



**Village of Thiensville  
Historic Preservation  
Commission  
AGENDA**

**Date:**  
Tuesday, March 4, 2025

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LOCATION: 250 Elm Street, Thiensville, WI

**Time:** 6:00 PM

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Chairman**

Richard Longabaugh

**Staff**

Andy Lafond

**Commissioners**

Joe Miller

Angelina Apostolos

Philip Eckert

Nate Matson

Mary Giuliani

Linda Unkefer

**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](mailto:clandisch@village.thiensville.wi.us) by 4:00 PM on the day of the meeting or by signing in immediately prior to the meeting.

**IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. January 7, 2025 (att)

**VI. BUSINESS**

A. Discussion and Review of Plaque Program and 2025 Award (att)

**VII. STAFF REPORT**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Colleen Landisch-Hansen, Village Clerk

February 28, 2025

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A. November 12, 2024 (att)

**MOTION** to Approve With Changes to Spelling of "Staff" and "Philip" by Commissioner Eckert **SECONDED** by Commissioner Nelson. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Aye:** 5

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

## **VI. BUSINESS**

A. Discussion and Action Regarding Change to Approved North Façade Plans for 207 S Main Street (att)

Director LaFond gave the background for this change and explained that the original design approved by the Commission was not possible due to structural issues.

Chad Kenmitz, President of Professional Consultants, Inc., further explained the inability to install a soffit as per the original design and cited the lack of structural bond beam as the core issue.

The new plan included matching architectural details and replaces the service doors with full-view glass doors as in the original approved plan.

**MOTION** to Approve Change to Approved North Facade Plans for the 207 S Main Street by Commissioner Giuliani **SECONDED** by Commissioner Eckert. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Aye:** 5

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

B. Discussion and Action Regarding Additional Sign Application for 207 S Main Street (att)

Director LaFond clarified that the Commission's role in this matter was to determine if the sign is compatible with the architectural character of the Historic District.

Director LaFond explained that this building is in the district, but this building itself isn't necessarily historic. Village Code allows for a sign on an awning or projection, as this sign would be, but prohibits the sign from extending past the awning or projection itself. A waiver for a sign that projects past the awning will need to be granted by the Plan Commission.

Director LaFond shared that the designer of the building in question had put forth a secondary option of placing the signage directly on the exterior wall rather than extending it out.

**MOTION** to Approve Additional Sign Application for 207 S Main Street by Commissioner Miller **SECONDED** by Commissioner Unkefer. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Aye:** 5

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

C. Discussion regarding meeting schedule and 2025 initiatives (att)

Director LaFond pointed out the importance of regular meetings to stay in practice and maintain cohesion. and suggested future meeting topics, such as a walk around the village to identify buildings in need of attention from the Commission.

Commissioner Unkefer mentioned the existence of a statewide Historical Preservation meeting. Director LaFond shared that there are funds available to register for that meeting if any Commissioners would like to attend.

Chairman Longabaugh inquired if there was a list somewhere in the Village of all the sites that are considered historic.

Director LaFond replied that there is a digital list and mentioned a previous initiative by the Commission to designate all the historic sites officially and that it was something the Commission could take up again. Doing so would require regular meetings of the Commission to determine the language for the plaques that would be placed at the sites.

Commissioner Unkefer asked if there were informational materials available to residents in regard to the historic sites in the Village.

Director LaFond answered that, yes, there were still some historic books available to purchase at Village Hall and suggested that a table could be setup by the Commission at the Village Farmer's Market to help make that information available. Chairman Longabaugh agreed with that idea and also mentioned that historic information could be added to the already existing information kiosk at the Farmer's Market as well.

## **VII. STAFF REPORT**

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** to Adjourn at 6:32 PM by Commissioner Miller **SECONDED** by Commissioner Eckert. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Aye:** 5

