



VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE
Committee of the Whole
MINUTES

DATE: Monday, September 9, 2024

LOCATION: 250 Elm Street, Thiensville, WI

TIME: 6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

President

John Rosing

Administrator

Colleen Landisch-Hansen

Board of Trustees

Jennifer Abraham

Angelina Apostolos
(excused)

Kristina Eckert

Kenneth Kucharski

David Lange

Richard Longabaugh

Staff

Director of Community Services/Public Works Andy LaFond

Police Chief Curt Kleppin (excused)

Deputy Village Clerk/Administrative Coordinator Ben Honeck

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.

Andy Match, 505 Alta Loma Drive, came to be heard in regard to allowing the keeping of chickens in The Village. Positive impacts include fresh eggs, healthier fertilizer, a source of sustainable food, pest control, learning experience for children, and a sense of bonded

socialization with other owners in The Village.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Discussion regarding permitting chickens in the Village

Trustee Lange stated that many of the surrounding municipalities have allowed chickens for some time.

Trustee Kucharski posited that taking care of chickens can be a lot of work and questioned what happens if and when the owners grow tired of caring for the chickens.

Trustee Longabaugh inquired about possible drawbacks and reasons why someone may be opposed to it.

President Rosing suggested this could be brought back to the Board in November. Staff was instructed to research a possible ordinance regarding chickens for the November meeting.

B. Discussion regarding Village Park Updates

Director LaFond presented an update on The Village Park Projects, summarizing the current status and next possible steps.

Director LaFond shared that the plan is to combine construction of the parking lot expansion, splashpad, and the pickleball/tennis courts into one project as it is more cost effective.

C. Discussion and recommendation regarding Village Park Master Plan

Trustee Eckert asked if the tennis courts are receiving interest as compared to the pickleball courts. Director LaFond proceeded to show different sizing options for the courts with and without tennis sizing included.

Trustee Lange was not in favor of eliminating tennis, as it's been an offering at the park for some time.

President Rosing agreed that the preference would be for tennis to stay as an option in the design.

Trustee Kucharski also stated that the current design, and the fact that it can be used for both tennis and pickleball, is preferable.

Trustee Eckert would like to see the design include six pickleball courts and no tennis. This is the time to do it, six courts would allow for sixteen to twenty people to be playing all at once, as opposed to only four for tennis. Trustee Eckert noted that there are several options for tennis in the area, whereas pickleball is more limited.

Director LaFond shared that removing the snack shack next to the tennis courts should be a consideration due to its condition and proximity to the project area. The Board was agreeable to the idea of raising the building after a discussion with the Thiensville Fire Corporation could take place.

D. Discussion regarding Freistadt Bike and Pedestrian Path

Trustee Kucharski stated that the safety of Freistadt Road has been a concern for some time and that it is the duty of The Village to address it.

Trustee Kucharski detailed some of the safety issues of Freistadt Road, such as its narrow design, heavier traffic flow, and poor visibility due to the rising and setting of the sun being directly in line with the road. Preference would be to see either a sidewalk or biking/walking path built along the north side of the road where there is plenty of right-of-way. Trustee Kucharski said that though it would not be a cheap project, it would be money well spent as it insures the safety of the public when using Freistadt Road.

Director LaFond shared estimates of cost from a grant submittal in 2019. The cost at that time was \$318,000 for a path on the northside of Freistadt Road and \$870,000 for a sidewalk on both sides. Director LaFond also noted that the South side of the road was less ideal as it contained the majority of the infrastructure along Freistadt Road.

Trustee Longabaugh asked what the boundaries of such a project would be. Trustee Kucharski replied from Green Bay Road to Riverview Drive.

Trustee Lange agreed that the road is unsafe and that this project would be a good use of money, but also admitted that it was not cheap and it could be difficult to fit into the budget.

President Rosing also agreed that the project should be done, but stressed that the cost of the project should be handled by the Village and does not want to put the burden on the property owners. President Rosing suggested that it may be worthwhile to consider issuing debt for projects such as this and then pay over time.

