



**Village of Thiensville**  
**Committee of the Whole**  
**AGENDA**

**Date:**  
Monday, March 2, 2026

LOCATION: 250 Elm Street, Thiensville, WI

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**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

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David Lange

Richard Longabaugh

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

**IV. BUSINESS**

A. Mequon-Thiensville Bike & Pedestrian Way Plan Update (att)

B. Review and Recommendation Regarding the 2025 Annual Use of Force Report for the Thiensville Police Department (att)

C. Discussion Regarding Historic Preservation Commission Updates and Activities (Longabaugh)

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

A. Review and Recommendation Regarding the Following Gifts

1. \$250 from the Junior Womans Club of Mequon-Thiensville in Gratitude for use of the Village Hall Training Room

B. Review Meeting Date Schedule

1. March 16, 2026 - Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM
2. April 6, 2026 - Committee of the Whole at 6:00 PM
3. April 20, 2026 - Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM
4. May 4, 2026 - Committee of the Whole at 6:00 PM
5. May 18, 2026 - Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Colleen Landisch-Hansen, Village Clerk

Please advise the Thiensville Municipal Hall, 250 Elm Street (262-242-3720) at least 24 hours prior to the start of this meeting if you have disabilities and desire special accommodations.

## Thiensville Specific Items in Bikeway Powerpoint

### **Freistadt Road Extents: Green Bay Rd to River Rd**

Install a side path to better connect Thiensville residents to OIT.

### **Riverview Drive Extents: Ozaukee Interurban Trail to Freistadt Rd**

Install bicycle boulevard improvements such as shared lane markings, route signage, speed reduction and traffic calming devices. Explore additional lateral access to OIT as a non-vehicular extension of Riverview Dr.

### **Division Street Extents: Buntrock Ave to Main St**

Install sidewalk on the south side of the street. Add shared lane markings on both sides of the street and consider various traffic calming, and speed reduction improvements appropriate for a bicycle route to slow traffic. Planning Considerations: •This route will serve as an important connection to the recommended West Mequon Neighborhoods Bicycle Boulevard (below) to provide access to the Ozaukee Interurban Trail especially if that route is implemented before improved facilities on Mequon Rd.

### **Ozaukee Interurban Trail (OIT) - Additional Lateral Connections**

Additional connections to the Ozaukee Interurban Trail are desirable for many reasons including increased commercial destination access, lower stress recreational connections, and helping to divert non-vehicular traffic away from arterial roadways, especially Mequon Rd. All connection described below must be coordinated through Ozaukee County. The recommended new connections below are listed in order from north to south:

#### **Extents: 525 N Main St west to the OIT**

This connection would create a new, northernmost lateral connection to the Village of Thiensville from the OIT, supporting access to destinations north of Freistadt Rd. This will allow crossings at Heidel Rd to access the trail without detouring south to Freistadt Rd.

#### **Extents: 128 N Main St west to the OIT**

This connection would extend the existing pedestrian pathway that travels from the Milwaukee Riverwalk across Green Bay Rd, across the Pigeon Creek, and across a mid-block crosswalk at 128 N Main Street further west to the OIT. The new lateral connection would likely travel between the Boucher Ford and Harley Davidson dealer buildings or be included in the redevelopment plans of either property.

**Extents: Riverview Dr/Main St intersection west to the OIT**

This connection is proposed as part of the Thiensville Master Plan extending west from the intersection of Riverview Dr and Main St, north of the State Farm Insurance building, west to the OIT, meandering north of Pigeon Creek before connecting to the trail.

# **Mequon Thiensville Joint Bike & Pedestrian Way Commission**

**7 Members – 3 Thiensville & 4 Mequon**

**Thiensville:**

Rob Holyoke

Ron Heinritz

Clint Sergi

**Mequon :**

Ken Maciolek, chairman

Jim Doornek, vice chairman

Kristen Wade

Ald. Gregg Bach

# **Mequon Thiensville Joint Bike & Pedestrian Way Commission Mission**

- Advise the Mequon Common Council and Thiensville Village Board regarding creation, revisions to and implementation of a city and village wide master plan for bike and pedestrian ways and ancillary services throughout both communities.
- Set priorities for new bike and pedestrian ways or enhancements of existing routes in the master plan.
- Identify and prioritize critical gaps in bike and pedestrian ways.

# **Mequon Thiensville Joint Bike & Pedestrian Way Commission**

## **Master plan – Timeline**

- Started RFP selection process for plan contractor, March, 2024
- Graef selected to develop plan, June, 2024
- Graef plan completed, Feb. 2025
- Plan approved and adopted by Mequon Common Council March 11, 2025

# Mequon Thiensville Joint Bike & Pedestrian Way Commission

## Master plan –Overview

This plan is an update to the 2010 plan titled Joint Mequon-Thiensville Bike & Pedestrian Way Commission 2010 to 2030 Recommendations that provided a series of recommendations for the development of walking and bicycling facilities across the community. This plan advances the recommendations of the previous plan, updates the conditions surrounding the plan to reflect present day, and updates the recommendations for the next 20 years.

