORNTON

Committee Meeting

February 02, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Village Hall – 115 East Margaret St

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Public Comment

III. Committee Topics

- A. Trustee Pisarzewski
- B. Trustee Cunningham
- C. Trustee Middlebrooks
- D. Trustee Kaye
- E. Trustee Glaser
- F. Trustee Pratscher

IV. Treasurer Jackson

- [A.](#) January 2026 Cash Position

V. Engineer Kaminsky

VI. Attorney Touhy

VII. Administrator Payne

- [A.](#) Corrected 2026 Board Meeting Calendar
- [B.](#) Proposed Ordinance Amending Code for One-Way Streets
- [C.](#) Ordinance Amending Code Related to Compensation for Ethics Commission Members
- [D.](#) Ordinance Amending Code Regarding Temporary Extension of Water Bill Due Dates
- [E.](#) Replacement of Automatic Transfer Switch Controller for Generator

VIII. President Reynolds

IX. Old & New Business

X. Adjournment

VILLAGE OF THORNTON - CASH POSITION SUMMARY

Section IV, ItemA.

as of January 28, 2026

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES

General Checking

Wintrust - General Operations	\$	1,470,937.12
Illinois Funds - Local Tax Revenue	\$	1,307,294.06
Illinois Funds - Escrow	\$	152,337.80
Fifth Third Bank - General	\$	55,570.69
Total General Checking	\$	2,986,139.67

Secretary of State Grant Program

Wintrust - Grant Money Market	\$	5,756,035.13
Wintrust - Imprest	\$	38,642.81
Total SOS Grant Program	\$	5,794,677.94

66%

Debt Service

BNY Mellon - Escrow	\$	53,443.63
Total Debt Service	\$	53,443.63

Balance per Bank Statements	\$	8,834,261.24
Deposits in Transit	\$	34,825.10
Outstanding Checks	\$	(663,939.80)

ADJUSTED BANK BALANCE	\$	8,205,146.54
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2026

Section VII, ItemA.

January							February							March							April						
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Holiday/Closed

Board Meetings

Planning & Development

Delayed Garbage Pickup

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THE VILLAGE OF THORNTON
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE
NUMBER _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
AMENDING SECTION 9-6-2.1 (“ONE-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS”) OF CHAPTER 9-
6 (“TRAFFIC ON CERTAIN STREETS”) OF TITLE 9 (“MOTOR VEHICLES AND
TRAFFIC”) OF ITS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO THE DESIGNATION OF
STREETS FOR ONE-WAY TRAFFIC**

MAXINE REYNOLDS, Village President
NIKKI KITAKIS, Village Clerk

ROSEMARY CUNNINGHAM
GINA GLASER
ERNEST “BO” KAYE
PHILLIP MIDDLEBROOKS
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MARTIN PRATSCHER
Trustees

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STREETS FOR ONE-WAY TRAFFIC**

WHEREAS, the Village of Thornton, Cook County, Illinois (the “*Village*”) is a home rule municipality pursuant to Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs (the “*Home Rule Powers*”); and

WHEREAS, the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village (the “*Corporate Authorities*”) may from time to time amend the text of the Thornton Municipal Code when it is determined to be in the best interests of the residents of the Village; and

WHEREAS, Section 9-6-1 of the Thornton Municipal Code authorizes the Corporate Authorities to designate streets or portions of streets for one-way traffic; and

WHEREAS, Section 9-6-2.1 of the Thornton Municipal Code sets forth designated one-way stop intersections and one-way traffic movements within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities desire to amend the Thornton Municipal Code to designate certain streets for one-way traffic as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that the following changes to its Village Code are in the best interest of the Village and are necessary and appropriate to promote traffic safety and orderly traffic flow.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Thornton, Cook County, Illinois, by and through its Home Rule Powers as follows:

Section 1. That the above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct

and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

Section 2. Section 9-6-2.1 (“*One-way stop intersections*”) of Chapter 9-6 (“*Traffic on Certain Streets*”) of Title 9 (“*Motor Vehicles and Traffic*”) of the Thornton Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding the underlined language to the table therein in proper alphabetical order, to read as follows:

Intersection

Harriet, westbound from Wolcott Street to Hubbard Street

Hubbard, northbound from Margaret Street to Marion Street

Wolcott, southbound from Margaret Street to Marion Street

Section 3. All other provisions of Section 9-6-2.1 not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. The Public Works Director or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to install and maintain all necessary traffic control signs, pavement markings, and other devices required to implement this Ordinance.

Section 5. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance.

Section 6. All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

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ADOPTED by the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Thornton,
Cook County, Illinois this ____ day of _____ 2026, pursuant to a roll call vote, as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CUNNINGHAM				
GLASER				
KAYE				
MIDDLEBROOKS				
PISARZEWSKI				
PRATSCHER				
VILLAGE PRESIDENT REYNOLDS				
TOTAL				

APPROVED by the Village President of the Village of Thornton, Cook County, Illinois
on this ____ day of _____ 2026.

