

**VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES**

DATE: Monday, January 18, 2021

LOCATION: Shully's Watermark, 146 Green Bay Road

TIME: 6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Mobley called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

President:	Van Mobley	
Trustees:	Jennifer Abraham	Rob Holyoke
	Angelina Apostolos	Ken Kucharski
	Kristina Eckert	David Lange
Administrator:	Colleen Landisch-Hansen	
Attorney:	Tim Schoonenberg	
Village Planner:	Jon Censky	
Staff:	Fire Chief Brian Reiels	
	Police Chief Curt Kleppin	
	Director of Community Services/Public Works	Andy LaFond
	Village Clerk/Deputy Treasurer	Amy Langlois

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Kucharski led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing No. 1:** This request is to amend the Land Use element of the Village's Comprehensive Plan to change the recommended land use for the parcel of land located at 200 Green Bay Road from Commercial to Single-Family Residential.
- B. Public Hearing No. 2:** This is to rezone the property from B-3 Office/Professional Business District to R-2 Single Family Residential District and Planned Development Overlay (PDO) District.
1. Motion to open Public Hearings

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Holyoke to Open the Public Hearings at 6:02 PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Administrator to read and explain Notice of Public Hearings

Administrator Landisch-Hansen read and explained the Notice of Public Hearings.

3. Comments from anyone present requesting to be heard

Tom Zabjek, President of Lakeside Development and Jill Ridley, Director of Marketing and Real Estate Development were present. Mr. Zabjek shared that this site at 200 Green Bay Road is ideal for this proposed development. The site has been on the market vacant for 12 years. There have been a number of developers that have showed interest but their project did not make economic sense for this site. The pocket neighborhood is a newer concept. People are looking for smaller lots but not necessarily smaller houses. The proposed houses will be about 2,000 square feet and will focus on empty nesters and snowbirds. Mr. Zabjek feels that this type of development is ideal for this site.

Randy Short – 217 Riverview Drive – Mr. Short lives across the street from the proposed development. Mr. Short supports the recommended zoning to single family homes and only objects to the density believing that it is too dense for this size of lot. If the density were decreased, Mr. Short would support this development.

Paul Rosenberg – 213 Riverview Drive - Mr. Rosenberg lives across the street from the proposed development. Mr. Rosenberg likes the concept of the project, however, has a question regarding the setback of the homes. Mr. Rosenberg would like to see more information and is in general support of the project but would like to know where these homes stand on the lot.

Jeff Perez – 218 Riverview Drive – Mr. Perez agrees that this site should be residential and applauds Mr. Zabjek for the research he has done, however, has concerns regarding the density. Mr. Perez chose to live in Thiensville because it is not a dense neighborhood and knows his neighbors. Mr. Perez believes that there will be a maintenance contract for this development and believes this project to be more of “separated apartments”. If these homes are listed at \$450,000 and do not sell, what happens to these properties – will the price point be lowered? Mr. Perez does not feel that Thiensville needs high-density residential neighborhoods and would like to see four homes on this property. Mr. Perez also stated that the intersection is busy and is worried about the infrastructure.

Sam Cutler – 250 Green Bay Road – Mr. Cutler stated he usually has the utmost respect for Mr. Zabjek’s work, however, feels there is something wrong here stating this is clearly not a pocket neighborhood plan. Mr. Cutler referred to the layout of the project as something between Levittown and a trailer park, there is no common area except an alley and the only substantial green is the cash the landowner and the developer will walk away with if the project is approved as is. A true cutting edge eco-friendly pocket neighborhood has a common garden or courtyard as the central feature. These homes are designed to appeal to empty-nesters and single-households. Because of the high cost of demolition and site preparation, this is probably the most expensive residential land per square foot in the Village. Mr. Cutler stated that the Board should relax the maximum density, minimum lot size and minimum setback rules only for a true pocket neighborhood and should be willing to designate some TIF money to make this happen. Mr. Cutler stated that he and some friends might consider contributing some financial support for an exceptional development that is harmonious with this historic neighborhood, but not a penny for this proposed project. Mr. Cutler asked the Board to have Lakeside return with a true pocket neighborhood plan and not to let the constituents down.

