

**VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES**

DATE: Monday, November 5, 2012

**LOCATION: 250 Elm Street
Thiensville, WI**

**TIME: Immediately following a Budget Public Hearing
Scheduled at 6:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Mobley called the meeting to order at 6:45PM.

II. ROLL CALL

President:	Van Mobley	
Trustees:	Kim Beck (left at 7:25PM)	Kenneth Kucharski
	Ronald Heinritz	David Lange
	Rob Holyoke	John Treffert
Administrator:	Dianne Robertson	
Staff:	Director of Public Works Andy LaFond,	Fire Chief Brian Reiels
	Police Chief Scott Nicholson	

III. BUSINESS

A. Review Capital Expenditures List

B. Review and recommendation regarding Resolution No. 2012-27 Adopting the 2013 Budget and Establishing the 2012 Tax Levy and Rate

The proposed budget reduces the levy and rate for the tax bills for fiscal year 2012, budget year 2013.

MOTION by Trustee Holyoke, **SECONDED** by Trustee Lange to recommend to the Board approval of Resolution No. 2012-27 Adopting the 2013 Budget and Establishing the 2012 Tax Levy and Rate. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. Review and recommendation regarding a request from the Mequon-Thiensville Historical Society for annual funding of \$2,000

This is a request from Mr. Robert Blazich who is President of the Mequon-Thiensville Historical Society. Mr. Blazich is a Thiensville resident. Mequon contributes "in kind" \$10,000 per year in space and utilities to the historical society and Mr. Blazich is asking Thiensville to fund something for the organization. Administrator Robertson had suggested website space on the Village website. Trustee Treffert feels that a vibrant historical society helps a historic community such as Thiensville and is in favor of annual funding. Trustee Heinritz stated that Thiensville's portion of the library funding went up \$7,488 this year and is not sure he is in favor of this. He is in favor of restoring the old Village Hall first. Trustee Kucharski likes the idea of providing website space. Trustee Holyoke suggested funding \$1,000 annually and to provide space on the Village website.

MOTION by Trustee Kucharski, **SECONDED** by Trustee Lange to recommend to the Board funding to the M-T Historical Society not to exceed \$1,000 for a computer and website space in-kind to be reviewed annually.

MOTION by Trustee Kucharski, **SECONDED** by Trustee Lange to rescind the previous motion and table this item until the December COW. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- D.** Review and recommendation regarding Resolution No. 2012-28 Accepting a STP Grant for Main Street in the amount of \$544,784

Trustee Treffert asked what the project will cost and Administrator Robertson has an estimate from Engineer Mike Campbell of \$708,280 so the Village share for construction would be about \$163,496.

MOTION by Trustee Treffert, **SECONDED** by Trustee Heinritz to recommend to the Board accepting Resolution No. 2012-28 Accepting a STP Grant for Main Street in the amount of \$544,784. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- E.** Review and recommendation regarding the Intergovernmental Meeting with the School District and the City of Mequon (Trustee Beck)

Trustee Beck does not see a need to meet quarterly unless there are some very specific outcomes that will benefit the Village. Trustee Beck does not want this to be too highly structured. There will be enough to have ongoing communication and meet every 6 months. Branding would be a good concept/topic for the group. Trustee Treffert has attended at least 5 School Board meetings in the last 2 months for the purpose of trying to understand their governing process and the role of a Superintendent versus an Administrator and the issues that they are dealing with. Trustee Treffert still does not understand their governing process, and commented that they have a constituency that is the same as the Village but their mission is really different.

They are in a transition process with some new Board members. With the election coming up in April this could change the complexion significantly with the people that attend the meeting in January. Trustee Treffert feels that time is better spent on the Renaissance Committee efforts and to delay this meeting until June when the new players are in place. Trustee Beck stated that when they do meet he wants a very clear goal and what is going to be achieved at the meetings. Trustee Lange is not in favor of 5-year plans with the Community Conversation meetings or in general. The Board discussed meeting January 16, 2013 just for discussion purposes with the other entities. Trustee Beck wants a clear goal with what will come out of this meeting.

- F.** Review and recommendation regarding a new business sign loan program (Trustee Treffert)

Trustee Treffert commented that signs may not be as big of an issue as they seem to be but the Board should defer this until the Renaissance Commission comes back with ideas from the business owners. Trustee Lange stated that one of the main aspects discussed by the business owners was to arrange low interest loans from local banks for signage, improvements or start-up.

No action will be taken at this time. This will wait until the Main Street plans come into place.