E. Recommendation to Express Appreciation to Glaze on the occasion of their 20th Anniversary (att)

MOTION to Recommend an Expression Appreciation to Glaze on the occasion of their 20th anniversary by Trustee Lange **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

F. Review and recommendation regarding Resolution 2024-08 Establishing a Line of Succession of Officers in the Event of a Declaration of Emergency (att)

MOTION to recommend approval of Resolution 2024-08 Establishing a Line of Succession of Officers in the Event of a Declaration of Emergency by Trustee Longabaugh **SECONDED** by Trustee Eckert. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

G. Review and recommendation regarding the following Parade/Street Closing Applications

1. Homestead High School Homecoming Parade, Friday, October 18, 2024, 3:30 PM to 5:15 PM (att)

MOTION to Recommend approval of parade/street closing permit for Homestead High School Homecoming Parade, Friday, October 18, 2024, 3:30 PM to 5:15 PM by Trustee Lange **SECONDED** by Trustee Abraham. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2. 5K Turkey Trot, Thursday, November 28, 2024, 7:00 AM to 10:30 AM (att)

MOTION to recommend approval of a parade/street closing permit for The Junior Woman's Club of Mequon-Thiensville 5K Turkey Trot, Thursday, November 28, 2024, 7:00 AM to 10:30 AM by Trustee **SECONDED** by Trustee. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Director LaFond noted that the Junior Woman's Club of Mequon-Thiensville had also made a pledge of a \$20,000 donation to the Village Park Splashpad in honor of the event's 20th anniversary.

H. Appointments

1. Class B Beer & Class B Wine Renewal

Item	Name	Agent	Address	License(s)	New or Renewal
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a.	Mequon-Thiensville Lions Club	Donald Schmidt	PO Box 131	Class B Beer, Class B Wine	Renewal
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MOTION to approve table line item a. for Class B Beer & Class B Wine license by Trustee Eckert **SECONDED** by Trustee Longabaugh. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2. New Operator's Licenses

Item	Name	Address	New or Renewal
a.	Rehan D Dhala	Remington's River Inn, 130 S Main Street	New
b.	Morgan M Ruska	Skippy's Burger Bar, 113 Green Bay Road	New

MOTION to approve table line item a. for New Operator's License by Trustee Abraham **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

MOTION to approve table line item b. for New Operator's License by Trustee Eckert **SECONDED** by Trustee Longabaugh. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 5

No: 0

Abstain: 1 (Kucharski)

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

A. Review Meeting Date Schedule

1. September 16, 2024 - Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM

2. October 7, 2024 - Budget Workshop at 5:00 PM

3. October 7, 2024 - Committee of the Whole at 6:00 PM

4. October 21, 2024 - Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM

5. November 4, 2024 - Committee of the Whole at 6:00 PM

6. November 18, 2024 - Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM

Administrator Landisch-Hansen noted that the November 4th meeting was scheduled for the day before the November General Election and said it would be kind to staff to move that meeting date. Board agreed and the November 18 will be a combined Committee of the Whole and Board of Trustees.

B. Review and recommendation regarding the following gifts

1. \$500 toward Village Park Relimagined Pickleball Court from Skippy's Burger Bar

MOTION to recommend acceptance with gratitude of a \$500 dollar gift toward the Village Park Relimagined Pickleball Court by Trustee Eckert **SECONDED** by Trustee Longabaugh. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Trustee Kucharski noted that the gift was actually on behalf of Skippy's Burger Bar

VI. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION to adjourn to closed session at 7:20 PM by Trustee Kucharski **SECONDED** by Trustee Lange. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

A. Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 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.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Aye: Trustees Abraham, Eckert, Kucharski, Lange, Longabaugh, and President Rosing

No:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

MOTION to reconvene in open session at 7:59 PM by Trustee Lange **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

ROLL CALL VOTE

Aye: Trustees Abraham, Eckert, Kucharski, Lange, Longabaugh, and President Rosing

No:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A. Any recommendation regarding closed session topic(s)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn at 7:59 PM by Trustee Eckert **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Submitted by,

Ben Honeck
Deputy clerk

Signed by,

Colleen Landisch-Hansen
Village Administrator/Clerk