



VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE
Committee of the Whole
MINUTES

DATE: Monday, May 4, 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.

President Rosing congratulated Trustees Weber and Abraham on their election in April.

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

Dan Weber

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.

Mr. Scott Theirl of 333 Riverview Drive addressed the Committee. The first item concerned the Village ordinance requiring RVs and campers to be stored by November 1. Mr. Theirl requested that the deadline be moved to December 1 due to improving weather conditions.

The second item addressed the volume of pickleball play and its impact on nearby neighbors. Mr. Theirl asked the Committee to look into this issue but did not have a specific proposal at this time.

President Rosing asked if the size of RVs should be considered in the discussion.

Mr. Theirl responded that most RVs do not seem to be very large, but he had no strong opinion either way.

Trustee Abraham asked if the RVs could be kept out of sight from the road.

Mr. Theirl explained that neighbors are consulted about placement when possible.

Mr. Theirl thanked the Committee for their time.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Downtown Thiensville Check Presentation

Rob Kos presented a check in the amount of \$10,000 to the Village on behalf of Downtown Thiensville and thanked the Board for continued support. The funds do not have a determined purpose at this time, possibly streetscaping and branding in Downtown. Downtown Thiensville will work with the Village to determine the best usage.

Administrator LaFond shared that some items under discussion are a flag replacement program, additional lighting in Molyneux Park, and improved event banners.

B. Discussion Regarding Mixed Use Zoning Text Amendment (att)

Director LaFond reviewed the history of the mixed-use zoning districts adopted in 2025, noting that some language from the Central Mixed-Use District was inadvertently carried over into the Neighborhood Mixed-Use District. As drafted, the language required commercial uses in areas where they may not be appropriate, although commercial uses would still be permitted if desired. The zoning map itself was not changed, allowing the Board to continue reviewing individual projects on a case-by-case basis. The proposed text amendment was recommended for approval by the Plan Commission and is scheduled for a statutorily required public hearing at the May Board meeting.

C. Review and Recommendation Regarding Resolution 2026-09 - a Resolution Urging Sustainable State Transportation Funding to Support Local Road Infrastructure (att)

Administrator Landisch-Hansen shared that there has been a statewide decline in road quality overall, while general transportation aid has not kept pace with rising roadway construction and maintenance costs. Administrator Landisch-Hansen noted, for example, the Village received less general transportation aid for 2026, than it did in 2020. The resolution is intended as a call to action ahead of the upcoming biannual State budget to address transportation funding needs.

Trustee Eckert asked why there was such significant year-to-year variation in aid amounts.

Administrator Landisch-Hansen explained that the aid amounts are based on a six-year average of funds spent on roads. Years with higher aid are likely due to increased spending during the corresponding six-year period.

Trustee Lange asked if increased spending on road improvements results in higher aid amounts. Administrator Landisch-Hansen replied that while increased spending can lead to more aid, if the State does not increase the overall aid pool, the available funds are simply divided among communities proportionally.

Administrator Landisch-Hansen added that this resolution is part of a broader effort by municipalities to persuade the State to increase transportation aid funding.

MOTION to Recommend Resolution 2026-09 - a Resolution Urging Sustainable State Transportation Funding to Support Local Road Infrastructure by Trustee Lange **SECONDED** by Trustee Ernster. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

D. Discussion Regarding a Candidate Meet and Greet Initiative (Weber) (att)

Trustee Weber explained that this topic had come up multiple times in discussions with residents. The main concern was that residents felt disconnected from their State and Federal representatives and wanted a better way to interact with them. Trustee Weber sought opinions or suggestions on how to improve this, either before or after the remaining 2026 elections.

Trustee Eckert asked what facilitating this connection would look like from Trustee Weber's perspective.

Trustee Weber referenced the tiers outlined in the attached "Candidate_Meet_&_Greet_Initiative_CotW_May_4" item, considering the level of effort required from Village staff or the Board.

Trustee Lange mentioned that existing events already provide opportunities for candidates to interact with residents, and noted that Village resources may not support additional time and

effort commitments.

Trustee Abraham felt that candidates campaigning for State or Federal office are responsible for advertising their own events and appearances. The Village could potentially share that information but would not organize candidate events.

Trustee Eckert stressed the importance of maintaining the Village's non-partisan role.

President Rosing emphasized that distinguishing between candidates and already elected representatives is important for this discussion.

Trustee Weber agreed on the importance of remaining non-partisan and recognized the risk of appearing biased if not handled properly.

President Rosing summarized the discussion by stating that there appeared to be consensus that the Village would welcome opportunities for already elected representatives to engage with residents, but facilitating events for candidates is not consistent with Village practices.

E. Discussion Regarding Parking Lot Lease Agreement between the Village of Thiensville and Greg Mueller Upholstery (att)

Administrator Landisch-Hansen summarized the terms of the lease, and the subsequent lease modifications, including the automatic renewal provision requiring 60 days' written notice prior to the expiration date. Administrator Landisch-Hansen also noted that the \$400 annual lease rate has remained unchanged since 2010 and is significantly below typical market rates for similar property use.

President Rosing invited the current leasees, Greg and Erin Mueller, to address the Committee.

Mr. Mueller explained that the lot was originally leased in 2005 from a third party following the closure of the local lumberyard. Mr. Mueller stated that the Mueller's have invested significant time and resources into improving and maintaining the lot. Mr. Mueller expressed a strong desire to retain use of the property but indicated a willingness to discuss shared use agreements with another business if necessary.

Committee members discussed several options, including terminating the lease, increasing the lease rate, revising the lease terms, or maintaining the current arrangement. Discussion included considerations of the Mueller's concerns, as well as the availability of budgeted funds needed to properly incorporate the property into the existing municipal parking lot if the lease were terminated. No final decision was reached. President Rosing requested that lease termination be placed on the next Board agenda for further consideration.

