

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

DATE: Monday, October 1, 2018

**LOCATION: 250 Elm Street
Thiensville, WI**

TIME: 6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Mobley called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

President:	Van Mobley	
Trustees:	Samuel Azinger	Kenneth Kucharski
	Ronald Heinritz	David Lange
	Rob Holyoke	Elmer Prenzlów (excused)
Administrator:	Dianne Robertson	
Staff:	Director of Public Works Andy LaFond	
	Assistant Fire Chief Michael Barrett	
	Police Chief Scott Nicholson	
	Asst. Administrator Colleen Landisch-Hansen	
	Village Clerk Amy Langlois	

III. BUSINESS

A. Review Capital Expenditures List

The Fire Department has requested a manifold and additional hoses for approval.

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Heinritz to recommend to the Village Board to approve the Following Capital Expenditures for the Fire Department: Manifold and Additional Hoses. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Discussion regarding Mequon-Thiensville Historical Society Move to the Old Fire House (Van Mobley/Bob Blazich)

Bob Blazich was not in attendance.

C. Review and recommendation regarding Zoning Text Amendment to Prohibit Short-Term Rentals in the Village's Residential Zoning Districts

Administrator Robertson reported that this Zoning Text Amendment would allow short-term rentals in the Central Business District for up to six days; after six days the Village has no authority to regulate. This is a change to the Zoning Code. If the Board would like to proceed, a Public Hearing before the Village Board would be scheduled.

Trustee Holyoke indicated that when he brought this before the Board, it was not his intent to ban Airbnb's but believes there should be some regulation Village-wide and does not think it should be limited to just the Business District for Airbnb's. Trustee Holyoke believes there should be some limit on the number of days in the year a home can be rented.

This has recently been addressed in a nearby community where Airbnb's were limited to the Business District.

Per State law, a municipality cannot restrict rentals for more than six consecutive days.

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Trustee Azinger does not see any reason to restrict Airbnb's and has not heard of any complaints regarding the one residence in the Village that is used as an Airbnb. Trustee Azinger is not interested in regulating or restricting this use and thought the initial purpose for this request was to bring in additional tax revenue.

Trustee Heinritz supports having the Plan Commission taking a closer look at this proposed Ordinance. Village Attorney Tim Schoonenberg has reviewed the proposed Ordinance.

Trustee Lange agrees with Trustee Azinger in regards to not regulating things that are not an issue and suggested revisiting this in the future if more Airbnb's appear in the Village and/or if there are any complaints.

Trustee Kucharski indicated that there is a rating system that goes both ways when using an Airbnb and does not believe there is a problem in the Village.

President Mobley suggested having the Plan Commission look at this proposed Ordinance to make it less restrictive but more restrictive than nothing.

Trustee Holyoke inquired if there was any way to get some tax revenue. Administrator Robertson indicated that 70% of the revenue must go to the Ozaukee Tourism Board which is run out of Fredonia. The Village's portion is not much at all.

Trustee Azinger inquired if there were any other means of restricting the use and suggested that this could be done through ratings.

Trustee Heinritz does have concerns regarding absentee landlords.

President Mobley stated that the Plan Commission could look into a range of things that are slightly less restrictive to much less restrictive. After the Plan Commission has looked into this, the Village Board will revisit this issue.

- D.** Review and recommendation regarding Application for Parade Permit or Street Closing Permit for Junior Woman's Club of Mequon-Thiensville, 14th Annual Turkey Trot, Thursday, November 22, 2018

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski to recommend to the Village Board to approve the Application for Parade Permit or Street Closing Permit for Junior Woman's Club of Mequon-Thiensville, 14th Annual Turkey Trot, Thursday, November 22, 2018. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- E.** Discussion regarding Allowing Dogs in Detention Basin

In regards to signage for the Village Park regarding dogs on a leash, signage has gone through the draft process and will be ordered soon.

President Mobley inquired of the Board their thoughts on the detention basin and the possibility of it being considered a place for residents to take their dog. This is Thiensville property. Signage could be added to indicate the approved use. Administrator Robertson indicated that the only location for access and parking is on Crescent Lane.

Director of Public Works LaFond stated that no one has been disallowed from using the detention basin for a dog park nor has it been advertised. There is no public parking, and at certain times during the year it is not safe because of ice and water.

