

**VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES**

DATE: Monday, September 14, 2020

LOCATION: 250 Elm Street
Thiensville, WI

TIME: 6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Mobley called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

President:	Van Mobley	
Trustees:	Jennifer Abraham	Rob Holyoke
	Angelina Apostolos	Ken Kucharski
	Kristina Eckert	David Lange
Administrator:	Colleen Landisch-Hansen	
Attorney:	Tim Schoonenberg	
Staff:	Director of Community Services/Public Works	Andy LaFond
	Police Chief	Curt Kleppin
	Village Clerk/Deputy Treasurer	Amy Langlois

III. BUSINESS

A. Review Capital Expenditures List

Administrator Landisch-Hansen reported that there are no new capital requests.

B. Review and recommendation regarding:

Operator's License–New–DENIAL: Rory Robert Harding
cheel, llc, 105 South Main Street

MOTION by Trustee Holyoke, **SECONDED** by Trustee Lange to recommend to the Village Board to Deny Request for Operator's License-New for Rory Robert Harding, cheel, llc, 105 South Main Street.

Ayes: Trustees Abraham, Apostolos, Eckert, Holyoke, Lange and President Mobley

Naes: Trustee Kucharski

MOTION CARRIED.

C. Review and recommendation regarding Proclamation Honoring Daniel Luedtke on the Occasion of His Retirement from the Thiensville Plan Commission

MOTION by Trustee Holyoke, **SECONDED** by Trustee Lange to recommend to the Village Board to approve Proclamation Honoring Daniel Luedtke on the Occasion of His Retirement from the Thiensville Plan Commission.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- D. Review and recommendation regarding:
BOARD APPOINTMENTS:
M-T Bikeway Commission Vacant, Term to Expire April, 2021
Ozaukee County Bike Trail Vacant, Term to Expire April, 2021

Trustee Eckert expressed interest in serving on the M-T Bikeway Commission as well as the Ozaukee County Bike Trail Committee and not on the Telecommunication & IT Oversight Committee. Trustee Apostolos is willing to serve on the Telecommunication & IT Oversight Committee.

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Abraham to recommend to the Village Board to Appoint Trustee Eckert to the M-T Bikeway Commission, Term to Expire April, 2021 as Well as the Ozaukee County Bike Trail Committee, Term to Expire April, 2021 and to Appoint Trustee Apostolos to the Telecommunication & IT Oversight Committee, Term to Expire May, 2021. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS:**
Historic Preservation Commission Jamie D. Awe, 202 Division Street
To Fill Unexpired Term, May, 2023

MOTION by Trustee Eckert, **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski to recommend to the Village Board to Appoint Jamie D. Awe, 202 Division Street, to the Historic Preservation Commission, To Fill Unexpired Term, May, 2023. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- Plan Commission Douglas Chimenti, 587 Rosedale Drive
To Fill Unexpired Term, May, 2023

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Eckert to recommend to the Village Board to Appoint Douglas Chimenti, 587 Rosedale Drive, to the Plan Commission, To Fill Unexpired Term, May, 2023. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- E. Review and recommendation regarding Appointment of New Fire Department Member
Garrick J. Gross

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Abraham to recommend to the Village Board to Appoint Garrick J. Gross as a New Fire Department Member. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- F. Presentation by Outside Counsel on Wisconsin's Open Meetings Law, Public Records Law and Communication with the Public (Joel S. Aziere, Buelow Vetter Buikema Olson & Vliet)

Mr. Joel S. Aziere, Buelow Vetter Buikema Olson & Vliet presented to the Board an informational overview of the Wisconsin open meetings law, public records law and communication with the public.

The Board thanked Mr. Aziere.

- G. Discussion regarding Employee/Volunteer Recognition Dinner (Trustee Holyoke)

Trustee Holyoke expressed concerns regarding the safety of holding the Employee/Volunteer Recognition Dinner this year in light of the health pandemic. Trustee Holyoke questioned why this was not brought before the Village Board for consideration and who made the decision to move forward with the event.

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President Mobley stated that he had encouraged Village staff to move forward with plans for this event before the weather was not conducive to have outside. President Mobley believes it is very important, particularly in a year like this year, to recognize those that serve the Village stating that this can be done safely. The event is scheduled to be held at the outdoor event space at Shully's. Shully's has held other events outdoors recently.

Trustee Holyoke stated that the Trump administration's guidelines state banning social gatherings of more than 50 people if social distancing is not practical. Trustee Holyoke's concern is that there cannot be social distancing with 8-10 people sitting at a table.

Trustee Lange stated that those not comfortable do not have to attend and that Trustee Holyoke is not required to go if he feels uncomfortable. Trustee Holyoke does not believe this is a smart thing to do and there is nothing wrong with pushing this off for a year.

President Mobley disagrees with pushing off the event as you do not know who among those being recognized may not be here next year and then will have missed it. This summer in the Village, a very good job has been done managing the risks i.e. parade, Family Fun Before the 4th, Farmer's Market and Food Truck nights plus enumerable restaurants that have done very well keeping people safe. President Mobley is in support of having this event.

Trustee Holyoke stated that the spread from having these events is unknown, and there is a lot of COVID out there; there are over 1,000 cases in Ozaukee County.

Trustee Kucharski shared that he has been to Shully's beer garden and feels that Shully's does a very good job keeping the event space safe.

Trustee Eckert commented that this event does mean a lot to some of the individuals being recognized.

Trustee Apostolos inquired how many people usually attend and if Shully's can accommodate this size of event. Administrator Landisch-Hansen indicated that there are about 100 people that attend annually.