John Kukla – 313 Riverview Drive – Mr. Kukla applauds the proposed design as far as making this site residential but has concerns regarding density and expressed concern were there to be a fire and how close the homes are to each other.

Sarah Hughes – 225 Riverview Drive – Ms. Hughes and her family love living in Thiensville. Ms. Hughes understands the lot has been vacant for a long time, however, does not think this proposed project is very “Thiensville”. Riverview Drive is a busy street and speed on this road is a concern. Ms. Hughes is also concerned about the intersection of Riverview Drive and Green Bay Road and the amount of traffic the added cars would bring. Also, Ms. Hughes inquired about the property values and if these homes on a smaller lot drive down property values?

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Scott Shully – 146 Green Bay Road – Mr. Shully, owner of seven properties in Thiensville, expressed 100% support of the proposed development stating that this will bring more to Thiensville. Mr. Shully recalled that years ago Thiensville was “depressed” but has thrived over the years. The river, the park, cheel, Remington’s, all the places you can walk to make this community vibrant. This project moving forward would be a good thing and would be a value to this community.

Cindy Reilly – 231 Riverview Drive – Ms. Reilly and her family have lived in Thiensville for 34 years. Ms. Reilly shared concerns regarding density and that what is proposed is too many homes on this site. Ms. Reilly likes the plan but does not believe there is enough green space and would also like to see an exit on Green Bay Road rather than only one on Riverview Drive because Green Bay Road is a wider road. Ms. Reilly believes that this is a better proposal than what has been proposed so far and likes that a local developer is interested in this site.

Steve O’Brien – 222 Riverview Drive – Mr. O’Brien echoed the sentiments of all his neighbors. He likes the proposal but expressed concerns regarding density as well as the possibility of vacancies due to other development in the area. Also, Mr. O’Brien shared concern regarding infrastructure and the strain that may be felt by the Fire Department as well as the Department of Public Works. Density was the main concern.

Jim Reilly – 231 Riverview Drive – Mr. Reilly believes that this is by far the best proposal for this site and the developer (known by Mr. Reilly) is an individual that demands high quality. There are some concerns regarding density, and Mr. Reilly asked the Board to work with the developer on this. Mr. Reilly is concerned about the added cars exiting onto Riverview Drive and wondered if there may be parking restriction on Riverview Drive i.e. parking on only one side and also stated that this is a good foundational project.

Ronald Heinritz – 202 Grand Avenue – Mr. Heinritz commented that building homes is a good thing; however, this project would be much improved if it was not so dense and if there was more green space.

4. Administrator reads any correspondence received related to the request

Administrator Landisch-Hansen read correspondence received relating to this request:

Sam Cutler – 250 Green Bay Road – Mr. Cutler is encouraged that a well-respected applicant has come forward with a plan for a low-impact “pocket neighborhood”. Mr. Cutler believes that if the applicant finds the cost for demolition and remediation of the site to be unexpectedly high, the owner’s price for the land should be adjusted and the responsibility of the Board is to pay attention to aesthetics, environmental concerns and quality of life issues. Also, Mr. Cutler stated that the Board should not be afraid to say “no” to a plan with too many homes that are too large for the available space. It was also stated that Mr. Cutler believes that the Board should consider directing some of the money committed for redevelopment on North Main Street to make this project work. A cleverly designed “pocket neighborhood” will result in a tidy, low-impact gem that pays homage to the welcoming, free-thinking German immigrants who settled along Green Bay Road many years ago.

Chris Knuth – 701 Riverview Drive – Mr. Knuth believes the proposed development is too dense and will add too many cars to the neighborhood and is out of character with the surrounding neighborhood. Mr. Knuth concurs with individual family units but the number should be cut in half.

Julie R. Kiel – 205 Vernon Avenue – Ms. Kiel likes the artist’s/architect’s drawings, however, feels the density is too high and that there should be an entrance on Green Bay Road as well as Riverview Drive. Ms. Kile suggested that 8 (10 max) units with a central shared green space would better suit the neighborhood. Lakeside is a respected and quality developer and hopes the Village can come to a suitable agreement with them and move forward.

