



VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE
Committee of the Whole
MINUTES

DATE: Monday, January 5, 2026

LOCATION: 250 Elm Street, Thiensville, WI

TIME: 6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Rosing called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

President

John Rosing

Administrator

Colleen Landisch-Hansen

Board of Trustees

Jennifer Abraham

Angelina
Apostolos (Excused)

Kristina Eckert

Nick Ernster

David Lange

Richard Longabaugh

Staff

Director of Community Services/Public Works Andy LaFond

Police Chief Curt Kleppin

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

None.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Downtown Thiensville Update (Traci Cain & Rob Kos)

Katherine Egelhoff, Traci Cain, and Kristin Wojahn presented an update on Downtown Thiensville, highlighting 2025 accomplishments and 2026 plans. The presentation reviewed the strategic plan and vision, a new visual identity and brand consistency, and increased marketing reach and social media engagement.

Ms. Cain highlighted annual events such as Eats and Beats and the Farmer's Market, as well as new events like Kid's Fest, the Village Table, and the Cookie Walk. Additionally, Ms. Cain shared that the rummage sale would be moved to May 2026.

Requests and partnerships with the Village were discussed, including improvements to the Village Park octagons, additional road closures for events, and increased community giving. A presentation for the Board with those requests is planned for March.

Rob Kos spoke about the growth of Downtown Thiensville over the last eight years, and thanked the Board for continued support. Mr. Kos also shared that the annual Downtown Thiensville meeting will take place on January 21 at 5:30 PM in the Port Washington State Bank lobby.

Trustee Lange thanked the group for their efforts and presentation. President Rosing echoed the sentiment on behalf of the Village Board.

President Rosing additionally noted appreciation for the sponsors involved in the events and suggested something like a banner be made to express that appreciation.

B. Review and Recommendation Regarding a Parade/Street Closing Application for the Village Table on June 2, 2026 from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM (att)

Trustee Longabaugh asked about Baird being on the application.

Trustee Eckert explained that the event was intended for Baird. Previous investment allows this event to be done more affordably, generating more proceeds to then reinvest in other events.

Mr. Kos, on behalf of Downtown Thiensville, explained that Baird attended the Village Table event in September 2025, and felt it would be a great experience to offer to clients. From Downtown Thiensville's perspective, the purpose of the event is fundraising to support other Downtown Thiensville events. The Organization is aware of the sensitivity of street closures, and it is not yet clear whether this is a one-time exception or a recurring request.

Trustee Lange expressed hesitation about closing the streets for a private event. Understands the request and value, but is sensitive to resident inconvenience.

Trustee Longabaugh inquired whether a different street could be used for the event.

Ms. Cain noted that the proximity to participating businesses provides an advantage.

President Rosing believed that the road closures are a manageable inconvenience given other routes through the Village.

Trustee Eckert noted that the nearby businesses are most affected and emphasized the importance of their support, while expressing enthusiasm for fundraising potential.

Administrator Landisch-Hansen noted that, if the event is approved, Shully's Events & Catering would need to obtain a premises extension to serve alcohol in the street. Busing could also be affected, and for past private events, a fee has been required to close the road. Administrator Landisch-Hansen also questioned whether there is concern about setting a precedent and noted that while Downtown Thiensville's work has been a significant benefit to the Village, there is concern that as events grow, they place a greater strain on Village staff, which does not grow.

Trustee Eckert noted that Downtown Thiensville is making the request, not a private entity.

Ms. Cain explained that Downtown Thiensville views the event as a fundraising and promotional event, and does not intend to make this event a regular occurrence outside the annual Village Table event.

MOTION to Recommend to the Board a Parade/Street Closing Application for the Village Table on June 2, 2026 from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM by Trustee Eckert **SECONDED** by President Rosing. **MOTION FAILED.**

Aye: 2 (Rosing, Eckert)

No: 4

Abstain: 0

MOTION to Table until the Next Committee of the Whole Meeting by Trustee Longabaugh **SECONDED** by Trustee Abraham. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Aye: 5

No: 1 (Eckert)

Abstain: 0

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

Trustee Lange noted that there will be a Mid-Morraine Meeting in Slinger on January 28 regarding the Vantage Data Center.

A. Acceptance/Report of Gifts Received

MOTION to Accept with Gratitude by Trustee Eckert **SECONDED** by Trustee Abraham. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

1. \$1,250 from Ellen MacFarlane for Village Park Reimagined

VI. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

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.

MOTION to Adjourn to Closed Session at 6:53 PM by Trustee Lange **SECONDED** by Trustee Longabaugh. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Roll Call Vote

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

No: none

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

MOTION to Reconvene in Open Session at 7:35 PM by Trustee Longabaugh **SECONDED** by Trustee Ernster. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Roll Call Vote

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

No: none

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- A. Possible Action Regarding Closed Session Topic

The Board directed staff and Attorney Schoonenberg to continue to pursue a completion of the Developer's Agreement in advance of the January 19 Board meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to Adjourn at 7:36 PM by Trustee Eckert **SECONDED** by Trustee Lange. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Submitted by,

Ben Honeck
Deputy clerk

Signed by,

Colleen Landisch-Hansen
Village Administrator/Clerk