

**VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES**

DATE: Thursday, March 26, 2015

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

TIME: 5:00PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Mobley called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

President:	Van Mobley	
Trustees:	Kim Beck	Kenneth Kucharski
	Ronald Heinritz	David Lange
	Rob Holyoke (excused)	John Treffert
Administrator:	Dianne Robertson	
Staff:	Fire Chief Brian Reiels	

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Mobley led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon request of any Trustee, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda for special consideration.

IV. BUSINESS

Municipal Water on Main Street from the Willowbrook area to Buntrock/Green Bay Road

Administrator Robertson reported that there was a subsequent meeting with Dr. Lewis and Andrea Mayerson since the Board last met. The State denied a variance for their building for the sprinkler system. Chief Reiels reported that there may be some issues with the water supply. Dr. Lewis and his contractor requested that the Village obtain a variance. Chief Reiels did sign off on the variance with the State and it was denied. The State is requiring a full and compliant NFPA13 Compliant System. Three other options were mentioned:

1. Reconstruct to a different building code level.
2. Put in 50 thousand gallon cistern with fire pumps.
3. The Village issue a Letter of Intent to provide a Municipal Water System on Main Street within the next two years.

President Mobley reported that it is recommended to potentially offer a Letter of Intent to the State of Wisconsin and to give Administrator Robertson authorization to survey property owners for interest in connection to the system and to authorize construction bids.

Administrator Robertson distributed estimates that were completed in September of 2011 with an estimated cost of \$427,000 with a detailed list of properties. It detailed how much each connection would cost. It was reported that the Village cannot demand a special assessment unless there is an immediate health or safety issue.

Van Mobley suggested that the Village offer to property owners to spread out the cost over a period of time.

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Administrator Robertson reported that if the three businesses that will have sprinklers at the time i.e. Dr. Lewis, Suburban Motors and Fiddleheads, their three contributions are estimate to be about \$180,000 which will reduce costs.

Discussion took place suggesting a survey be taken to find out how much interest there is. In 2011 there were only two interested parties. It was reported that the cistern would be about a quarter of the cost of the project.

It was mentioned that a 50 thousand gallon tank is too much. Chief Reiels confirmed that it is really between 10 and 20 thousand gallons.

Trustee Heinritz led discussion with concern that the ordinance should be changed to require owners connect to municipal water upon sale of the property. It was suggested that the new costs be looked at again and that in the long run it would be a good idea.

Trustee Beck emphasized how important it is to get Dr. Lewis the water he needs and questioned the timing of the project. Van Mobley said that if the Board authorizes the Letter of Intent they will get occupancy on the variance for two years.

This will create a chain reaction regarding the sprinkler system affecting Suburban Motors and Fiddleheads. These two businesses are affected because they signed off on a variance when they put their systems in.

The cost estimate for Harley-Davidson was \$79,000 and the cost estimate for Fiddleheads would be \$22,000 to hook up. President Mobley stated that this could be paid over time.

Trustee Heinritz expressed the concern that if presented with the costs, those businesses may leave.

Trustee Treffert expressed the concern that there are too many unknowns and that the clear plan is to utilize the abandoned storm sewer.

President Mobley stated that the State is more comfortable with municipal water in commercial areas. Trustee Heinritz requested an updated estimate for the cost. President Mobley shared different avenues of funding assuming the Village would bear all costs. He believes the Village would be able to move money around and not be forced to borrow. Financing to the businesses was emphasized as a must to help the businesses affected.

The questions were raised as to the monthly water bill if they signed up and what if an apartment was above a business, and also how are the sewer bills calculated as well. A meter would need to be installed. Any well then not used would be abandoned.

President Mobley said that he would like to authorize a Letter of Intent to the State of Wisconsin and then start surveying all affected business owners. Trustee Heinritz stated he would like a quote on the cost first.

Dr. Lewis mentioned he would like to have occupancy on June 1, 2015.

President Mobley mentioned that proceeding with this project would bring long-term benefits.

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MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Heinritz to approve sending a Letter of Intent to the State of Wisconsin, to have a discussion on how to pay for the project, to survey property owners to seek interest and to look into extending the project to the remainder of Green Bay Road.

Ayes: Trustees Beck, Heinritz, Kucharski, Lange and President Mobley
Nays: Trustee Treffert

MOTION CARRIED

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Beck to adjourn the meeting at 6:04PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Submitted by,

Approved by,

Amy L. Langlois
Clerk-Administrative Assistant

Dianne S. Robertson
Administrator