

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

**DATE: Monday, February 3, 2014**

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

**TIME: 6:00PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. ROLL CALL**

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| President:     | Van Mobley                                                    |                            |
| Trustees:      | Kim Beck                                                      | Kenneth Kucharski (6:08PM) |
|                | Ronald Heinritz                                               | David Lange                |
|                | Rob Holyoke                                                   | John Treffert (excused)    |
| Administrator: | Dianne Robertson                                              |                            |
| Staff:         | Director of Public Works Andy LaFond, Fire Chief Brian Reiels |                            |
|                | Police Chief Scott Nicholson                                  |                            |

**III. BUSINESS**

**A.** Review Capital Expenditures List

**B.** Hear M-T Bikeway Commission Member Orlando Frets regarding Bicycle Friendly Community Update

Orland Frets was in attendance and gave an update on the M-T Bikeway Commission and working towards a friendly biking community designation by the Federal Government. The Village Board supports this effort. Mequon Common Council is also considering support.

**C.** Review and recommendation to allow a temporary stage for the Village Market at the request of Jesse Daily of the Thiensville Business Association

Liability issues were discussed regarding the stage and who would be responsible.

**MOTION** by Trustee Holyoke, **SECONDED** by Trustee Lange to recommend to the Board to allow a temporary stage for the Village Market at the request of Jesse Daily of the Thiensville Business Association. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**D.** Review and recommendation regarding Proclamation for Christine Koerner in honor of her retirement on February 7, 2014

**MOTION** by Trustee Holyoke, **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski to recommend to the Board approving a Proclamation for Christine Koerner in honor of her retirement on February 7, 2014. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**E.** Review and recommendation regarding New Beverage Operators License for Jamie M. Engel, Walgreens

**MOTION** by Trustee Kucharski, **SECONDED** by Trustee Beck to recommend to the Board approval of a new beverage operator's license for Jamie M. Engel. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- F.** Review and recommendation regarding Resolution No. 2014-02 Supporting the Exemption of Full Service Restaurants from the Quota on Liquor Licenses as Proposed by Senator Glen Grothman

This exempts any community that does not have any liquor licenses left to allow a full service restaurant where 50% of the gross receipts are not alcohol to obtain a liquor license. Trustee Kucharski stated that right now each community is grandfathered so that if a new full service restaurant wants to come into any community and can seat 300 or more people they can receive a full service license at this time. If a hotel has 60 rooms or more they can get a liquor license. Trustee Kucharski also feels that this proposal could potentially over populate Thiensville with restaurants by giving anybody a liquor license. There are more liquor licenses in the State of Wisconsin than any other state. Trustee Kucharski feels that Senator Grothman should present this and let it stand on its own without Village input. No action at this time.

- G.** Review and recommendation to authorize the Village Treasurer to utilize Commerce State Bank for Village investment funds

Van Mobley excused himself since he is on the Board of Commerce State Bank. Administrator Robertson stated that if the Board approves this then she would move the tax stabilization fund into an investment there. There is also the ability for diversification where the Village could be eligible for money from FDIC. This might entice Commerce State Bank to open a location here which the Board would like to see.

**MOTION** by Trustee Beck, **SECONDED** by Trustee Lange to recommend to the Village Board to authorize the Village Treasurer to utilize Commerce State Bank for Village investment funds.

**Ayes:** Trustees Beck, Heinritz, Holyoke, Kucharski, Lange

**Naes:** None

**Excused:** President Mobley

**MOTION CARRIED**

- H.** Review and recommendation regarding proceeding with the Walking Bridge Project over Pigeon Creek

There are two property owners along the creek that are willing to grant easements at no charge to create this walking bridge and this project should be done before Dr. Lewis's building is started for equipment staging. Director of Public Works Andy LaFond stated that the main span of the bridge would be 60 feet and there would be a walking path by the Reuter's parking lot and the old Village Hall. Mr. LaFond gave some of the details of the walking bridge via a power point presentation. The Village has applied for a permit from the DNR so that the Village can do work on the bridge until March 15, 2014 and then no work can be done from March 16, 2014 to May 15, 2014 because of a requirement of the DNR to not disturb the fish.