- G.** Review and recommendation regarding business survey results (Trustees Beck & Lange)

There were survey results from the businesses included in the packets. Trustee Lange explained that the idea was to get more information from the businesses as to what they like and don't like about doing business in Thiensville. There are approximately 130 businesses in Thiensville. Many of the Thiensville businesses are not on the list and the Renaissance Commission will attempt to get this information. These are the following survey results:

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- Cost of Space: The cost of space seems to be fair priced although there is a lot of discrepancy in rent

- amounts from place to place. There was a recommendation to work with land owners to establish a “best practices” in order to rid the Village of the several “for rent” signs.
- Taxes: Taxes seem to be at or slightly above average for an upscale community with provenance.
- Quality of Infrastructure: Infrastructure seems to be the biggest issue that Green Bay Road is facing (building maintenance).
- Availability of well-qualified employees: Basically there are no improvements that need to be addressed.
- Level of Support/interest from the Village: There are difficulties with the historic and plan commissions and the time involved. The Village should take proactive measure to ensure that a business gets everything in place from the beginning.
- Parking: There seems to be a lot of vacant buildings and parking lots in the area.

Trustee Kucharski stated that he feels that the 2 biggest overwhelming factors with businesses were the economy and competition. Trustee Treffert feels this committee endeavor is fantastic and the committee should zero in on 1-2 items other than the economy to help businesses. Trustee Beck feels that there is a very vocal minority of business owners that feel there has been a certain injustice in their situation. If there is some way to lessen these unfair feelings of these particular people that would be a productive thing to do. Trustee Lange feels this committee should come to the Board and tell the Board the solutions that they have come up with as time progresses. President Mobley stated that signage is always a contentious issue. Trustee Lange said that these people that complain should recommend a solution. The Renaissance Commission will create a list of draft goals.

H. Review and recommendation regarding beer garden concept in Village Park (Trustee Lange)

Trustee Lange commented that Shorewood put in a Beer Garden in Estabrook Park which is drawing a tremendous number of people and is very nice. 20% of the liquor and 10% of the food profits go to the Village of Shorewood. Many people have approached Trustee Lange regarding this topic. The police and fire departments should be taken into consideration along with the set functions that are part of the summer season in the park. Trustee Holyoke feels this should be started out slow. The Village would not run this it would be run by an entity like Hans Weisberger for instance. The goal is to make the Village Park a destination for people and this could be a draw.

Trustee Heinritz feels that this would compete with local businesses. President Mobley stated that if this could be done in such a way that the Village would add the number of people coming into the Village and not damage the current number of clientele for the local businesses this would be the best. Fire Chief Reiels feels the park is underutilized and it is an “unknown jewel”.

I. Report on Thiensville Business Renaissance Commission Progress (Trustees Beck & Lange)

See item G.

J. Set Village Board meeting date for November 13, 2012 at 6PM.

The meeting was set for November 13, 2012 at 6PM.

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K. Review and recommendation regarding Resolution No. 2012-29 Accepting a Temporary Limited Easement Agreement and a Parking Lot & Dry Land Access Easement Agreement between Reuter & Associates, Inc. and the Village of Thiensville

The parking lot exit would be off of Reuter's property (118 N. Main Street) and the entrance would be near the old Village Hall on Village property. Dry land access would be provided which will bring properties north of this site out of the floodway. This will have public parking included. During Reuter's business hours five of the parking stalls would be reserved for them. After hours the spaces become available to the public.

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Holyoke to recommend to the Board approval of Resolution No. 2012-29 Accepting a Temporary Limited Easement Agreement and a Parking Lot & Dry Land Access Easement Agreement between Reuter & Associates, Inc. and the Village of Thiensville. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- L. Review and recommendation regarding Resolution No. 2012-30 Approving an Agreement with Ruekert & Mielke to prepare and complete the request for proposal process for Village owned property on North Main Street

This is for 126-128 N. Main Street (D and D Electronics).

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Holyoke to recommend to the Board approval of Resolution No. 2012-30 Approving an Agreement with Ruekert & Mielke to prepare and complete the request for proposal process for Village owned property on North Main Street. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEXT RESOLUTION NUMBER:	2012-31
NEXT ORDINANCE NUMBER:	2012-05

IV. 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.

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

- A. Inter-Governmental Committee with Mequon
- B. Use of 101 Green Bay Road, Old Village Hall & Fire Station
- C. Acceptance/Report of Gifts Received
- D. Dialog with Mequon regarding water utility service
- E. Review next month's meeting date schedule

VI. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Trustee Treffert, **SECONDED** by Trustee Lange to adjourn the meeting to closed session at 7:58PM 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 personnel issue and evaluation of Village administrator.

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- 1. Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Trustees Heinritz, Holyoke, Kucharski, Lange, Treffert and President Mobley.

Naes: None

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

1. Vote of Board to reconvene.

MOTION by Trustee Holyoke, **SECONDED** by Trustee Heinritz to reconvene in open session at 8:28PM.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Discussion and possible recommendation on Closed Session.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Trustee Holyoke, **SECONDED** by Trustee Heinritz to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Submitted by,

Approved by,

Susan R. Conway
Administrative Assistant

Dianne S. Robertson
Village Clerk