



VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE
Board of Trustees
MINUTES

DATE: Monday, February 17, 2025

LOCATION: 250 Elm Street, Thiensville, WI

TIME: 6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Rosing called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

II. ROLL CALL

President

John Rosing

Board of Trustees

Jennifer Abraham
(Excused)

Kenneth Kucharski

Administrator

Colleen Landisch-Hansen

Angelina Apostolos

David Lange

Kristina Eckert

Richard Longabaugh

Staff

Director of Community Services/Public Works Andy LaFond

Police Chief Curt Kleppin

Deputy Village Clerk/Administrative Coordinator Ben Honeck

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 AND CHAPTER 10 OF THE VILLAGE ZONING CODE AS IT RELATES TO THE KEEPING OF DOMESTICATED CHICKENS IN THE R-1 AND R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS

A. Motion to Open Public Hearing

MOTION to Open Public Hearing by Trustee Longabaugh **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

1. Administrator to Read and Explain Notice (att)

See attached file "Ordinance Notice" for reference

Administrator Landisch-Hansen read the public notice and summarized its contents.

2. Administrator to Give Brief Explanation of Proposed Ordinance 2025-01

See attached files "Ordinance for Residential Backyard Chicken" & "Update_Chicken Ordinance Village Board Staff Memo 2_17_2025" for reference

Administrator Landisch-Hansen gave an explanation of the proposed ordinance amendment.

3. Comments from Anyone Present to be Heard

Jan Heinitz, 417 Madero Dr. opposed the ordinance, citing concerns about noise, the need for lights being a disturbance and a fire hazard, and the presence of chickens attracting predators.

Dean Hock, 505 Madero Dr. also opposed the ordinance due to noise issues. Mr. Hock mentioned his personal experience with a nearby neighbor who owned chickens and felt that the noise caused too much of a disturbance, particularly at feeding time.

Christopher Voss, 205 Luisita Rd. also expressed concern about predators as well as disease, and enforcement of the ordinance being too reactive rather than proactive.

Robert Holyoke, 300 West St. was in favor of the ordinance, believing it was an issue of personal freedom and mentioned that neighboring communities who allowed chickens did not seem to have problems with the issues that concerned other residents. Mr. Holyoke also pointed out that if the amendment was made, it could be repealed at a later date if those issues did in fact arise.

Richard Jerzak, 507 Crescent Ln. questioned the necessity of revisiting the ordinance and raised concerns about bird flu and maintenance issues that could arise from the coops.

Andrew Match, 505 Alta Loma Dr. provided a printout for the Board to consider that contained information obtained from Ron Kean, a poultry specialist in animal sciences from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Mr. Match referenced this documentation and stated that he believed it countered arguments about noise, predators, and the misconceptions about chicken ownership. Mr. Match also echoed Mr. Holyoke's comments regarding property rights and the existence of chickens in surrounding communities.

Mr. Hock spoke again to reiterate noise concerns and the impact chickens could have on what

new residents expected when they moved to Thiensville.

4. Administrator to Read any Correspondence Received Related to Proposed Ordinance 2025-01

Administrator Landisch-Hansen shared correspondence received from residents regarding the proposed ordinance.

Karl Hertz, 205 Green Bay Rd, wrote a letter expressing concern about allowing chickens in the Village. Mr. Hertz cited previous rejection of amendment, concerns about lot size, and the rise of bird flu making this an incorrect time to allow the amendment.

Susan Bartel, 113 N Orchard St. also wrote regarding concern about the ongoing rise of bird flu and believes the Village should delay allowing chickens until the flu, and its spread, are more understood.

Laura Davis, 507 Park Crest Dr. supported the ordinance, emphasizing property rights and the low risk of avian flu increasing due to chickens, citing the presence of other wild birds in the Village not causing alarm.

Linda Unkefer, 413 Park Crest Dr. expressed concern via email about attracting coyotes and other predators.

Garrett Fitzgerald and Grace Miller, 502 Alta Loma Dr. supported the idea of getting chickens and wanted to express that support in writing, stating that with good regulation it could benefit the Village.

5. Comments from the Village Board

President Rosing explained that the Plan Commission had a tie vote regarding the recommendation of the ordinance amendment. As a result, the Board would not be able to take action, due to zoning change requirements, until the Commission could make a recommendation.

