



VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE
Committee of the Whole
MINUTES

DATE: Monday, November 3, 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

Administrator

Colleen Landisch-Hansen

Staff

Director of Community Services/Public Works Andy LaFond

Police Chief Curt Kleppin

Deputy Village Clerk/Administrative Coordinator Ben Honeck

Board of Trustees

Jennifer Abraham

Angelina Apostolos

Kristina Eckert

Nick Ernster

David Lange

Richard Longabaugh

III. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT ON THE 2026 VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE BUDGET

A. Motion to Open Public Hearing

MOTION to Open Public Hearing at 6:01 PM by Trustee Abraham **SECONDED** by Trustee Longabaugh. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

1. Administrator to Read and Explain Notice (att)

Administrator Landisch-Hansen read and explained the public hearing notice.

2. Administrator to Give Brief Explanation of the 2026 Budget (att)

3. Comments from Anyone Present to be Heard

None.

4. Administrator to Read any Correspondence Received Related to the Request

None.

5. Comments from the Village Board

None.

B. Motion to Close Public Hearing

MOTION to Close Public Hearing at 6:02 PM by Trustee Eckert **SECONDED** by Trustee Ernster. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. 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@thiensville.gov by 4:00 PM on the day of the meeting or by signing in immediately prior to the meeting.

None.

V. BUSINESS

A. Review and Recommendation Regarding Resolution 2025-14 adopting the 2026 Sewer Utility Budget (att)

Administrator Landisch-Hansen highlighted that the residential sewer utility rate of \$175 will remain unchanged in 2026.

MOTION to Recommend Resolution 2025-14 adopting the 2026 Sewer Utility Budget by Trustee Lange **SECONDED** by Trustee Longabaugh. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

B. Review and Recommendation Regarding Resolution 2025-15 Fixing Salaries for Village Employees and Elected Officials for the Period Ending December 31, 2026 (att)

Administrator Landisch-Hansen noted that the 3% increase is outlined in the police department's collective bargaining agreement and that it was matched for non-represented employees. This change is reflected in the 2026 draft budget.

MOTION to Recommend Resolution 2025-15 Fixing Salaries for Village Employees and Elected Officials for the Period Ending December 31, 2026 by Trustee Apostolos **SECONDED** by Trustee Ernster. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

C. Review and Recommendation Regarding Resolution 2025-16 Adopting 2026 Budget and 2025 Tax Levy & Rate (att)

Administrator Landisch-Hansen explained that the 2026 draft budget includes the numbers with the \$1.5 million bond amount.

Trustee Lange indicated disapproval of the \$1.5 million bond amount and an intention to vote no on the 2026 draft budget if included.

Trustee Abraham voiced a concern regarding the use of any bonded amount for the potential pedestrian path project on Freistadt Road and expressed a desire to include language stipulating that the bonded amount be used only for road projects.

President Rosing noted that any specific future use of the bonded amount would require

approval from the board.

Trustee Eckert believed that a stipulation was not necessary and echoed President Rosing's statement that any future project would come back to the board for further action. Trustee Eckert expressed concern that such a stipulation could limit the Board's future options when circumstances may be different.

Trustee Abraham reiterated a belief that a stipulation regarding the use of the bonded amount is important.

Trustee Apostolos believed that flexibility regarding the use of the bonded amount would be valuable, as circumstances could change in the form of a donation or a similar funding source.

Administrator Landisch-Hansen clarified that, based on the previous Board discussion regarding the topic of a pedestrian path, there is no current plan to have consultants review a potential path project, as it appears there's no desire to pursue such a project at this time.

Administrator Landisch-Hansen reminded the Board that in previous meeting discussions, it was noted that roads would include maintenance work and possible sewer-related work as well.

Trustee Longabaugh inquired about the approach to be taken if a project costs more or less than the bonded amount.

Administrator Landisch-Hansen replied that if project costs exceeded the bonded amount, the bond schedule allows for the additional expenses to be addressed as a future project. If project costs are less than the bonded amount, other projects within the bond's designated purpose would be considered.

MOTION to Approve Resolution 2025-16 Adopting 2026 Budget and 2025 Tax Levy & Rate by Trustee Eckert **SECONDED** by Trustee Ernster. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Aye: 6

No: 1 (Lange)

Abstain: 0

D. Review 2025 Fund Balance Report (att)

Administrator Landisch-Hansen explained that this report is given annually to provide an update on the status of the two required Village reserve funds. When the 2025 budget was approved, a plan was in place to utilize part of this reserve, as not all the debt was included on the levy.

As of now, the remaining amount is approximately \$87,000, which is better than expected, given that the budgeted amount was \$150,000.

E. Village of Thiensville Grant Awards Overview 2019-2024 (att)

Administrator Landisch-Hansen explained the purpose of the overview, which is to highlight what initiatives have been accomplished due to the Village's ability to secure grant funds. Since 2019, the total amount has exceeded 1.6 million, excluding outstanding grants for this year's Williamsburg and Park projects.

Trustee Eckert praised the Village Staff for their ability to secure the grants and the benefits to the Village. This sentiment was echoed by President Rosing and the Board as a whole.

F. Discussion of Village Ordinances Related to Pets (Lange)

Trustee Lange shared that some residents expressed confusion about when dogs are and are not allowed in the Village Park. Trustee Lange was concerned about the difficulty this poses for the Village Police Department and questioned whether the days that are an exception should be eliminated.

Trustee Longabaugh inquired which days dogs are not allowed. The events are the Family Fun before the Fourth event and the Lion Fest event.

Director LaFond explained that the difference with those events is the crowd size and the prevalence of enclosed spaces.

Chief Kleppin shared statistics related to dog incidents in the Village. Between 2015 and the present, a total of 53 dog complaints have been reported. Specific to the park, there were 13 incidents, 4 of which were bites. All 4 bites occurred between 2017 and 2021. Chief Kleppin noted that often, dog-related reports to the Village Police Department are not received until well after the incident has occurred.

Chief Kleppin believed that, from a Police Department perspective, the days when dogs are not allowed are not a problem. The Department is well aware of these events and actively monitors for incidents.

Trustee Lange inquired if there are additional fines if a dog involved in an incident is unregistered or unvaccinated.

Chief Kleppin replied that additional fines may be imposed, but in most cases, if a license issue arises, it is promptly addressed by the owner.

Trustee Lange felt that if the Police Department did not see this matter as a problem, that was sufficient.

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

Trustee Lange inquired whether the splash pad had been shut down due to colder weather.

Director LaFond confirmed that the splash pad had been shut down about a month prior.

Trustee Ernster inquired whether there was a general park curfew, which Chief Kleppin confirmed as 10:00 PM.

Director LaFond noted that there are some conflicting ordinances regarding park curfews and that the Board may want to address this issue more clearly and outline any exceptions in the future.

A. Tax Incremental District NO. 2

Director LaFond noted that there was nothing new to report since the recent zoning process and that ongoing work is being done to finalize the developer's agreement.

B. Review Meeting Date Schedule

1. November 17, 2025 - Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM
2. December 1, 2025 - Committee of the Whole at 6:00 PM
3. December 15, 2025 - Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM
4. January 5, 2026 - Committee of the Whole at 6:00 PM
5. January 19, 2026 - Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM

Trustee Eckert will be excused on November 17.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to Adjourn at 6:41 PM by Trustee Abraham **SECONDED** by Trustee Lange. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Submitted by,

Ben Honeck
Deputy clerk

Signed by,

Colleen Landisch-Hansen
Village Administrator/Clerk