President Swan called the Committee Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

In attendance – President Swan; Trustee Kaye, Lively, Koch, Diekelman, Lareau, Tomasik; PW Supt. Bannon; Rec Director Packard; Police Chief Schlesser; Fire Chief Kolosh.
Also attending – Administrator Wicha; Attorney D. Dillner; Treasurer Frye; Engineer Pavlacka.

FLOOD ASSISTANCE REBATE PROGRAM
Trustee Kaye informed of being approached by a number of residents regarding the recent flooding of their basements and questioning if the Village could assist in anyway. Kaye stated he had spoken to Administrator Wicha on this matter and that Wicha had come up with a plan. Wicha informed he had found there several successful flood control rebate programs that other communities had in place. Wicha reported this idea was in its infancy stage and answers regarding funding had not been determined. Wicha hoped to have answers in the coming weeks. Wicha detailed the structure of the program he had envisioned with residents applying for reimbursement for a host of flood prevention projects and recommended up to a 25% reimbursement of the project costs (matching up to $2,000-$2,500 total on the Village part). Wicha stated this seemed to be a reoccurring problem what with the age of housing stock and hoped this program would be an incentive to homeowners to correct the problem. A discussion followed with Trustee Koch stating he was totally against it and stated the taxpayers had enough to pay for without helping their neighbor out.

SSMMA VOLUME CAP RESOLUTION
Attorney Dillner reminded that being a Home Rule municipality this Village gets an allocation of private activity bond that it could issue. Dillner reported this year the amount was $90 per capita and the State had this Village listed with 2,405 people, which was $216,810. Dillner informed that in the past Thornton had been ceding that authority to the Illinois Finance Authority for the use of projects in the southland area and handled by South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association (SSMMA). Dillner added the amount was $216,810 and must be done by April 30, 2009 or the amount would be automatically ceded to the State of Illinois. Dillner stated the Village would receive a small percentage of the fee SSMMA charged.

CAPITAL ASSET PURCHASES
Administrator Wicha stated he was hoping for clarification regarding whether the Police Department canine purchase could qualify as equipment and asked to have this tabled for the time being. Wicha reported most of the capital improvement projects, for which bonds were issued, were nearly complete and informed some of the projects had come in under budget there was a remaining surplus of revenue in the capital projects fund.
CAPITAL ASSES PURCHASES (cont.)
Wicha added Department Heads and himself have put together a list of necessary equipment purchases that would benefit this community and would reduce some future expenses in the General Fund. Trustee Tomasik asked to have this tabled until the new Board takes over. Wicha stated he agreed, however his concern was that a lot of the vehicles have a May 1st cut off date for ordering. Tomasik stated the repaving of streets would last longer that the squad cars. A discussion followed.

INTRODUCTION OF WOLCOTT SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
Administrator Wicha introduced Dr. Carol Kunst, District #154 Superintendent and spoke on their positive working relationship and the recognition each has of the long term reliance the two governing bodies have on one another. Wicha expressed his appreciation of Dr. Kunst in helping to form the intergovernmental agreement the two entities had adopted several months ago. Dr. Kunst spoke briefly on the building of this relationship for the betterment for the educational opportunities for Thornton’s children and looked forward to working with all.

POPPY DAY REQUEST
President Swan presented a request from the Thornton American Legion Ladies Auxiliary to sell their poppies and this to be presented during the regular meeting.

VILLAGE ISO RATING
Chief Kolosh reported he had received notification that the Village’s ISO rating had been lowered to a Class 4, which would result in a $20 savings to the homeowner on their real estate tax bill.

BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS
President Swan notified that HBM Enterprises Inc. at 123 N. Williams, a gas station, was now open and he had given them there Business License as they had passed all the required inspections.

Swan also informed Appliance Doctor Inc., a major appliance repair service, at 525 Ridge Road, had been given their Business License and had passed all inspections.

Swan reported Advanced Communications Inc, a contractor for Comcast, at 17600 S. Williams Street, had passed all inspections and had been given their Business License.

OLD BUSINESS
There was none.

NEW BUSINESS
There was none.
ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Trustee Lively, seconded by Trustee Kaye, to adjourn the Meeting.
Motion carried.

President Swan adjourned the Committee Meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Cheryl L. Bult-Lehmwald, Village Clerk