Trustee Lange does like the idea of having the detention basin as a dog accessible area but does have concerns regarding available parking. Trustee Holyoke did state that there would need to be fencing installed.

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Trustee Azinger supports the idea of having a space for dogs to run without a leash and stated that once designating the detention basin as a dog park, it will be a dog park forever. Trustee Holyoke does not wish to designate the detention basin as strictly a dog park. Trustee Kucharski agreed.

- F.** Review and recommendation regarding Village of Thiensville Tax Incremental District No. 1 Financial Statements as of August 31, 2018 and from the Date of Creation Through August 31, 2018

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue has officially terminated the TID. The TID generate \$13,310,898 in revenue and was originally taken out for Main Street reconstruction and to bury power lines. Original indebtedness is \$7,523,522. The TID started in 1985.

MOTION by Trustee Holyoke, **SECONDED** by Trustee Lange to recommend to the Village Board to approve and accept the Village of Thiensville Tax Incremental District No. 1 Financial Statements as of August 31, 2018 and from the Date of Creation Through August 31, 2018. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- G.** Update Regarding River Stage in Village Park

Director of Public Works LaFond reported regarding the donation proposal from the Lions Club in regards to the River Stage and asked the Board to review a letter from the Village Park ReImagined Committee to the Lions Club. The intention is to meet with the Lions next week regarding the conditions that were originally proposed and to go over their donation to formulate a plan to move forward.

Some of the things that the Lions had listed as “preferred” but other items that they would “accept” if they were to move forward with the donation were either all able to be met or met their acceptable “possibility”. The Village has ideas to meet the stage height and has agreed to purchasing temporary sides and has no problem with the size of electrical service requested.

The Committee does wish to move forward in a timely manner.

A funding update includes \$50,000 from the Village budget, \$101,000 has been fundraised and \$30,000 has been pledged from an anonymous private donor for a total of \$181,000. Estimated construction costs are \$225,000 to \$250,000 leaving and additional \$44,000 needed. The Lions have proposed \$40,000. There is seed money in the budget for the interactive fountain. Director LaFond stated that this money could be used for the River Stage and then repaid with donations or budgeted at a future budget.

The Committee would like to get a final chosen design and hopefully close the fundraising gap. The projected timeline is as follows:

- Week of October 8th – meet with T-M Lions
- October 15th – Village Board discussion and approval of final River Stage design concept and approval to proceed with architectural drawings and bidding documents
- 3-4 weeks to complete drawings
- November 15th – 29th – advertise and open bids
- December 17th – approve bid
- 8-10 weeks to manufacture structure
- March 1st – structure delivered
- May 31st – substantial completion

President Mobley stated that after the Committee meets with the Lions, the Board will know how much funding the Committee needs to complete the River Stage.

- H. Review and recommendation regarding Appointing the following New Fire Department Members:
1. Patrick M. Cobbs
 2. Anthony L. Cooper
 3. Noelle C. Gross
 4. Maria L. Lucio
 5. Jessica F. Neuendorf

Assistant Fire Chief Barrett shared that this group of potential members are very qualified and very experienced.

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Holyoke to recommend to the Village Board to approve the Appointment of Patrick M. Cobbs, Anthony L. Cooper, Noelle C. Gross, Maria L. Lucio and Jessica F. Neuendorf as new Fire Department Members. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEXT RESOLUTION NUMBER:	2018-15
NEXT ORDINANCE NUMBER:	2018-13

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. Framed Print Donated to the Village from Donald Levy, Levy & Levy Attorneys at Law
 2. \$5,000 to Village Park Reimagined, Splash Pad, from Nelsen Family Charitable Fund
- D. Dialog with Mequon regarding water utility service
- E. Review next month's meeting date schedule

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Azinger to recommend to the Village Board to accept the Framed Print Donated to the Village from Donald Levy, Levy & Levy Attorneys at Law and \$5,000 to Village Park Reimagined, Splash Pad, from Nelsen Family Charitable Fund with much gratitude. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

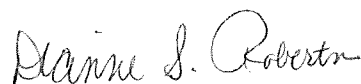
MOTION by Trustee Holyoke, **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Submitted by,



Amy L. Langlois
Village Clerk

Approved by,



Dianne S. Robertson
Administrator