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

Village of Thiensville Historic Sites		Historic Use/Significance	Current Use	Plaque Year	Walking Tour
<b>Bunrock Avenue</b>					
107	Bunrock Avenue	Riemer Residence	CORE Consulting, LLC	1998	
109	Bunrock Avenue				
111	Bunrock Avenue				
113	Bunrock Avenue				
115	Bunrock Avenue	CMSTP&P Station			
118	Bunrock Avenue	Milwaukee Electric Rail Station			
123	Bunrock Avenue	Wilson Grain Elevator			
138	Bunrock Avenue	First Church in Village - St. Cecilia Catholic Church		2015	
<b>Elm Street</b>					
206	Elm Street		Residence		
213	Elm Street		Residence		
214	Elm Street	Van Buren School - Gilbert Shoe Factory	Thiensville Village Homes Condos	2004	
217	Elm Street		Residence		
217A	Elm Street		Residence		
219	Elm Street		Residence		
223	Elm Street		Residence		
225	Elm Street		Residence		
228	Elm Street	Van Buren School - Gilbert Shoe Factory	Thiensville Village Homes Condos	2004*	
231	Elm Street		Residence		
<b>Green Bay Road</b>					
101	Green Bay Road	Village Hall and Firehouse		1998	X
106	Green Bay Road	Kroehnke Residence			X
108	Green Bay Road	Kroehnke Residence			X
109	Green Bay Road	Thiensville House Hotel	Skippy's Burger Bar	1999	
113	Green Bay Road	Thiensville House Hotel	Skippy's Burger Bar	1999*	
115	Green Bay Road	Thiensville House Hotel	Skippy's Burger Bar	1999	
118	Green Bay Road	Original Thien Home - Thiensville State Bank	Mixed office space	2011	X
119	Green Bay Road	Memmler Hotel (see 125, 131)	Milwaukee Personal Training		
122	Green Bay Road	Old Mill	Thiensville Mill Professional Building	1998	
125	Green Bay Road	Memmler Hotel (see 119, 131)	Meraki Spa & Wellness		X
130	Green Bay Road	Old Mill		1998	X
131	Green Bay Road	Memmler Hotel (see 119, 125)	Enhanced Body Movement		X
136	Green Bay Road	First Bank		1998	X
137	Green Bay Road		Becker Design		
139	Green Bay Road				
141	Green Bay Road				
143	Green Bay Road		Shully's ATS Event Space		
144	Green Bay Road	Zimmerman General Store & Residence	Shully's	2001	X
146	Green Bay Road	Zimmerman General Store & Residence	Shully's	2001*	X
147	Green Bay Road		glaze Parking Lot		
149	Green Bay Road	Staudy Meat Market & Residence	glaze	2012	X
150	Green Bay Road	Thiermann Residence	Shully's Watermark		
151	Green Bay Road	William Hoeft Home	Insight Cryo	2019	X
153	Green Bay Road	First Telephone Exchange (see 155) & J. Gierach Residence	The 24 Hour Foundation	2001	X
154	Green Bay Road	Louis Rosenthal			
155	Green Bay Road	First Telephone Exchange (see 153)	The 24 Hour Foundation		
157	Green Bay Road	Gierach Blacksmith Shop (see 159)	American Family Insurance		X

159	Green Bay Road	Gierach Blacksmith Shop (see 157)			X
161	Green Bay Road	P.O./ Andrew Hilger Hardware	<i>Alme Design Co.</i>	2023	X
162	Green Bay Road	Firemen's Hall	<i>Tres Jolie/Office Space</i>		X
163	Green Bay Road	Hilger Residence	<i>HeartSpace Studio</i>		X
165	Green Bay Road	Jaeger/Schaefer Residence			X
166	Green Bay Road		<i>Tres Jolie/Office Space</i>		
169	Green Bay Road				
170	Green Bay Road	Thiensville Park & 1st United States Post Office built excl. as a post office	<i>Mitchell Leather</i>	2017	X
171	Green Bay Road	Geidel/Hadler Residence			X
173	Green Bay Road	Geidel/Hadler Residence			X
175	Green Bay Road	Geidel/Hadler Residence			X
177	Green Bay Road	Hadler's Harness Shop/ Printer	<i>Mary Mendla Fine Art &amp; Apparel</i>		X
183	Green Bay Road	Hadler Residence			X
184	Green Bay Road	Residence & Business of Henry Mohrhusen/Gottlieb (Koenig?)			X
186	Green Bay Road	Residence & Business of Henry Mohrhusen/Gottlieb (Koenig?)			X
192	Green Bay Road				
193	Green Bay Road	Riemer/Gerlach Residence	<i>Curated Home Décor</i>	2008	X
195	Green Bay Road		<i>Curated Home Décor</i>		
200	Green Bay Road	Residence of Pioneer William Carbys	<i>Two Hundred Green Way Homes</i>		
<b>Main Street, North</b>					
101	Main Street, North	Oscar Bublitz General Store		1999	X
417	Main Street, North	Blaser Residence			
<b>Main Street, South</b>					
Gateway	Main Street, South	Historic Thiensville		1998	
104	Main Street, South	Bartlet Funeral Home (see 104-108)/Bublitz Furniture	<i>Stardust Records &amp; Collectibles</i>		X
105	Main Street, South	Commercial House	<i>former Cheel</i>	2014	X
106	Main Street, South	Bartlet Funeral Home (see 104-108)/Bublitz Furniture	<i>Stardust Records &amp; Collectibles</i>	2016	X
107	Main Street, South		<i>former Cheel</i>		
108	Main Street, South	Bartlet Funeral Home (see 104-108)/Bublitz Furniture	<i>Stardust Records &amp; Collectibles</i>	2016	X
116	Main Street, South	Bublitz/Maas Residence (see 118, 120)		2010*	X
118	Main Street, South	Bublitz/Maas residence (see 116, 120)		2010	X
119	Main Street, South	John Bublitz General Store (see 121)	<i>Greg Mueller Upholstery</i>	1999	
120	Main Street, South	Bublitz/Maas residence (see 116, 118)		2010	X
121	Main Street, South	John Bublitz General Store (see 119)	<i>Greg Mueller Upholstery</i>	1999	
127	Main Street, South	W. Bublitz Residence	<i>Linda Koepke Interiors/Residence</i>		
128	Main Street, South	Thiensville Recreation Parlor		2007	X
130	Main Street, South	Thiensville Recreation Parlor	<i>Remington's River Inn</i>	2007*	X
133	Main Street, South	Thiensville Lumber Company			
136	Main Street, South	First Auto Repair Garage	<i>Remingtons Parking Lot</i>		
140	Main Street, South	Duwe Wagon/Loppnow Drugs	<i>Alive &amp; Well Naturally Spa</i>	2013	X
146	Main Street, South		<i>Parking</i>		
150	Main Street, South		<i>Molyneux Park</i>		
152	Main Street, South		<i>Molyneux Park</i>		
154	Main Street, South		<i>Molyneux Park</i>		
159	Main Street, South	Heins Billiard Hall	<i>Bay's Nail Spa</i>		X
161	Main Street, South	Heins Billiard Hall	<i>Bay's Nail Spa</i>		X
163	Main Street, South	Heins Billiard Hall	<i>Bay's Nail Spa</i>		X
164	Main Street, South		<i>Molyneux Park</i>		
167	Main Street, South	Maas Residence	<i>Blackhawk Capital Partners</i>		X

