

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

DATE: Tuesday, January 3, 2012

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

TIME: 6:00PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

President:	Karl Hertz	
Trustees:	Ronald Heinritz	Van Mobley
	Rob Holyoke	Donald Molyneux
	Toni Ihler	John Treffert
Administrator:	Dianne Robertson	
Staff:	Police Chief Richard Preston, Director of Public Works Andy LaFond,	

III. BUSINESS

A. Review Capital Expenditures List

The fire department server crashed yesterday and this needs to be replaced.

B. Review and recommendation regarding Walgreen's request to sell spirits

Mr. Rick Sturna, District Manager, 12022 N. Ridgeway Avenue, Mequon, WI was in attendance. Walgreens has a Class "A" License for Beer and Liquor. Trustee Mobley does not want Walgreens to sell spirits. There is one end stand in the store that is devoted to wine specials and is at the front of the store facing the photo counter. The intention would be to use this end stand for spirits so this would not be a large area. President Hertz feels it is easier to control full size bottles of liquor rather than smaller bottles. The full size bottles are what Walgreens carries right now. If they ever did carry smaller bottles they would put them behind the counter by the cigarettes in a controlled area. This request for sale of spirits is coming from corporate Walgreens.

The hours of sale are 8:00AM to 9:00PM but the state has changed the beer law to allow sales from 6:00AM. to 12:00 midnight. Village Ordinance does not allow Class "A" sales between 9:00PM and 8:00AM. Saukville, Grafton, Cedarburg have full liquor sales and Mequon full liquor sales will happen next month. Fox Point has only wine and beer sales and Brown Deer has no liquor sales whatsoever.

MOTION by Trustee Treffert, **SECONDED** by Trustee Molyneux to recommend to the Board allowing Walgreens to sell spirits and any smaller size containers of 750 ml. or less to be sold in a controlled area. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**C. Review and recommendation regarding Post Office survey results
(Trustee Holyoke)**

Trustee Holyoke reported that he felt the results of the survey were not mandatory but advisory and felt the survey was a total waste of time and postal services. Trustee Holyoke feels that Mequon should pay for the survey since they wanted this change. Trustee Holyoke feels this really won't affect Mequon or Thiensville residents at all and feels that the historic part of Thiensville was ignored by the Post Office and Mequon. There has been property taxes lost due to the Post Office location in Thiensville. The survey was to include a question regarding the two zip codes not being broken down between 53092 and 53097. Trustee Holyoke wants to know the percentages of people that live in the 53092 area and the 53097 area.

Trustee Mobley agrees with Trustee Holyoke and does not believe this was the work of one man, Warren Stumpe, it is the work of the Mequon Common Council, the Mayor and the City of Mequon. The stated reason for the change is there are businesses that are being damaged by having to be the acceptable city. The Village does not want Mequon businesses to be damaged but we do not want the damage that is being inflicted upon them to be inflicted upon Thiensville. This is not a suitable remedy. President Hertz stated that he never heard that any businesses were being damaged and that this is plainly a matter of persistence by Warren Stumpe. The Thiensville Post Office has been in Thiensville for 100 years. Trustee Mobley commented that there was more support from Thiensville for the idea of trying to get the Village Board to change Main Street to Cedarburg Road than there was for them changing any portion of Cedarburg Road to Main Street.

Trustee Heinritz is also upset with the fact that Mequon did not give any consideration to the historic significance of the Post Office. Trustee Treffert does not want to dignify this topic with any retaliation from the Village at this time.

D. Review and recommendation regarding 2011 special events reports

- 1) June 17, 2011 Thiensville Criterion Bicycle Race
- 2) June 25, 2011 Family Fun Before the Fourth
- 3) November 24, 2011 Turkey Trot 5K Race
- 4) Personnel Costs/Commitment for Special Events

President Hertz really appreciates the fact that Chief Preston put together the reports on the events after they occur. Chief Preston reported that all of these events have some merit for the community, some are received better than others. The bottom line from Chief Preston's perspective is the cost for personnel from Police, Fire and Public Works in assisting these sponsoring organizations in presenting the event. Chief Preston asked the Board if they would like to consider billing back these organizations for some of the expenses incurred. This year was an exceptional year with overtime in the Police Department, the shortage of manpower and overtime can be up to 600 hours which amounts to an extra \$25,000 to \$30,000 which Chief Preston states his department cannot manage right now. Luckily, some officers take compensatory time off to offset these costs but then this reduces coverage of road personnel.