# **Mequon Thiensville Joint Bike & Pedestrian Way Commission**

## **Prioritization of Master Plan Summary**

- The approved Graef master plan includes over 40 recommendations.
- The commission consolidated and identified 20 items and categorized into short, medium and long-term.
- The list includes items for both communities. Thiensville-only items will be highlighted. Some items will require joint effort (examples – OIT and Division street improvements).
- Numbered items do not represent prioritization within category.
- Commission will review and update the priorities annually.

# Mequon Thiensville Joint Bike & Pedestrian Way Commission

## Prioritization of Master Plan Factors considered

- Safety
- Improve Corridors
- Improve Connectivity to schools & parks (Ref – Safe routes to schools & potential funding)
- Public input (Ref –Graef report survey)
- Timing with planned roadway improvement (local, county and state)
- “Low hanging fruit” – (example, signage, road markings)

# Mequon Thiensville Joint Bike & Pedestrian Way Commission

## Prioritization of Master Plan Short term projects (2025-2027)

1. West Mequon Bicycle Route \* - Signage not to be implemented until a safe crossing is installed at Wauwatosa Road – Engineering study is recommended.
- 2. Riverview Route to OIT and Thiensville Park - Thiensville**
3. Lake Shore Drive (Zedler to Mequon Road) and Mequon Road (I-43 to Lake Shore Drive)
4. Wauwatosa Road buffered bike lane (County Line to Mequon Road) \*
5. Mequon Road Milwaukee River Bridge Sidewalk (barrier, signage and/or warning stripe)
6. Range Line Road (Mequon to Donges Bay Road) and Donges Bay Road (River Road to Port Washington Road) side path for safe access to schools – Possible TAP/SRTS Grant
7. Buntrock Road sidewalk and shared lane marking from Mequon to Division Road (East side)

# Mequon Thiensville Joint Bike & Pedestrian Way Commission

## Prioritization of Master Plan Medium term projects

8. **Division Road Sidewalk (Buntrock to Cedarburg)**
9. Mequon Road side path (Port Washington Road to Cedarburg Road) \*
10. OIT crossing redesign at Donges Bay Road
11. **Freistadt Road side path (OIT to River Road) – Thiensville**
12. Lakeshore Drive (Mequon to Highland)
13. **OIT Repaving – (Possible Grant Application) – County or City**
14. Redesign of OIT Maze Railroad Crossing
15. Sidewalk on Port Washington Rd from Glen Oaks to Highland – County approval required

# **Mequon Thiensville Joint Bike & Pedestrian Way Commission**

## **Prioritization of Master Plan Long term projects**

16. Highland Road side path (Port Washington Road to Rotary Park)
17. Cedarburg Road side path (Mequon to Division Road)
18. Donges Bay Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge over Milwaukee River
19. Donges Bay Road side path (Wauwatosa to Cedarburg Road)
20. Completion of Swan Road side path (Daventry Rd to Mequon Rd)\*

# Use of Force Annual Report



## Thiensville Police Department 2025

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## Executive Summary

The 2025 *Annual Use of Force (UOF) Report* has been prepared in accordance with the Thiensville Police Department's Chapter 5 policies on the *Management of Resistance and Aggression*. Comprehensive and accurate reporting is one of the most effective safeguards a police department has against allegations of excessive force, whether involving individual officers or the department as a whole. Failure to properly document, collect, and review use of force incidents not only places officers' careers at risk, but can also undermine the department's transparency, credibility, and trust within the community.

On November 18, 2019, the Thiensville Police Department (THPD) implemented a *Management of Resistance and Aggression* policy requiring a written report for all use of force incidents, in accordance with Standard 5.3.1, Use of Force Reporting. Under this policy, a use of force report is required in the following circumstances:

1. Any action resulting in the discharge of a firearm, except for training or for lawful recreational purposes.
2. Any action involving the pointing of a firearm at a person.
3. Any action that results in, or is alleged to have resulted in, injury or death of another person.
4. Any force applied through the use of lethal or less-lethal weapons.
5. Any action involving the pointing of a Electronic Control Device (ECD) at a person or the use of a ECD which contributes to the control of the subject.
6. Any action involving weaponless physical force at a level of compliance holds and above pursuant to the Use of Force Distribution Resolution Model.

Beginning October 12, 2020, the Thiensville Police Department (THPD) has reported all Use of Force (UOF) incidents and Arrest-Related Deaths to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) through Badger TraCS, in collaboration with the Wisconsin Department of Justice, as part of a nationwide effort to standardize UOF data collection. A report to the FBI is required when:

1. Any time that an officer uses force that results in the death of a person, or any time that a person dies while arrested, detained, or in the course of being arrested.
2. Any time that an officer uses force that results in the great bodily harm of a person.
3. Any time that an officer discharges a firearm at or in the direction of a person.