169	Main Street, South		<i>Blackhawk Capital Partners</i>		
174	Main Street, South	Loppnow Drug Store	<i>Fifth-Main</i>	2013	
175	Main Street, South		<i>Ladies &amp; Gentleman's Quarters Salon</i>		
175B	Main Street, South		<i>Askren Wrestling Academy</i>		
177	Main Street, South	Albert Selle Residence			X
179	Main Street, South	Albert Selle Residence			X
180	Main Street, South	A-Z Metal Works	<i>Greg Uhen Studio</i>	2024	
182	Main Street, South	Mequon-Thiensville Library			X
184	Main Street, South	Mequon-Thiensville Library	<i>Frankie's Gift Shop</i>		X
185	Main Street, South	Frank Oil Company	<i>Quick Care Auto</i>	2023	X
188	Main Street, South		<i>Precision Financial Planning</i>		
192	Main Street, South	Henry Kolwey Residence	<i>Fiddleheads Coffee Shop</i>	2003	X
193	Main Street, South				
195	Main Street, South				
197	Main Street, South		<i>Port Washington State Bank</i>		
199	Main Street, South				
201	Main Street, South				
205	Main Street, South				
207	Main Street, South				
209	Main Street, South				
210	Main Street, South				
213	Main Street, South	Residence of Dr. Albers - Thiensville's First Doctor/Stemmelers	<i>White Coach Condominiums</i>	2005	X
226	Main Street, South				

**Riverview Drive**

120	Riverview Drive	Henry Mohrhause Sr. Residence	<i>Residence</i>	2018	
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## THIENSVILLE HISTORIC MARKING PLAQUES

The idea of a historic marking plaque program that would help identify and preserve our history was starting to take shape. The first historic marking plaque was placed at the south gateway entrance to the Village in 1998. Since that time, the following 8" x 11" brass historic building identification placques have been placed. The names of the buildings and their street addresses are:

Location on Map	Plaque Awarded	Historic Name	Village Address
1	1998	Historic Thiensville 1842-1910	Gateway South Main Street
2	1998	Thiensville Mill 1842	122 Green Bay Road
3	1998	Thiensville's First Bank 1910	136 Green Bay Road
4	1998	Village Hall and Fire House 1914	101 Green Bay Road
5	1999	Bublitz Store 1896	121 South Main Street
6	1999	Oscar Bublitz Store 1910	101 North Main Street
7	1999	Thiensville Hotel 1855	113 Green Bay Road
8	2001	John T. Gierach House 1895	153 Green Bay Road
9	2001	Thiensville's First General Store 1860	146 Green Bay Road
10	2003	Henry Kolwey Homesite 1857	192 South Main Street
11	2004	Van Buren School - Gilbert Shoe Factory 1866-1926	228 Elm Street
12	2005	White Coach Inn 1894	213 South Main Street
13	2007	Thiensville Recreation Parlor 1927	130 South Main Street
14	2008	Reimer, Gerlach Residence 1897	193 Green Bay Road
15	2010	Maas - Bublitz Residence 1898	116 South Main Street
16	2011	Thiensville State Bank 1929	118 Green Bay Road
17	2012	Louis and Pauline Staudy Residence 1907	149 Green Bay Road
18	2013	Loppnow Drug Store 1947	174 South Main Street
19	2014	The Commercial House 1890	105 South Main Street
20	2015	St. Cecilia Catholic Church 1940	138 West Buntrock Avenue
21	2016	Otto Bublitz Investment Property 1913	106-108 South Main Street
22	2017	Village Post Office 1960	170 Green Bay Road
23	2018	Henry Mohrhusen, Sr. Residence	120 Riverview Drive
24	2019	William Hoeft Residence	151 Green Bay Road
25	2020		
26	2021		
27	2023	Frank Oil Company	185 South Main Street
28	2023	Hilger Hardware	161 Green Bay Road
29	2024	A-Z Metal Works / Greg Uhen	180 South Main Street
30	2025		