Trustee Treffert asked if the Village gets any assistance from Mequon? Chief Preston responded about as much assistance as we get with the Post Office being changed. ☺ Trustee Treffert feels that Mequon gets as much benefit from a community event as Thiensville. Mequon does not assist with the Fourth of July and the Memorial Day Parade in terms of policing the park. The Village does not assist with Gathering on the Green in Mequon but occasionally assists with the Homestead Homecoming Game and large basketball tournaments at the High School.

Trustee Heinritz feels the reports are well done and he thinks that these events should be prioritized and to look for shared or reduced costs. He also believes these events add to the quality of life for the residents and local businesses. Trustee Heinritz also commented that Extreme Ski & Bike will not be sponsoring the Criterion Bicycle Race this year mainly because they did not get that much support from the other people in the criterion race system. The Village is a sponsor for Family Fun Before the Fourth so it might be hard to bill back costs to Mequon. Trustee Ihler asked DPW Director Andy LaFond if this has a big impact on the DPW department budget and he responded that his department has volunteered their time over the last two years for some events. These events do take away from their regular duties.

Trustee Mobley asked about an event that was not listed above which is Lion's Fest and how much this event costs the Village? Chief Preston responded that this is approximately 20 hours of overtime for his department. From the DPW standpoint over the last two years Lions Fest is now handling their own clean-up, obtaining their own dumpsters, etc.

Trustee Treffert suggested that the department's report the amount of out-of-pocket expenses for events in 2012 that the Village incurs as a heads up for 2013. The Board agreed to this.

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E. Review and recommendation regarding Thiensville Police Department Community Programs Report

Police Chief Preston reported these programs are great to have but it takes money to put them on. The bigger programs cost the department anywhere from 50 to 80 hours a year. The sponsors may be requested to help out financially in the future for these programs in order to put them on. There may be cut backs or even elimination of programs due to budget constraints. These programs are being analyzed by the police department. President Hertz feels that this item (in regards to reporting) needs to go into the file for the new Police Chief. Trustee Treffert commented that the sponsoring organizations need to be made aware the amount of time and dollars that are spent on events and programs.

**F. Review and recommendation regarding Community Conversation Task Force
Priorities and Village Board response**

President Hertz reported that this next Task Force meeting will be Thursday, February 23 at 6:15 PM at MATC. He commented that the academic excellence need not be compromised by the district size or an even better term is enrollment. Trustee Treffert stated that a lot of the community conversation has been outside the Board's control and one item has been affordable housing. President Hertz commented that in Thiensville there is diversification when it comes to housing. The Village stands ready to cooperate with Mequon in any way that they want but the Board has not heard much from them. Trustee Mobley commented that over the last 20 years a vision and a strategy has been in place in regards to the community. The most tangible issue is the school district has seen a decline in enrollment. President Hertz commented that there are districts that have a lower enrollment than Mequon/Thiensville and are excellent schools. Trustee Heinritz commented that Thiensville has a quality of life that we enjoy. Trustee Ihler feels that a huge component that we can control is branding and the Village can do a better job with this. There should be a much more user friendly and current web presence. This allows us to maintain some independence and some individuality. Some of the topics provide the opportunity to strengthen image and identity of the Village and personify the quality of life here. Administrator Robertson asked Trustee Ihler if she sees a separate image or a combined image and Trustee Ihler responded a separate image that talks to the uniqueness of this community but to say the Village is absolutely independent of Mequon is inaccurate. We have a great partnership with big events and there is a need to maximize the effectiveness of that. Trustee Mobley wanted to make sure that we have pictures of Green Bay Road during the holiday season because of how beautiful it is to help with image and identity.

