



VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE
Committee of the Whole
MINUTES

DATE: Monday, September 11, 2023

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 ANGELINA APOSTOLOS JESSE DAILY KRISTINA ECKERT (EXCUSED) KENNETH KUCHARSKI DAVID LANGE
ADMINISTRATOR:	COLLEEN LANDISCH-HANSEN
ATTORNEY:	TIM SCHOONENBERG
STAFF:	DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES/PUBLIC WORKS ANDY LAFOND POLICE CHIEF CURT KLEPPIN (EXCUSED)

III. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

A. Open to any resident or taxpayer on items not subject to a public hearing: Please be advised per §19.84(2), information will be received from the public. Village policy limits a three (3) minute time period per person, with time extension by the presiding official's discretion or a vote of 2/3 of the Board or Committee; be further advised that there may be limited discussion on the information received, however, no action will be taken under public comments. Written comments on agenda items are encouraged to be sent and addressed to the intended body by noon on the day of the meeting. Comments received timely will be forwarded to all members of the body. If you wish to speak, you must pre-register by emailing the Village Clerk at clandisch@village.thiensville.wi.us by 4:00 PM on the day of the meeting or by signing in immediately prior to the meeting.

There was no correspondence or citizens to be heard.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Review and recommendation regarding Resolution 2023-11 Establishing a Line of Succession of Officers in the Event of a Declaration of Emergency (att)

Administrator Landisch-Hansen noted the line of succession is adopted annually. There are no changes.

MOTION by Trustee Abraham, **SECONDED** by Trustee Apostolos to recommend to the Village Board to approve Resolution 2023-11 Establishing a Line of Succession of Officers in the Event of a Declaration of Emergency. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Discussion regarding 2024 Frank L. Weyenberg Library Allocation (Trustee Abraham)

Trustee Abraham, who serves on the Frank L. Weyenberg Library Board, noted that the Village's contribution toward the library has not changed for at least 10 years. The Library is requesting a \$10,000 increase to \$120,740. The amount paid exceeds the county library tax levy that otherwise would be assessed. Trustee Abraham noted that libraries are regarded as community centers more than in the past. There are a variety of programs offered, including book clubs, special presentations, children's events and bookmobile-type visits to Willowbrook. There were more than 20,000 visits to the Library in 2022 and circulation is increasing. Thiensville residents check out more items per capita than Mequon residents. Thiensville pays \$35 per capita to support the Library; Mequon pays \$43. Trustee Abraham noted the budget increase is necessary to maintain the service level. Some of the funds will be used for a multi-year program to bring wages to levels of surrounding libraries.

President Mobley shared other areas of the Village budget are known. Administrator Landisch-Hansen noted that health insurance premiums will increase by 14.6%. President Mobley added the Village of Thiensville traditionally has paid more toward the Library than required through the funding formula. Administrator Landisch-Hansen shared that in 2022, approximately \$106,000 was required and the Village's contribution was \$110,740.

Library Director Rachel Muchin-Young shared prior to wage increases last year, there had been significant turnover of professional staff with master's degrees. There were increases of 8% for staff who were well below the wages paid to comparable staff at other libraries in the region.

Administrator Landisch-Hansen noted the Library staff is similar in size to the Village staff and asked about the frequency of turnover. Director Muchin-Young replied there are nine full-time and nine part-time employees. Three of the part-time employees are pages, who put books that are returned on the shelves. There is regular turnover among the pages because many are high school students who leave to go to college. In 2021 and 2022, the Library lost three librarians with master's degrees and three associates with bachelor's degrees. The current hourly pay rate for master's degree librarians is \$24 to \$26. The Director earns \$98,800 annually. Three other managers range from \$58,700 to \$68,500.

President Mobley asked if the Library engages in fundraising activities. Director Muchin-Young replied the Library cannot engage in fundraising, but a new Friends of the Frank L. Weyenberg

Library has purchased toys for the children's area and plans to support programs. In terms of capital expenditures, the boilers need replacing. That may be financed through ARPA funds from the City of Mequon. There also is a library foundation that helps with expenses beyond municipal allocations. The Foundation has assisted with relocating the periodicals area and refurbishing the teen study area.

President Mobley noted the request would be considered at budget time in October.

C. Review and recommendation regarding the following Parade/Street Closing Application

1. Homestead High School Homecoming Parade, Friday, October 13, 2023, 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM (att)

Administrator Landisch-Hansen noted that the parade has been moved from Main Street onto Green Bay Road. The parade will be followed by a homecoming celebration in the park, which expands the event.

MOTION by Trustee Apostolos, **SECONDED** by Trustee Abraham to recommend to the Village Board to approve Homestead High school Homecoming Parade street closing permit, Friday, October 13, 2023, 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. Review and recommendation regarding the following Operator's Licenses - New

1. Remington's River Inn, 130 South Main Street

a. Daniela Santos Boza

b. David Bernard Olnhausen

MOTION by Trustee Daily, **SECONDED** by Trustee Abraham to recommend to the Village Board to approve Operator's Licenses - New: Remington's River Inn, 130 South Main Street, Daniela Santos Boza and David Bernard Olnhausen. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

A. Acceptance/Reports of Gifts Received:

1. \$50.00 from John and Pat Treffert, on behalf of 25th anniversary of Wade Design & Construction, for Village Park ReImagined

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Apostolos to recommend to the Village Board to accept Gift of \$50.00 from John and Pat Treffert, on behalf of 25th anniversary of Wade Design & Construction for Village Park ReImagined. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Review meeting date schedule

1. September 25, 2023 - Special Committee of the Whole - Thiensville Crossing Redevelopment Information Session at 6:00 PM.
2. September 25, 2023 - Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM (or Immediately Following Committee of the Whole)
3. October 9, 2023 - 2024 Budget Workshop at 5:00 PM
4. October 9, 2023 - Committee of the Whole at 6:00 PM
5. October 23, 2023 - Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM
6. November 6, 2023 - Committee of the Whole at 6:00 PM
7. November 20, 2023 - Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Abraham to adjourn the Meeting at 6:37 PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Submitted by,

Gary Achterberg
Administrative Assistant

Signed by,

Colleen Landisch-Hansen
Village Administrator/Interim Village Clerk