



VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE
Committee of the Whole
MINUTES

DATE: Monday, March 2, 2026

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

Ken Maciolek, Ron Heinritz, and Clint Sergi presented on behalf of the Commission. Mr. Maciolek noted that the presentation would focus on items specific to Thiensville.

Mr. Sergi reiterated the purpose and role of the Commission as it relates to Mequon and Thiensville and summarized the Commission's recent presentation to the City of Mequon Committee of the Whole. The Commission plans to review and update the priorities within the plan annually.

Mr. Heinritz provided additional detail on the Thiensville-specific items included in the plan.

President Rosing noted that the Board had previously discussed some of the items, in particular a pedestrian path on Freistadt Road and the desire to connect the Interurban Trail to the Village at a point North of Freistadt Road.

Trustee Lange inquired about next steps. Mr. Maciolek replied that the Commission would like to discuss potential signage with the Village to direct cyclists to an appropriate route to Village Park.

Trustee Longabaugh noted that having cost estimates associated with each item would be beneficial. Mr. Maciolek explained that the master plan includes a key that outlines cost ranges depending on various factors, but does not provide specific estimates. The Commission is open to coming back to the Board with cost estimates for the simpler items, such as signage.

Trustee Eckert inquired about the style of signage. Mr. Maciolek explained that the Commission would use the standard signage recommended by the Wisconsin DOT.

Trustee Eckert inquired whether etiquette signage had been discussed as part of the plan. Mr. Sergi confirmed that had been discussed, and the Commission would like to include such signage.

Administrator Landisch-Hansen noted that the cost for signage would need to come from the Village's signage budget. Trustees Longabaugh and Lange indicated this further illustrates the importance of obtaining cost estimates.

See attached files "Bike and Pedestrian Commission Presentation" and "MTBW Thiensville-Specific Items" for reference

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

Chief Kleppin gave an overview of the Use of Force Report and explained the background of

the reporting process for the Board.

Trustee Longabaugh inquired whether the officer on the scene has the authority to make the decision to destroy an animal or if approval from the Chief is required. Chief Kleppin explained that officers are authorized to make that determination when necessary, and any such incidents are subsequently reviewed to ensure propriety.

MOTION to Recommend the 2025 Annual Use of Force Report for the Thiensville Police Department for Approval by Trustee Longabaugh **SECONDED** by Trustee Ernster. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Trustee Longabaugh, Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission, provided an update on the Commission's activities. Trustee Longabaugh explained the Commission had previously prompted members to suggest potential initiatives for 2026. One recommendation was to partner with the Mequon-Thiensville School District to develop a walking tour for fifth-grade students to educate them about the history of the Village.

Trustee Longabaugh and Bob Blazich of the Historical Society met with Superintendent Matthew Joynt to discuss the concept. The discussion identified the Recreation Department as a potential partner for a pilot of this program. Further discussion is ongoing between the Historic Preservation Commission and the Rec Department.

Administrator Landisch-Hansen inquired whether a succession plan was in place for the Historic Preservation Commission, noting that Trustee Longabaugh would not be running for re-election in the April election. Trustee Longabaugh expressed a desire to remain involved in Historic Preservation Commission efforts, in a non-member capacity.

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

Trustee Lange commented on the increased deer population in the Village and remarked that residents have inquired about potential measures to prevent damage to landscape.

Director LaFond shared that the Village previously worked with the City of Mequon when deer needed to be culled. The effort occurred several years ago and was not proven effective.

Trustee Lange suggested that better messaging to residents regarding feeding the deer could help reduce numbers.

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

MOTION to Recommend Acceptance with Gratitude by Trustee Eckert **SECONDED** by Trustee Lange. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

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

MOTION to Adjourn at 7:02 PM by Trustee Eckert **SECONDED** by Trustee Abraham. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Submitted by,

Ben Honeck
Deputy clerk

Signed by,

Colleen Landisch-Hansen
Village Administrator/Clerk