F. Review and Recommendation Regarding the Addition of Fireworks to the 2026 Lionsfest (att)

Don Schmidt, representing the Thiensville-Mequon Lions Club, and Matt Mcevilly from Blackhawk Fireworks explained that the Thiensville-Mequon Lions Club would like to add fireworks to the 2026 Lionfest to keep the crowd entertained during the band's break.

Trustee Apostolos inquired about the start time for the fireworks. Mr. Schmidt stated that the show would begin around 9:00 PM, lasting 15-20 minutes.

Trustee Eckert asked what level of sponsorship would be needed to cover costs. The estimated cost is about \$2,500 to \$3,000. The Club is awaiting Board approval before pursuing funding.

Trustee Abraham asked if the launch site would be the same as the one used in the past. Director LaFond explained that the site is further east and south than the site used by Family Fun Before the Fourth, and would require a police or fire department boat to keep the river clear in that area during the show. Administrator Landisch-Hansen had previously spoken with Chief Bialk of the SOFD, who expressed no concerns.

Administrator Landisch-Hansen asked for confirmation that the fireworks would be held only on the Saturday of the event. Mr. Schmidt confirmed this is the case.

MOTION to Recommend the Addition of Fireworks to the 2026 Lionfest by Trustee Abraham **SECONDED** by Trustee Apostolos. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

G. Review and Recommendation Regarding the Following Citizen Appointments

Item	Name	Board/Commission	End of Term
a.	Arthur Liebau	Zoning Board of Appeals	May 4, 2029
b.	Craig Mellendorf	Zoning Board of Appeals	May 4, 2029
c.	Philip Eckert	Historic Preservation Commission	May 4, 2029
d.	Linda Unkefer	Historic Preservation Commission	May 4, 2029
e.	Cynthia Raatz	River Advisory Committee	May 4, 2029
f.	Molly Ticcioni*	River Advisory Committee	May 4, 2029
g.	Doug Chimenti*	SOFD Board and SOFD Commission	May 4, 2027
h.	Joseph Nelson	Plan Commission	May 4,

			2029
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President Rosing shared that since the Agenda was published, Molly Ticcioni has requested to step down. Doug Chimenti is out of the country and has not yet confirmed his re-appointment.

MOTION to Approve Table Line Items a. through h. except line items f. & g. by Trustee Eckert **SECONDED** by Trustee Lange. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

H. Review and Recommendation Regarding the Following Board Appointments

Item	Name	Board/Commission	End of Term
a.	John Rosing (Chair)	Plan Commission	May 4, 2027
b.	David Lange (Trustee)	Plan Commission	May 4, 2027
c.	(Chair)	Historic Preservation Commission	May 4, 2027
d.	Angelina Apostolos (Trustee)	Historic Preservation Commission	May 4, 2027
e.	John Rosing (Chairman)	Southern Ozaukee Fire & EMS Board	May 4, 2027
f.	Kristina Eckert (Trustee)	Southern Ozaukee Fire & EMS Board	May 4, 2027
g.	David Lange (Alternate)	Southern Ozaukee Fire & EMS Board	May 4, 2027
h.	Jennifer Abraham (Trustee)	Weyenberg Library Board	May 4, 2027
i.	(Trustee)	Mid-Moraine Representative	May 4, 2027

The Board discussed which Trustees will be assigned to which bodies.

President Rosing proposed that Trustee Ernster chair the Historic Preservation Commission. However, Tuesday conflicts with Trustee Ernster's on-call schedule with We Energies. Ultimately, the Board nominated Trustee Weber to chair the Historic Preservation Commission.

President Rosing also proposed that Trustee Lange continue as the Trustee representative to Mid-Moraine. Trustee Lange accepted, and Trustee Eckert suggested sharing the responsibility

with Trustee Lange.

MOTION to Approve Table Line Items a. through i. with Trustee Weber being appointed to line item c. and Trustees Lange and Eckert being appointed to line item i. by Trustee Lange **SECONDED** by Trustee Eckert. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

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

A. Acceptance/Report of Gifts Received

1. \$1,000 from the Thiensville-Mequon Lions Club for the Thiensville Police Department Bike Safety Program

2. \$1,000 from the Thiensville-Mequon Lions Club for the Thiensville Police Department Auxillary Program

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

Aye: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

B. Review Meeting Date Schedule

1. May 18, 2026 - Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM

2. June 1, 2026 - Committee of the Whole at 6:00 PM

3. June 15, 2026 - Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM

4. July 6, 2026 - Committee of the Whole at 6:00 PM

Administrator Landisch-Hansen recommended the Board combine the July Committee of the Whole and Board of Trustees meeting due to the Committee of the Whole's proximity to the July 4th holiday.

The Board agreed to a combined meeting on July 20. Trustee Eckert will be unable to attend.

VI. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION to Adjourn to Closed Session at 7:18 PM by Trustee Lange **SECONDED** by Trustee Abraham. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Roll Call Vote

Aye: Abraham, Apostolos, Lange, Rosing, Eckert, Ernster, Weber

No: none

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A. Pursuant to Chapter 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility regarding Village Administrator Annual Evaluation.

VII. MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

MOTION to Reconvene in Open Session Session at 7:40 PM by Trustee Apostolos **SECONDED** by Trustee Lange. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to Adjourn at 7:40 PM by Trustee Lange **SECONDED** by Trustee Apostolos. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Submitted by,

Ben Honeck
Deputy clerk

Signed by,

Colleen Landisch-Hansen
Village Administrator/Clerk