Elizabeth Meadows-Kile – 116 South Orchard Street – Ms. Meadows-Kile shared her support of the proposed pocket neighborhood stating this is a good use of the property and fills a void in the community. This development will be a nice compliment to the area and help support local businesses while improving the tax base. Ms. Meadows-Kiles hopes this project moves forward.

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Laurie Rappa – 316 Riverview Drive – Ms. Rappa shared that she has seen many proposals come before the Board and is excited about this development agreeing that it is dense but not overly so. The architectural layout and feeling of the development will help it to fit well into Thiensville and will be a great addition to the community.

Bonnie Heintskill – 307 Bel Aire Drive – Ms. Heintskill has lived in Thiensville since 1986 and has seen a lot of changes. Ms. Heintskill does not agree with the pocket community stating it is too high in density for that small acreage suggesting only 8 houses instead of 16. Also, concern was shared that there is only access to the houses via a narrow dead-end alley which will impact emergency services as well as the Department of Public Works. The narrow alley will make it difficult if there is ever a need to fight a fire and for EMT's to get inside with gurneys. Also, if there is a fire in one home with the homes so close, could it catch the neighboring home on fire as well. Ms. Heintskill would prefer to see the property used for the Mequon-Thiensville Historical Society's use instead of homes.

Ellen McKay – 601 Oakwood Drive – Ms. McKay has been a resident of Thiensville for the past 35 years. Ms. McKay feels this would be a very important project to proceed with for the Village, and Lakeside Development builds beautiful homes which would enhance our area. Homes like this are a great opportunity for people to own a home with all the yardwork and shoveling taken care of. Ms. McKay asked that this project move forward and believes it will improve the community and encourage more to move to Thiensville.

Mr. Zabjek responded to concerns expressed about density. There is a reason the property has been vacant for 12 years – there are significant costs for redevelopment. Mr. Zabjek shared that it costs well over \$500,000 just for the property and to demo the building there is a significant amount of contamination (estimate for asbestos remediation is well over \$1 million). There will be well over \$1 million spent before putting a shovel in the ground to build a house. There are 16 homes proposed. The only way this site makes sense economically, is to develop the property and build houses. Another question regarding the economy – will the homes be able to be sold? Lakeside Development has been in business for over 40 years and knows the market. In reference to Mr. Cutler's comment that this is not truly a pocket neighborhood, Mr. Zabjek agreed and noted that this is not a pocket neighborhood – it is the closest thing to it. A pocket neighborhood has a common area where people can congregate.

5. Comments from the Village Board

Trustee Lange inquired if access from Green Bay Road as well as Riverview Drive has been considered. Mr. Zabjek stated that logistically this does not work because the property is longer than it is wide. The road will be 22 feet wide so two cars can pass.

Trustee Abraham asked Mr. Zabjek to speak to the setback on the south side of the project. From the sidewalk on Green Bay Road to the foot of the front steps is about 6 feet and on Riverview Drive it is wider, about 13 feet.

Mr. Zabjek stated that the approved Hawthorne Square project in the Village has about 80 apartments and a few commercial buildings, then moving east, there are a few apartment buildings that are less dense and then further east would be the Lakeside Development with even fewer residences.

Mr. Perez inquired what the assessment would be to each individual property owner if the Village purchased this property and made this green space. Mr. Zabjek shared that the assessment on this property is less than \$400,000 and when the project is completed it will be in excess of \$7 million.

C. MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

MOTION by Trustee Holyoke, **SECONDED** by Trustee Lange to Close the Public Hearings at 6:48 PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon request of any Trustee, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda for special consideration.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Board of Trustees**
 - 1. December 14, 2020

MOTION by Trustee Apostolos, **SECONDED** by Trustee Eckert to approve the December 14, 2020 Board of Trustees Minutes. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI. DEPARTMENT REPORTS (Receipt)

- A. Department Reports (Receipt)**
 - 1. Fire Department
 - a. 4th Quarter Fire, 2020
 - 2. Police Department
 - a. December Police, 2020
 - 3. Public Works Department
 - a. December DPW, 2020

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Apostolos to accept the Fire Department 4th Quarter Report and the December Police Department Report. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

VIII. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Mequon-Thiensville Bike and Pedestrian Way Commission**
 - 1. March 5, 2020 (not available)
- B. Milwaukee River Advisory Committee**
 - 1. June 3, 2020 (not available)
- C. Plan Commission**
 - 1. October 13, 2020
 - 2. December 15, 2020

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Eckert to approve the October 13, 2020 and December 15, 2020 Plan Commission Minutes. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- D. Capital Expenditures**
 - 1. December 31, 2020
 - 2. January 18, 2021

Administrator Landisch-Hansen shared that the December 31, 2020 Capital Report is preliminary; this may change after the audit.