MAXINE REYNOLDS
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

NIKKI KITAKIS
VILLAGE CLERK

THE VILLAGE OF THORNTON
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE
NUMBER 2026-004

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
AMENDING CHAPTER 1-10 (“*ETHICS COMMISSION*”) OF TITLE 1 (“*GENERAL
PROVISIONS*”) OF ITS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO MEMBER
COMPENSATION**

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AMENDING CHAPTER 1-10 (“*ETHICS COMMISSION*”) OF TITLE 1 (“*GENERAL
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WHEREAS, the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village (the “*Corporate Authorities*”) may from time to time amend the text of the Thornton Municipal Code when it is determined to be in the best interests of the residents of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Thornton Municipal Code establishes an Ethics Commission (the “*Commission*”) and provides for the appointment, terms, and duties of its members; and

WHEREAS, Section 1-10-7 of the Thornton Municipal Code currently provides that members of the Commission serve without compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities desire to amend the Thornton Municipal Code to provide for per-meeting compensation for members of the Commission, subject to annual limits and appropriation, in order to promote the efficient and effective operation of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that the following amendment to the Village Code is in the best interest of the Village and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Thornton, Cook County, Illinois, by and through its Home Rule Powers as follows:

Section 1. That the above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

Section 2. Section 1-10-7 (“*Compensation*”) of Chapter 1-10 (“*Ethics Commission*”) of Title 1 (“*General Provisions*”) of the Thornton Code is hereby amended by deleting the stricken language and adding the underlined language to read, as follows:

Section 1-10-7: Compensation.

~~Commission members shall receive no compensation for their services, but each Commission member may be reimbursed for expenses reasonably incurred in the performance of Commission duties.~~

Commissioners shall receive compensation in the amount of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per meeting attended that is held in compliance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, not to exceed One Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$180.00) in any fiscal year. The Chair of the Ethics Commission shall receive compensation in the amount of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) per meeting attended that is held in compliance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, not to exceed Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) in any fiscal year. Such compensation shall be paid only for meetings actually attended, shall be subject to appropriation, and shall be provided for in the Village’s annual Appropriation Ordinance. No compensation shall be paid for meetings canceled for lack of quorum. Compensation for members of the Ethics Commission shall be processed through the Village payroll system in accordance with applicable tax laws.

Section 3. Compensation authorized by this Ordinance shall apply prospectively only and shall not be paid for any meetings held prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

Section 4. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance.

Section 5. All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

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PRATSCHER				
VILLAGE PRESIDENT REYNOLDS				
TOTAL				

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MAXINE REYNOLDS
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

NIKKI KITAKIS
VILLAGE CLERK

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COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE
NUMBER 2025-005

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF THORNTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
AMENDING CHAPTER 6-5 (“*WATER AND SEWER REGULATIONS*”) OF TITLE 6
 (“*HEALTH AND SANITATION*”) OF ITS MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING
TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF WATER BILL DUE DATES AND SUSPENSION OF
PENALTIES IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES**

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WHEREAS, the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village (the “*Corporate Authorities*”) may from time to time amend the text of the Thornton Municipal Code when it is determined to be in the best interests of the residents of the Village; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 11 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-101 et seq.), the Corporate Authorities of the Village are authorized by ordinance to establish rates, charges, and related billing and collection procedures for the operation of the Village’s municipal waterworks and sewerage systems; and

WHEREAS, Section 6-5-4(Z) of the Thornton Municipal Code establishes due dates, penalties, and enforcement timelines for water bills; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, administrative issues may arise, including billing errors, mailing failures, vendor or system issues, or similar circumstances, that may result in residents not receiving timely notice of amounts due; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities desire to amend the Thornton Municipal Code to provide limited flexibility to address such circumstances in a fair and orderly manner, while maintaining the integrity of the Village’s water billing and enforcement system; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities find that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Village to amend the Code as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Thornton, Cook County, Illinois, by and through its Home Rule Powers as follows:

Section 1. That the above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

Section 2. Section 6-5-4(Z) (*“Water bills; when due and payable; penalty; failure to pay”*) of Chapter 6-5 (*“Water and Sewer Regulations”*) of Title 6 (*“Health and Sanitation”*) of the Thornton Code is hereby amended by adding a new subsection (6) to read as follows:

6.) Temporary extension of due dates; temporary suspension of penalties and enforcement.

a.) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter to the contrary, upon a written determination by the Village Administrator, supported by specific facts, that a billing error, mailing failure, vendor or system issue, or other administrative circumstance has occurred and materially affects a substantial number of customers’ ability to timely receive or pay a water bill, and is not based solely on individual customer hardship or isolated billing disputes, the Village Administrator is authorized to implement, on a one-time basis, for a defined billing cycle or defined period, one or more of the actions set forth in subsection (b) below.