Trustee Holyoke believes that this is a decision that should have been made as a Board as to hold the event or not. President Mobley stated he made the decision to move forward with the event and that his powers are different than a Trustee's. President Mobley shared that Trustee Holyoke can make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the event to be considered at next Monday's Village Board meeting.

Trustee Holyoke believes this event is a nice event, and thought it might be better to have boxed lunches from Shully's and hold the event at Village Park to help with social distancing. Administrator Landisch-Hansen stated that this was discussed, however, believes that the facility at Shully's is better suited. Social distancing and safety is certainly being considered.

**H. Review and recommendation regarding Beggar's Night in the Village of Thiensville,
Sunday, October 25, 2020**

Trustee Eckert shared that the Thiensville Business Association is moving forward with the Business Trick-or-Treat. Discussion was that parents will make the best decision for themselves and their family.

MOTION by Trustee Eckert, **SECONDED** by Trustee Apostolos to recommend to the Village Board to Move Forward with the Traditional Beggar's Night in the Village of Thiensville, Sunday, October 25, 2020, from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I. Review and recommendation regarding Resolution 2020-12 Allowing Staff to Have Wednesday, November 25, 2020 as an Additional Holiday

Administrator Landisch-Hansen shared that a number of local government Administrators and Village Managers have been looking at ways to recognize their employees to show their appreciation for working through the pandemic. The Village has had employees reporting to work all along while other municipalities have been working on different shifts or working from home. This year with the Turkey Trot changing their format and not hosting a large event on Thanksgiving morning, this gives us the opportunity to look at Wednesday, November 25th as a possible day to offer to employees as an additional holiday. Trustee Eckert inquired if Friday, November 27, 2020 is already considered a holiday. Friday, November 27, 2020 is also an employee holiday.

President Mobley shared that this is not setting a precedent for future years. If there is an emergency i.e. snow, etc. staff will report.

Non-represented employees will have Wednesday, November 27, 2020 off. The Police Department personnel, because they work on a rotating schedule, will be granted an additional floating holiday to be used before April 1, 2021.

MOTION by Trustee Eckert, **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski to recommend to the Village Board to approve Resolution 2020-12 Allowing Staff to Have Wednesday, November 25, 2020 as an Additional Holiday.

Ayes: Trustees Abraham, Apostolos, Eckert, Kucharski, Lange and President Mobley

Naes: Trustee Holyoke

MOTION CARRIED.

J. Discussion regarding Face Coverings (Trustee Holyoke)

Trustee Holyoke inquired if there was a Village policy regarding face coverings for employees when dealing with the public among the front office as well as for the Police Department.

Administrator Landisch-Hansen shared that the Fire Department and Police Department all along have been following procedures regarding face coverings. The front office staff have been wearing face coverings when directly interacting with the public even before the issuance of the order and continue to do so. When the emergency order came into effect, the order was shared and communicated with all of the staff in order to become familiar with the order and the exemptions.

Trustee Holyoke believes it is the respectful thing to do to wear a face covering, whether people want to wear it or not, stating it is the law. President Mobley stated that it is not the law to wear a face covering.

The Village does not have a policy that exceeds the state mandate which the Village is following. Trustee Holyoke believes the Village should go beyond the state mandate. Trustee Kucharski inquired if there is a sign on the front door stating that the public are required to wear a face mask. Administrator Landisch-Hansen shared that there is no sign posted on Village Hall entrance doors, however, when municipal court is in session in the Board Room, there is a sign posted that masks are required for those attending court.

NEXT RESOLUTION NUMBER:	2020-13
NEXT ORDINANCE NUMBER:	2020-05

IV. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

A. Citizens to be Heard

Open to any citizen who wishes to speak on items not on the agenda. Please step to the podium and give your name and address for the record.

V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS BY TRUSTEES AS MAY PROPERLY BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

- A. Inter-Governmental Committee with Mequon
- B. Use of 101 Green Bay Road, Old Village Hall & Fire Station
- C. Acceptance/Report of Gifts Received:
 - 1. \$5,000 to Village Park Reimagined from Pamela Russell-Daily Family Trust
 - 2. \$5,001 for Bike Path Connection from Fiddleheads
- D. Dialog with Mequon regarding water utility service
- E. Review meeting date schedule
 - September 21, 2020 Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM
 - October 5, 2020 Budget Work Session at 5:00 PM
 - October 5, 2020 Committee of the Whole at 6:00 PM
 - October 19, 2020 Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM

Trustee Kucharski inquired if there is a temporary operator's license that can be issued prior to a regular license being voted upon by the Village Board. Village Clerk Amy L. Langlois shared that there is a Provisional License that can be applied for prior to Village Board approval that costs \$15 and is valid for 60 days.

MOTION by Trustee Eckert, **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski to recommend to the Village Board to accept the Donation of \$5,000 to Village Park Reimagined from Pamela Russell-Daily Family Trust and \$5,001 for Bike Path Connection from Fiddleheads with Much Gratitude. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Trustee Holyoke, **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:12 PM considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Such Closed Session is authorized pursuant to Wis. Stats. Article 19.85(1)(c).

1. Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Trustees Abraham, Apostolos, Eckert, Holyoke, Kucharski, Lange and President Mobley.

Naes: None

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

1. Vote of Board to reconvene

MOTION by Trustee Holyoke, **SECONDED** by Trustee Lange to Reconvene into Open Session at 7:39 PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Trustee Holyoke, **SECONDED** by Trustee Apostolos to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Submitted by,



Amy L. Langlois
Village Clerk

Approved by,



Colleen Landisch-Hansen
Administrator