There are three capital expenditure requests. The Police Department requests include \$25,000 for 3 squad cameras and 7 body cameras and \$4,000 for a digital camera/lens/flash and the Department of Public Works requests \$2,250 for a new gate card reader for the yard waste site.

MOTION by Trustee Eckert, **SECONDED** by Trustee Apostolos to approve the December 31, 2020 and January 18, 2021 Capital Expenditures. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

BUSINESS AGENDA

IX. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

- A. Accounts Payable for All Funds**
 - 1. Accounts Payable**
 - a. December 14, 2020 through January 15, 2021

Administrator Landisch-Hansen shared that the accounts payable for the period of December 14, 2020 through January 15, 2021 total \$3,714,410.80. Included in this are the January tax settlements which include payments to MATC for \$268,021.05, MTSD for \$1,853,284.66 and Ozaukee County for \$371,941.66. Also, included is the closeout minus the retainage for the Buntrock watermain project which was \$247,120.21, a payment to Bonnilake Real Estate for \$50,000.00 and the 2021 Capital Charge to MMSD for \$434,111.00.

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Holyoke to approve the Accounts Payable for December 14, 2020 through January 15, 2021 in the amount of \$3,714,410.80. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 2. Financial Report (Receipt)**
 - a. December, 2020

The Financial Report was received.

X. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Appointment**
 - 1. Operator's License – New**
 - a. Remington's River Inn
Taylor Vanderbloemen

MOTION by Trustee Kucharski, **SECONDED** by Trustee Eckert to approve the New Operator's License for Taylor Vanderbloemen – Remington's River Inn. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

XI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Department Reports **1. Administrator's Report**

Administrator Landisch-Hansen shared that there will be a 2021 Spring Primary that will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. The only position on the ballot will be for the Superintendent of Public Instruction where the field will be reduced from 7 to 2.

December tax collections yielded 59.3% of the total taxes due, compared to 63.29% last year. Final day for Village collection is Friday, January 30, 2021. There is also a 5-day walk in grace period.

The annual audit is scheduled for the week of February 8th.

Enrollment forms have been submitted to the WI Department of Health and Social Services to determine eligibility for the Village to be a vaccination site for future vaccine phases. The WI Department of Health and Social Services will follow up with next steps once they have verified the forms.

The Wisconsin Policy Forum is in the homestretch of their analysis with the draft report being about 75% completed. It is expected to have a completed draft sometime the week of January 18th. The next step will be to meet with the Ozaukee County Fire Chiefs on Thursday of this week and then Administrators will review the draft the week of January 25th and a final draft review with chief elected officials will follow. There is also plans to have an Elected Official Virtual Launch meeting the week of February 15th. The Wisconsin Policy Forum will formally present their report to the Village Board in March.

President Mobley inquired if there was anything the Board can do to help distribute vaccinations in the Village and asked if there were any suggestions for Administrator Landisch-Hansen to look into. Vaccinations have been offered to the Fire Department. Trustee Holyoke will keep the Board informed from the County.

2. Building Inspection Department (Receipt) **a. December, 2020 Report**

The Building Inspection Department report was received.

XII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No Attorney's report.

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Review and approval of Resolution No. 2021-01 Adopting an Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for 2035 Changing the Recommended Land Use For The Parcel Of Land Located At 200 Green Bay Road (Tax Parcel ID No. 12-050-04-19-000), From the Commercial Classification to Single-Family Residential

Trustee Eckert inquired about the infrastructure and any impacts that this development may have on the Village. Fire Chief Brian Reiels shared that certainly the density is a concern from a fire standpoint, however, there are exterior finishes that do help. As far as accessibility for patient care, even with this density, this will not adversely affect the Fire Department. Trustee Abraham inquired if there was any concern that there is only one way for ingress and egress. Chief Reiels does not see this as a large concern. Mr. Zabjek did state that the exterior of the homes is non-flammable.