b.) The Village Administrator may, only for the billing cycle or period identified in the written determination, and only to the extent strictly necessary to remedy the administrative disruption, do one or more of the following:

- i.) Extend the due date for payment of water bills by not more than twenty (20) calendar days beyond the due date otherwise established under subsection (Z)(1), and in no event may such extension be renewed, reissued, or extended beyond a single occurrence for the same billing cycle;
- ii.) Temporarily suspend the assessment of late payment penalties under subsection (Z)(1);
- iii.) Temporarily suspend issuance of second notices, red tag notices, or service shut off actions otherwise authorized under subsection (Z)(1);
- iv.) Adjust or reset enforcement timelines related to billing and collection under this Chapter, provided that no adjustment shall impair, waive, toll, or extinguish the Village’s right to collect lawfully owed charges or to pursue liens or enforcement once the temporary relief period expires, without

further action of the Village Administrator; and

- v.) Take such other temporary and narrowly tailored administrative actions as are directly related to correcting the identified administrative disruption and necessary to ensure fair and uniform administration of the Village’s water billing system, but only to the minimum extent required.

c.) Any action taken pursuant to this subsection shall:

- i.) Be limited in duration and scope;
- ii.) Apply uniformly to all affected customers;
- iii.) Automatically expire without further action at the end of the defined billing cycle or period; and
- iv.) Not waive, forgive, reduce, or permanently modify any underlying water or sewer charges owed to the Village including charges already billed or accrued.

d.) The Village Administrator shall report any action taken pursuant to this subsection in writing to the President and Board of Trustees at the next regularly scheduled meeting following implementation, including the factual basis for the determination, the specific relief granted, and the duration of such relief.

e.) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize:

- i.) Individualized waivers or relief for single customers;
- ii.) Permanent modification of rates, charges, penalties, or enforcement procedures;
- iii.) Relief based solely on customer hardship unrelated to an administrative disruption; or
- iv.) Delegation of this authority to any other officer or employee of the Village.

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

NIKKI KITAKIS
VILLAGE CLERK



Maxine Renyolds, Village President
VILLAGE OF THORNTON
PUBLIC WORKS

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Date: 1-28-26

To: Admin. Vivian Payne / Board Members

From: Public Works Supt. Bryan Roberts

Re: Approval of quote 14294 from Alternative Energy Solutions for a new Automatic Transfer Switch Controller for PD/REC.

Explanation of an Automatic Transfer Switch Controller: In an emergency power outage and the building loses power the transfer switch will turn on the generator and transfer the electric load to the generator. When grid power is restored the transfer switch will then turn the generator off.

At this time when the building loses power the generator turns on however when power is restored the transfer switch will not turn off and the generator continues to run using generator power. In order to turn off the generator the power must be turned off to building and the ATS controller must be manually reset by an Electrician.

The only quote I asked for was from Alternative Energy Solutions. Alternative Energy is our current service provider for installation, preventive maintenance, and emergency repair work for *all* village generators. The transfer switch replacement requires a thorough understanding of our existing electrical systems, operating conditions, and emergency response requirements, therefore it only makes sense for this project to be completed by Alternative Energy. They are familiar with our system, as well as site access. Utilizing them ensures the replacement is performed in alignment with existing infrastructure & standards, and reduces the risk of compatibility issues with the current generator. There is \$18,000.00 budgeted for this repair in the Capital Fund.

Bryan Roberts,
Superintendent
Department of Public Works
Village of Thornton
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Section VII, Item E.

Quote

DATE	Reference No.
1/16/2026	14294

NAME / ADDRESS
Village of Thornton 115 E Margaret St Thornton, IL 60476-1285

**WE ARE A 24/7 EMERGENCY
SERVICE COMPANY - WE SELL &
SERVICE GENERATORS**

QTY	DESCRIPTION	U/M	COST	TOTAL
	LOCATION: POLICE DEPT			
1	ATS: ASCO 300 SERIES, 120/208V, 3 PHASE, 800 AMP, NEMA-1, NON-SED		10,669.44	10,669.44
1	SHIPPING		350.00	350.00
1	LABOR		4,200.00	4,200.00
	 20+ WEEK LEAD TIME			

50% DOWN PRIOR TO ORDERING PARTS, BALANCE ON COMPLETION
WE WILL CHARGE A 3% CONVENIENCE FEE FOR PAYING BY CREDIT CARD

\$15,219.44

Customer Acceptance

(0.00) \$0.00

Purchase Order Number

TOTAL \$15,219.44

Quoted parts prices subject to change.

Name (printed)

Signature

Date