On December 28, 2022, the Thiensville Police Department's Use of Force policy was certified by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG). This certification confirms that the department meets eligibility requirements established by the U.S. Department of Justice under the Presidential Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities (Executive Order No. 13929). These requirements include:

1. That the Thiensville Police Department adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws; and
2. That the Thiensville Police Department maintains use-of-force policies that prohibit the use of choke holds, except in those situations where the use of deadly force is allowed by law.

The overarching goal of these policies is to improve how the Thiensville Police Department collects, maintains, analyzes, and uses use of force data specific to the agency. Given the importance of accurate reporting, each use of force incident undergoes a structured review process to ensure compliance with department policy and applicable federal and state laws.

This process consists of a two-tiered review. The initial review is conducted by a police officer with specialized training in the type of force used and/or by a Lieutenant, followed by a final review by the Chief of Police. One of the department's UOF analysts is a Unified Tactical Instructor certified by the State of Wisconsin. Each incident is evaluated to confirm that the force used complied with department policy and the guidelines established by the Wisconsin Department of Justice and the Law Enforcement Standards Board.

### **Use of Force Frequency**

In 2025, the Communications Division logged 10,277 calls for service, resulting in 182 formal complaints that required police action. During the investigation of these complaints, Thiensville police officers used force on only three (3) occasions, representing approximately 0.016% of all formal complaints.

This report analyzes the three (3) use of force incidents submitted in 2025 to identify patterns or trends that may indicate the need for additional training or potential modifications to department policy.

### **Use of Force Synopsis by Month**

A review of the 2025 THPD Use of Force reports by month shows that March, May, and November each had one (1) reported use of force. No use of force incidents were reported in January, February, April, June, July, August, September, October, or December. Overall, no discernible pattern is evident.

### **Use of Force Synopsis by Day of Week**

Officers used force twice (2) on a Wednesday and once (1) on a Saturday. No discernible pattern was identified.

### **Use of Force Synopsis by Watch**

Use of Force (UOF) reports were also analyzed by Watch. The THPD serves the community through three Watch groups with the following schedules: Watch I (6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.), Watch II (2:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.), and Watch III (10:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.). For this analysis, UOF incidents occurring during overlapping hours were assigned to the Watch to which the officer was scheduled to work on that day. Watch I recorded one (1) use of force incident, Watch II recorded one (1) use of force incident, and Watch III recorded one (1) use of force incident. No discernible pattern was identified.

### **Use of Force Synopsis by Application**

THPD officers are required to document the specific force application used to gain control of a resistive subject. Wisconsin police officers receive training in a variety of force applications during the basic police academy, with continued instruction provided annually through department in-service training, and through other training opportunities. This training is coordinated by a THPD Defense and Arrest Tactics (DAAT) instructor. Analyzing selected force applications helps identify which training methods are most beneficial for officers.

In 2025, THPD officers used the following force application categories: Point Firearm (1), Electronic Control Device (TASER – Point/Control) (1), and Destroy Animal (1). Pointing a firearm is used in situations where behavior has caused, or poses an imminent threat of causing death or great bodily harm to an officer or others. An Electronic Control Device (TASER) is used to overcome active resistance or the threat of resistance, consistent with the criteria established in *Graham v. Connor*. The Destroy Animal application is used to humanely dispatch an animal suffering from illness or injury.

Each application was reviewed and determined to be justified.

### **Use of Force Synopsis by Offense Type**

Use of Force reports are categorized by the type of offense. In 2025, THPD officers were involved in three incidents requiring the use of force: one (1) incident involved the destruction of an animal, one (1) incident involved assisting another law enforcement agency, and one (1) incident involved controlling an individual during a domestic abuse investigation.

## **Analysis of Electronic Control Device (TASER) Deployments**

THPD officers must submit a use-of-force report whenever they either discharge a Taser or threaten to use it on a subject. Both actual use and threats of use are considered the deployment of an Electronic Control Device (ECD) and are subject to review. In 2025, there was one incident in which an officer used their ECD to control a subject. The application was reviewed and determined to be justified.

### **Use of Necessary Force**

In conclusion, verbal communication is the preferred method for managing any police–citizen interaction. However, it is understood that this approach may not always be effective or appropriate, and in such cases, officers may need to escalate the level of force. THPD officers have both a legal and ethical responsibility to use force wisely and judiciously. Once an individual is under control, officers are expected to return to the minimum level of force necessary to maintain that control.