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Trustee Eckert also addressed the concern shared about traffic. Trustee Eckert lives near the development and is at this intersection many times during the day many times not seeing a car pass her and inquired if there has been any traffic study conducted. Director Andy LaFond shared that the proposed use is a lesser use than the existing available use.

Trustee Kucharski has some mixed feelings regarding the project. First, this is the best project that has been presented for this lot in the last 10 years. Trustee Kucharski also lives on Riverview Drive and shared concerns expressed by his neighbors regarding the density, however, understands the return on Mr. Zabjek's investment.

Trustee Holyoke likes this project offering another opportunity for housing for people to stay in Thiensville and agrees that this is the best proposal that the Village has had for this site.

Trustee Lange also likes this proposal stating it is the best the Village has seen in a long time. Trustee Lange is also concerned about the density. Lakeside Development is a quality developer, and this is a very interesting proposal. Trustee Lange thanked Mr. Zabjek.

Trustee Apostolos likes the proposal as well and wholeheartedly believes there will be 16 families that will want to live here in Thiensville in these homes.

Trustee Abraham also lives on Riverview Drive and supports the project. Trustee Abraham would like to know what this will look like from Riverview Drive and suggested having the southern elevation look good and not be hidden. Trustee Abraham is also concern about density.

The next step will be a Developer's Agreement that will be before the Plan Commission and then back before the Village Board.

President Mobley believes that this project fits into the Village nicely.

Director LaFond shared the following:

The current building was built in 1963 and last occupied in 2007

1.84 acres

Current assessment is \$387,900

Site Notes: 4 drive-thru lanes, 43 parking spaces and at one point had an additional parking lot across the street with 24 additional spaces

2009

Proposal by MSP Real Estate for a senior housing and memory care

Units proposed: 68

Units Per Acre: 36.95

Rezoning request denied

2013

Proposal by MSP Real Estate for multi-family

Units proposed: 60

Units Per Acre: 36.95

Rezoning request denied

2015

Proposal by The Hoff Group for townhomes

Units Proposed: 44

Units Per Acre: 23.91

Proposal withdrawn by developer

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In addition, since 2007, Village staff have met with many interested parties. Projects considered were restaurants, chiropractic offices, engineering firm, offices for a university, lawyer's office, financial firm and a church. Some of the complications included inability to obtain property from owner and high cost for remediation and renovation. In 2016 it was estimated that to renovate the building would cost between \$500,000-\$600,000.

Storm water is reviewed and addressed in the Developer's Agreement. Requirements are reviewed by the Village Engineer, MMSD and the DNR. The current proposal has more green space than the current condition.

A 2009 sewer analysis completed by the Village Engineer indicated capacity for 60 units on the site. Sanitary sewer capacity will again be reviewed as part of the approval process for a new development.

Director LaFond shared some comparable developments in the Village:

Village Green Homes Proposed Pocket Neighborhood - Green Bay Road

16 Homes
1.84 Acres
8.69 Units Per Acre
One Driveway

The Pines - Heidel Road

12 Units
1.12 Acres
10.7 Units Per Acre
One Driveway

Thiensville Village Homes - Elm Street

14 Units
1.8 Acres
7.77 Units Per Acre
One Driveway

White Coach Condominiums - Main Street

12 Units
.91 Acres
13.1 Units Per Acre
One Driveway

Village Estate Condominiums - North Main Street

44 Units
3.44 Acres
12.79 Units Per Acre
Driveway, Two way in with one-way exit

Village Place Condominiums - Freistadt Road

16 Units
1.17 Acres
13.67 Units Per Acre
One-Way Driveway

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Water's Edge Condominiums - Lake Bluff Road
32 Units
2.3 Acres
13.9 Units Per Acre
4 Driveway Entrances

LakeView Condominiums - Lake Bluff Road
12 Units
.87 Acres
12.37 Units Per Acre
One Entrance

Willowbrook Place - Green Bay Road
60 Units
2.46 Acres
22 Units Per Acre
One Entrance

The current zoning code densities are as follows:

<u>District</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Units/Acre</u>
R-1	Single-Family Residential	3.2
R-2	Single-Family Residential	6.4
R-3	Two-Family Residential	5.8
R-4	Multi-Family Residential	11.5
R-5	Multi-Family Residential	14
PDO	Planned Development Overlay	22

President Mobley also mentioned that having two entryways may encourage people to drive through as a short-cut and supports the entryway on Riverview Drive. President Mobley is in support of this proposal as proposed.

