



VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE  
Historic Preservation Commission  
MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, January 20, 2026

LOCATION: 250 Elm Street, Thiensville, WI

TIME: 6:00 PM

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Chairman**

Richard Longabaugh

**Staff**

Director of Community  
Services/Public Works Andy  
LaFond

**Commissioners**

Joe Miller

Angelina Apostolos (Not  
Present)

Philip Eckert

Nate Matson (Excused)

Kim Hauswirth (Excused)

Linda Unkefer

**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. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

February 3, 2026 - 6:00 PM

## V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 2, 2025 (att)

**MOTION** to Approve the Minutes of the December 2, 2025 Meeting by Commissioner Eckert **SECONDED** by Commissioner Unkefer. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Aye:** 4

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

## VI. BUSINESS

A. Update on Historic Walking Tour Participation in Conjunction with Mequon-Thiensville School District (Longabaugh)

Chairman Longabaugh, accompanied by Mr. Bob Blazich of the Mequon-Thiensville Historical Society, explained that they had met with Mequon-Thiensville School District Superintendent, Dr. Matt Joynt, to discuss a potential collaboration between the School District, Village of Thiensville Historic Preservation Commission, and Mequon-Thiensville Historical Society.

Chairman Longabaugh and Mr. Blazich presented Dr. Joynt with ideas that have been discussed by the Commission.

Dr. Joynt expressed that often activities like these are done in groups of 100 students; further inquiring if the ideas being proposed could accommodate groups of that size.

Further ideas discussed included the walking tour, scavenger hunt, and providing educators and classrooms with educational materials.

Additionally, discussion was had in regards to partnering with the Rec. Department's summer program. One such program has a Friday 'field trip' event and serves roughly 30 children.

Upon conclusion of the meeting with Chairman Longabaugh, Mr. Blazich, and Dr. Joynt, all parties agreed to communicate with their respective groups.

B. Mr. Bob Blazich to Discuss Opportunities for Collaboration Between the Mequon-Thiensville Historical Society and The Historic Preservation Commission (Longabaugh)

Mr. Blazich indicated that he was very happy with Dr. Joynt's enthusiasm and his willingness for potential collaboration. He mentioned that education of teachers in local history would be important.

Mr. Blazich indicated that pursuing combined efforts with Rec. Department summer program, particularly the group that utilizes the Friday activity/field trip, would be a great starting point.

A follow-up meeting with a Mr. Blazich and a member of the Mequon-Thiensville School District History Department has been tentatively discussed to further explore collaboration options.

Mr. Blazich additionally met with Downtown Thiensville. They are very interested in working together, particularly with a scavenger hunt type event.

Commissioner Unkefer inquired if the walking tour idea is still an option in the future.

Mr. Blazich and Chairman Longabaugh agreed that it would be possible, particularly if the partnership with the summer program succeeds as a pilot program.

Mr. Blazich and Chairman Longabaugh further explained the potential partnership with the Rec. Department's summer program could include a walking tour in Village Park, paying attention to historic plaques throughout the Village, and concluding at the Historic Firehouse.

Further discussion between the Commissioners and Mr. Blazich included the potential for providing the teachers or summer Rec. Department staff with information and knowledge prior to the students going on the walking tour.

The Commissioners discussed utilizing the existing Walking Tour book as a guide and tool for the proposed partnership with the school district.

Director LaFond commented on the idea of an incentive or motivation awaiting students at the end of the tour.

Director LaFond additionally noted that potentially the existing Walking Tour book could be converted to a kids' version for use as an education guide along the walk.

Commissioner Eckert mentioned the importance of getting local businesses along the walking tour involved.

In looking ahead, Commissioner Unkefer inquired if the existing Walking Tour book has copies available, what state it is in, and if it can be readied for potential use this summer.

Commissioner Eckert concluded by mentioning that if the Village is interested in pursuing funds for additional historic marking plaques, the Mequon-Thiensville Community Foundation's grant deadline for requesting funds is March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

## **VII. STAFF REPORT**

### **A. No Activity**

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** to Adjourn at 6:35 PM by Commissioner Miller. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Eckert. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Aye:** 4

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

Submitted by,

Ben Honeck  
Deputy clerk

Signed by,

Colleen Landisch-Hansen  
Village Administrator/Clerk