**MOTION** by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski to recommend to the Board to begin proceedings to obtain bids regarding the walking bridge project over Pigeon Creek. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**I. Review and recommendation regarding a Riverwalk Recreational Easement as requested by the Rotary Clubs**

Administrator Robertson reported that the Rotary Clubs feel that with all the money that they have invested in the Riverwalk they want to make sure that this remains for future generations. President Mobley asked the Rotary Club who the Village would sign an easement to because most people sign easements to the Village. The answer from the attorneys was the Village is really deeding themselves an easement which fundamentally does not restrict future Boards from doing whatever they want. The Village does not want to create a situation in which some future Rotarians can hold this Board accountable for making sure that every name and brick they put down at the Riverwalk that they can hold the Village liable for replacing and maintaining the bricks. The Rotary Club understood this and will not hold the Village responsible. Shully's will not be granting an easement to the Village, this is only the Village portion of the Riverwalk. Each community will maintain their own piece of the Riverwalk.

**MOTION** by Trustee Beck, **SECONDED** by Trustee Holyoke to recommend to the Board that a permanent Riverwalk Recreational Easement be granted to the Village as requested by the Rotary Club. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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| NEXT RESOLUTION NUMBER: | 2014-03 |
| NEXT ORDINANCE NUMBER:  | 2014-01 |

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**IV. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

**A. Citizens to be Heard**

Fire Chief Reiels reported that Weisgerber's gave a \$125,000 check to Milwaukee County for Estabrook Park Beer Garden.

The owner of Tall Tree Gallery wrote Chief Reiels a letter requesting to hold an art show at the old firehouse after seeing the Tree Lighting in December with partial proceeds going to the Thiensville Fire Department. This might be a good opportunity to open up the museum for a different use and raise money for the fire department. The Board thought this was a great idea.

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.**

1. Inter-Governmental Committee with Mequon
2. Use of 101 Green Bay Road, Old Village Hall & Fire Station
3. Acceptance/Report of Gifts Received
  - a. Multiple donations received in the memory of Thomas Mohr to the Thiensville Fire Department

**MOTION** by Trustee Holyoke, **SECONDED** by Trustee Lange to recommend to the Board acceptance of multiple donations in the memory of Thomas Mohr to the Thiensville Fire Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Dialog with Mequon regarding water utility service
5. Review next month's meeting date schedule

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Trustee Beck is very concerned with the underage parties that are being hosted by parents mostly in Mequon allowing underage children to drink alcohol. Trustee Beck feels the citations to the parents are way too low. Trustee Beck wants to visit what the maximum fee can be and make a very clear statement that the Village will not tolerate this type of behavior. Police Chief Nicholson reported that over the past weekend there were 21 tickets issued involving underage drinking to include three adults that are college students and nine underage youths. The college students were 21 years old. In Mequon the concern is that it is parents that are hosting the parties. The current citations are \$439.00 for hosting and \$439.00 for underage drinking. The Board will make a decision as to how to proceed with this topic.

Trustee Holyoke reported about a new program that he saw on NBC news called "Staying Put" reported by Brian Williams which is a program that allows seniors to stay in their homes longer with the assistance of people that help with groceries and taking the seniors to the places they need to be. This could be a good program for Thiensville.

Trustee Lange reported that at the TBRC meeting they set goals for 2014 and these will be shared with the Village Board. Trustee Lange also reported that Marc Mrugala at the same meeting had mentioned that the speed is still fairly excessive here especially on Freistadt and Main Street. Drivers are running through the stoplight. Director of Public Works Andy LaFond reported that the lights were set by national studies and averages. Main Street and Green Bay Road is another intersection that drivers are running red lights.

Trustee Kucharski brought up the idea of putting sidewalks on Freistadt Road on one side of the road because he feels this road is dangerous for pedestrians. This topic was discussed about 5 years ago. Administrator Robertson will get the figures from 5 years ago for the cost of this project.

**VI. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION** by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Beck to adjourn to closed session at 7:15PM pursuant to Chapter 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session regarding property purchase.

1. Roll Call Vote

**Ayes:** Trustees Beck, Heinritz, 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 Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Beck to reconvene the meeting at 7:40PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Trustee Beck, **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Submitted by,

Approved by,

Susan R. Conway  
Administrative Assistant

Dianne S. Robertson  
Village Clerk