Planner Censky shared that if the zoning is approved this evening, this type of zoning and PDO are tied to the plans so this zoning is specific to the plans presented; the plan is approved by approving the zoning subject to the Developer's Agreement and architectural approvals. Planner Censky also stated that typically communities have the highest density near the central business district which promotes walkability. In this instance, there is high density directly west which then transitions down to this density and then residential. This falls in line with how Villages develop.

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Holyoke to approve Resolution 2021-01 Adopting an Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for 2035 Changing the Recommended Land Use for the Parcel of Land Located at 200 Green Bay Road (Tax Parcel ID No. 12-050-04-19-000), From the Commercial Classification to Single-Family Residential.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B.** Review and approval of Ordinance No. 2021-01 An Ordinance Rezoning the Property at 200 Green Bay Road in the Village of Thiensville from B-3 Office and Professional Service District to R-2 (PDO) Single-Family Residential and Planned Development Overlay

Planner Censky shared that the PDO increases the allowable density from 6.4 units per acre to 8.7 units per acre and are reducing the lots size for this project from 6,800 square feet as required in the R-2 district to 3,356 square feet. The allowable setback is also reduced from 25 feet to 3 feet in the front and from 5 feet to 3 feet on the side yard. The Board does have the authority to approve these modifications with PDO zoning.

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MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Holyoke to approve Ordinance No. 2021-01 An Ordinance Rezoning the Property at 200 Green Bay Road in the Village of Thiensville from B-3 Office and Professional Service District to R-2 (PDO) Single-Family Residential and Planned Development Overlay. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**C. Review and approval to Promote Joel Deutsch to the Position of Assistant Chief/
EMS Director**

Chief Reiels is recommending Joel Deutsch be promoted to the position of Assistant Chief. Joel has proven himself time and time again. Chief Reiels shared that it is an honor and privilege to make this recommendation.

Trustee Abraham inquired if there was a job description available to review. Administrator Landisch-Hansen shared that this job description will be updated with the personnel attorney. Chief Reiels shared that the duties of the Deputy Chief and Assistant Chief are not that much different. The difference is really a matter of command function at major incidents; he will be second to Chief Reiels instead of third. Chief Reiels believes that Mr. Deutsch is up to the challenge. Trustee Abraham inquired if the position of Administrative Assistant should be looked at to be filled and is concerned about putting too much on Mr. Deutsch. Administrator Landisch-Hansen shared that the position of Administrative Assistant was a part-time position. The payroll duties were passed on to Mr. Deutsch and Village Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Amy Langlois and the calls that come in are being answered by the Police Department Dispatcher. Chief Reiels stated that procedures have changed which were mostly manual and processes have been streamlined.

Chief Reiels shared that there are five new members that will be attending class this semester. There was an incredible Facebook response in December. There are also three senior members going on for further classes.

Trustee Lange shared that he has heard nothing but good things about Mr. Deutsch and things may look very different in a year or more from now based on the fire study.

Trustee Abraham inquired about the day-to-day activities and how much Thiensville is asking for aide from other municipalities. Chief Reiels stated that we do call upon the City of Mequon several times per year if we have a staffing shortage or if there is an ongoing call but certainly almost half of our call volume goes to Cedarburg for paramedic intercepts. This keeps our paramedics going and is an important piece of our revenue. This is not at a loss to Thiensville and no impact to our residents.

Chief Reiels thanked the Board.

MOTION by Trustee Eckert, **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski to approve Promotion of Joel Deutsch to the Position of Assistant Chief/EMS Director. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**D. Discussion and possible action regarding Village Meeting Format and Safety Precautions
(Trustee Holyoke)**

Trustee Holyoke would like to see safety precautions more strict at Village Board meetings and for the Board to agree to wear masks to meetings until June 30, 2021 especially because meeting by Zoom is not available. Trustee Holyoke feels as though Zoom should be available for safety as well as for transparency.