## Tables

<u>Table 1: UOF Reporting by Officer (2025)</u>	
Kleppin, C	0
Neuman, B	0
Stone, M	1
Schmit, N	0
Eibs, M	1
McCormick, R	0
Caul, R	1
Birchbauer, C	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>

<u>Table 2: UOF Yearly Comparison by Officer (2021–2025)</u>					
	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>
Kleppin, C	3	0	1	0	0
Neuman, B	1	0	1	0	0
Stone, M	1	1	2	0	1
Schmit, N	0	2	0	0	0
Eibs, M	NA	NA	0	2	1
McCormick,R	NA	NA	NA	1	0
Caul, R	NA	NA	NA	0	1
Birchbauer,C	NA	NA	NA	NA	0
Tuchel, H	NA	NA	NA	0	NA
Fischer, T	1	NA	NA	NA	NA
Wucherer, C	2	1	NA	NA	NA
Janzer, G	0	2	3	NA	NA
Rogers, B	0	1	2	NA	NA
Mejchar, J	3	0	2	0	NA
Baez,B	NA	NA	NA	0	NA
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>
<b>January</b>	1	0	1	0	<b>0</b>
<b>February</b>	1	1	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>March</b>	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>April</b>	1	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>May</b>	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>June</b>	1	0	6	0	<b>0</b>
<b>July</b>	1	1	2	1	<b>0</b>
<b>August</b>	1	2	0	2	<b>0</b>
<b>September</b>	2	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>October</b>	0	2	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>November</b>	1	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>December</b>	1	0	2	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	11	7	11	3	<b>3</b>

	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>
<b>Monday</b>	1	0	1	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	1	0	0	1	<b>0</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	0	0	3	0	<b>2</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	2	2	0	1	<b>0</b>
<b>Friday</b>	2	2	1	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	3	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	2	3	6	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	11	7	11	3	<b>3</b>

**Table 5: UOF Synopsis by Watch (2021-2025)**

	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>
Watch I	2	2	5	1	1
Watch II	5	4	4	2	1
Watch III	4	1	2	0	1
<b>Total</b>	11	7	11	3	3

**Table 6: UOF Synopsis by Application (2021-2025)**

	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>
Forearm Strike	0	0	0	0	0
Foot Strike	0	0	0	0	0
Impact Weapon	0	0	0	0	0
Deadly Force	0	0	0	0	0
Hand Strike	0	0	0	0	0
Decentralization	0	0	1	1	0
OC Spray	0	0	0	0	0
Point Firearm	4	3	5	0	1
Knee Strike	0	0	0	0	0
Body Stun	0	0	0	0	0
Pressure Points	0	0	0	1	0
Compliance Holds	2	0	1	0	0
TASER - Display/Threat	0	0	2	0	1
TASER - Deployed	0	0	0	0	0
TASER – Animal	0	0	0	0	0
Impact Weapon (SIMS)	0	0	1	0	0
Destroy Animal	2	3	0	1	1
Other	3	1	3	0	0
<b>Total</b>	11	7	13	3	3

In some cases, more than one UOF application was used per incident, therefore the reported UOF applications may be greater than the reported offense types.

**Table 7: UOF Synopsis by Watch Application (2021-2025)**

	21 Watch			22 Watch			23 Watch			24 Watch			25 Watch		
	I	II	III	I	II	III	I	II	III	I	II	III	I	II	III
Forearm Strike	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foot Strike	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impact Weapon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deadly Force	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hand Strike	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Decentralization	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
OC Spray	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Point Firearm	0	1	3	1	2	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Knee Strike	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Body Stun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pressure Points	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Compliance Holds	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TASER - Display/Threat	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
TASER - Deployed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TASER Animal Impact Weapon (SIMS)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Destroy Animal	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Other	1	2	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

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**Table 8: UOF Synopsis by Offense Type (2021-2025)**

	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	1	0	0
Protective Custody	1	1	5	1	0
Battery/Disorderly Conduct Domestic Abuse	1	0	2	1	1
Operate Motor Vehicle while Intoxicated	2	0	0	0	0
Endangering Safety (Felony) (Domestic Abuse)	0	0	0	0	0
Underage Drinking Violations	0	0	0	0	0
Warrant/Runaway Arrests	0	0	0	0	0
Suspicious Acts	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Related Offenses	0	0	0	0	0
Trespass	1	0	0	0	0
Knowingly Fleeing an Officer (Felony)	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Damage to Property	0	0	0	0	0
Cause Bodily harm to Child	0	0	0	0	0
Theft	0	0	0	0	0
Endangering Safety (Felony)	0	0	1	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Assist Other Department	3	2	2	0	1
Destroy Animal (Firearm)	2	3	0	1	1
Operate Motor Vehicle Without Owner's Consent	0	0	0	0	0
Assist Other Department (OWI Blood Draw)	0	0	0	0	0
Battery	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary (Felony)	0	0	0	0	0
Homicide	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