B. Motion to Close Public Hearing

MOTION to Close Public Hearing by Trustee Longabaugh **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

CONSENT AGENDA

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

MOTION to Approve Consent Agenda by Trustee Lange **SECONDED** by Trustee Apostolos. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Board of Trustees

1. January 20, 2025 (att)

2. February 3, 2025 (att)

B. Committee of the Whole

1. February 3, 2025 (att)

VI. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Police Department

1. January 2025 (att)

B. Public Works Department

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

VIII. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Plan Commission

1. January 14, 2025 (att)

B. Capital Expenditures

1. January 2025 (att)

BUSINESS AGENDA

IX. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A. Accounts Payable

1. January 18, 2025 through February 14, 2025 (att)

See attached file "02-2025 VB ACCOUNTS PAYABLE" for reference

MOTION to Approve Accounts Payable January 18, 2025 through February 14, 2025 by Trustee Lange **SECONDED** by Trustee Eckert. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

B. Financial Report

1. December 2024 Preliminary (att)

See attached file "DECEMBER 2024 - REVENUE & EXPENDITURE BUDGET TO ACTUAL (UNAUDITED)" for reference

Administrator Landisch-Hansen gave a summary of the financial report and noted that the numbers were preliminary due to the ongoing audit.

X. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Appointments

1. New Operator's License

Item	Name	Address	New or Renewal
a.	Ritu N Patel	Ma Maalika Petroleum, Village BP, 246 S Main Street	New

Trustee Kucharski requested that going forward, copies of new applications be provided to the Board.

MOTION to Approve Table Line Item a. by Trustee Eckert **SECONDED** by Trustee Longabaugh. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Operator's License Renewal

Item	Name	Address	New or Renewal
a.	Robert J Kos	Thiensville Business Association, INC. PO Box 185	Renewal

MOTION to Approve Table Line Item a. by Trustee Eckert **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

XI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Admininstrator's Report (att)

B. Building Inspection Report

1. January 2025 (att)

XII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

XIV. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Review and Action of Ordinance 2025-01 Amending Chapter 17 and Chapter 10 of the Village Zoning Code as it Relates to the Keeping of Domesticated Chickens in the R-1 and R-2 Residential Zoning Districts (att)

Trustee Longabaugh asked if there is a requirement that the coops be heated as it is not in the proposed amendment.

Director LaFond answered that there was not a requirement for heating.

President Rosing once again explained that the Board would not be taking action on the amendment in this meeting. Due to the amendment involving a zoning change, it was required that the Board receive a recommendation, either positive or negative, from the Plan Commission. Due to a tie vote, neither could be given. As a result, the matter would be returned to the Plan Commission for a recommendation from the Commission, then the Board could take action.

B. Review and Action Regarding the 2024 Annual Use of Force Report for the Thiensville Police Department (att)

Trustee Apostolos thanked Chief Kleppin for the report.

MOTION to Approve the 2024 Annual Use of Force Report for the Thiensville Police Department by Trustee Lange **SECONDED** by Trustee Longabaugh. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

C. Review and Action Regarding Correction of Motion Within the November 18, 2024 Board of Trustees Minutes (att)

Administrator Landisch-Hansen explained that a motion to Direct Staff to Finalize Ordinance Amending the Village Code to Allow for the Keeping of Backyard Chickens attributed to Trustee Lange was intended to be attributed to Trustee Longabaugh, that correction to the minutes requires approval by the Board.

MOTION to Approve Correction of Motion Within the November 18, 2024 Board of Trustees Minutes by Trustee **SECONDED** by Trustee. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

D. Review and Action Regarding Resolution 2025-01 Authorizing Participation in the Cairdel Lane Road Maintenance Association (att)

Director LaFond explained that the Village owns a private parcel of land for the purposes of stormwater conveyance. This land is outside the Village limits. The Village is a member of an HOA-like entity that maintains the road that connects to the parcel. The Association has asked that the Village formally sign documentation as part of the agreement in an effort to clean up their own bookkeeping.

MOTION to Approve Resolution 2025-01 Authorizing Participation in the Cairdel Lane Road Maintenance Association by Trustee Lange **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

XV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XVI. ANY OTHER MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS BY THE TRUSTEES AS MAY BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD, OR CARRIED OVER FROM THE PREVIOUS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING.

A. Acceptance/Report Of Gifts Received

1. \$10,000 toward Village Park ReImagined from Thiensville Business Association

MOTION to Accept With Gratitude by Trustee Lange **SECONDED** by Trustee Longabaugh. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2. \$10,000 toward the Village Park Reimagined Splashpad from Port Washington State Bank

Administrator Landisch-Hansen noted that this donation is part of a multi-year pledge in honor of the bank's 125th anniversary.

MOTION to Accept With Gratitude by Trustee Eckert **SECONDED** by Trustee Apostolos. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

XVII. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION to Adjourn to Closed Session at 6:42 PM by Trustee Apostolos **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski. **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 Apostolos, Eckert, Kucharski, Longabaugh, Lange, and President Rosing

No: none

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

XVIII. MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

MOTION to Reconvene in Open Session at 7:13 PM by Trustee Lange **SECONDED** by Trustee Apostolos. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

A. Possible Action Regarding Closed Session Topic

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to Adjourn at 7:14 PM by Trustee Lange **SECONDED** by Trustee Apostolos. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Submitted by,

Ben Honeck
Deputy clerk

Signed by,

Colleen Landisch-Hansen
Village Administrator/Clerk