President Mobley indicated that the Board has chosen in the past to not broadcast the Board meetings. Trustee Holyoke stated that the technology is here to do so.

President Mobley believes that the performance of the Village in the midst of the pandemic is superior.

Trustee Eckert shared that June is too far out there due to the fact that the vaccine is available and there are those that have had the virus already.

Trustee Holyoke shared that the County Board has discussed wearing masks at meetings until July – this is subject to change.

MOTION by Trustee Holyoke to Request Face Masks at Village Board Meetings Until June 30, 2021.

MOTION NOT CARRIED.

NEXT RESOLUTION NUMBER:	2021-02
NEXT ORDINANCE NUMBER:	2021-02

XIV. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

XV. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

A. Citizens to be Heard

Open to any citizen who wishes to speak on items not on the agenda. Please step to the podium and give your name and address for the record.

Jim Reilly – 231 Riverview Drive – Mr. Reilly addressed the Board again expressing concern regarding the process of meetings stating citizens are asked to come forward to give comments and the Board has documentation in front of them that citizens do not. Mr. Reilly also stated that the citizens did not leave the meeting this evening thinking there is a subsidy coming and what that subsidy is; thoughts are shared by the citizens, they leave and then conversations occur that the citizens are not aware of. Also, Mr. Reilly's concern regarding parking was not addressed. There is not enough room for parking on both sides on Elm Street so emergency vehicles have to use Riverview Drive. Mr. Reilly also cautioned the Board to be careful when they accept comparisons regarding other projects; this is a single family project, not a condo project. Mr. Reilly asked that when future discussions occur, will the citizens be part of those conversations? President Mobley shared that citizens can always contact a Board member to share their concerns. Trustee Holyoke shared that Mr. Zabjek's project is dense enough where he should not need any subsidy. Trustee Eckert apologized to Mr. Reilly for not bringing parking up during discussions. Mr. Reilly referred to the input that citizens were able to provide regarding the Elm Street condos and what a great project that turned out to be. President Mobley shared that the Village website does provide residents with the meeting dates and other development information.

XVI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XVII. ANY OTHER MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS BY THE TRUSTEES AS MAY BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD, OR CARRIED OVER FROM THE DECEMBER 14, 2020 VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

- A. Inter-Governmental Committee with Mequon
- B. Use of 101 Green Bay Road, Old Village Hall & Fire Station
- C. Acceptance/Report of Gifts Received:
 - 1. \$1,011.50 to Village Park Reimagined from Thiensville Business Association
 - 2. \$5,000 to Village Park Reimagined from Marla and Jeff Williams
 - 3. \$50 to Thiensville Fire Department from Henry and Elizabeth Bjorkman
- D. Dialog with Mequon regarding water utility service
- E. Review next month's meeting date schedule:
 - February 1, 2021 – Committee of the Whole at 6:00 PM
 - February 15, 2021 – Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Eckert to accept the gifts of \$1,011.50 to Village Park Reimagined from Thiensville Business Association, \$5,000 to Village Park Reimagined from Marla and Jeff Williams and \$50 to Thiensville Fire Department from Henry and Elizabeth Bjorkman with Much Gratitude. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Trustee Lange inquired of any update regarding an ice rink in Village Park. Administrator Landisch-Hansen shared that Village staff continue to meet and research its feasibility.

The February Committee of the Whole and Board of Trustees meeting will be combined and held on Monday, February 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

XIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Trustee Apostolos, **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:57 PM deliberating about the investment of public funds in future Village properties requiring a Closed Session due to the competitive nature and bargaining positions at risk if conducted in a public meeting. Such Closed Session is authorized pursuant to Wis. Stats. Article 19.85(1)(e).

- 1. Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Trustees Abraham, Apostolos, Eckert, Holyoke, Kucharski, Lange and President Mobley.

Naes: None

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

- 1. Vote of Board to reconvene
- 2. Review and possible action regarding Closed Session topic

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Apostolos to reconvene into Open Session at 8:36 PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Trustee Abraham, **SECONDED** by Trustee Lange to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Submitted by,



Amy L. Langlois
Village Clerk

Approved by,



Colleen Landisch-Hansen
Administrator