G. Verbal update report on the Police Chief hiring process

The applications are due January 16, 2012. There are currently 20 applications, 11 of which are from southeast Wisconsin and 6 are considered local. There are 22 outstanding applicants which have inquired but not submitted an application. There is a committee of people that will be reviewing the application and making a recommendation on possibly 8-10 applicants to go through the interview process. Committee members are: Ozaukee County Sheriff Maury Straub, Cedarburg Police Chief Tom Frank, Fox Point Police Chief Tom Czaja, Director of Public Works Andy LaFond, Fire Chief Brian Reiels, Village President Karl Hertz and Administrator Robertson. After January 16, the committee will pare down the list, interview finalists and possibly have the final 5 applicants come before the Village Board.

H. Review of Tax Incremental District financing and increment by taxing district

Administration Robertson explained what will happen once the Village's TIF has expired. If the average home value is \$241,200 the average tax bill is \$4,476 currently. If the TIF expired then this home would have a tax bill of about \$3,935 about \$542 less. For example, if the TIF were expired the current county tax of \$565,859 would be \$64,000 less so everyone in Ozaukee County would realize a tax deduction not just Thiensville. The Village received \$727,000 from the TIF as repayment of the debt that has already been paid by the Village for the TIF District based on a tax sharing from each one of the taxing bodies.

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**I. Review and recommendation regarding Resolution No. 2012-01 Approving
Amendment #2 of the Park and Open Space Plan for the Village of Thiensville**

MOTION by Trustee Treffert, **SECONDED** by Trustee Ihler to recommend to the Board approval of Resolution No. 2012-01 Approving Amendment #2 of the Park and Open Space Plan for the Village of Thiensville. **MOTION**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- J.** Review and recommendation regarding Main Street Water Main Special Assessment
Including calculation method

Trustee Treffert proposed a special assessment funding method utilizing a flat charge for every property and a surcharge for larger properties.

MOTION by Trustee Mobley, **SECONDED** by Trustee Ihler to recommend to the Board to send out an invitation for an open house for feedback on this topic and including a special assessment cost utilizing the Trustee Treffert proposed method. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEXT RESOLUTION NUMBER:	2012-02
NEXT ORDINANCE NUMBER:	2012-01

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.

Jim Reilly – 231 Riverview Drive questioned whether the Village Board considered police shared services with Mequon since the police chief is retiring and there is an officer vacancy. President Hertz confirmed that there were other methods investigated.

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
 1. Cedarburg Fire Department, Maxwell Street Days Donation \$2,000
 2. Carolyn Abraham, Rescue Squad Donation \$1,000
 3. Donald & Marcella Demerath, Paramedics Donation \$100

MOTION by Trustee Treffert, **SECONDED** by Trustee Holyoke to recommend to the Board acceptance of gifts from Cedarburg Fire Department, Maxwell Street Days Donation \$2,000, Carolyn Abraham, Rescue Squad Donation \$1,000, and Donald & Marcella Demerath, Paramedics Donation \$100 with thanks. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- D.** Dialog with Mequon regarding water utility service
E. Laurel Acres Water Trust

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VI. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Trustee Mobley, **SECONDED** by Trustee Holyoke to adjourn to closed session at 8:35PM 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 non-represented employees compensation.

1. Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Trustees Heinritz, Holyoke, Ihler, Mobley, Molyneux, Treffert and President Hertz.

Naes: None

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

1. Vote of Board to reconvene.

MOTION by Trustee Holyoke, **SECONDED** by Trustee Mobley to reconvene in open session at 9:00PM.

Ayes: Trustees Heinritz, Holyoke, Ihler, Mobley, Molyneux, Treffert and President Hertz.

Naes: None

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Discussion and possible recommendation on Closed Session.

MOTION by Trustee Holyoke, **SECONDED** by Trustee Ihler to recommend to the Board Resolution No. 2012-02 regarding Fixing Salaries for Village Employees and Elected Officials for the Fiscal Period of 2012, 2013 and ending December 31, 2014 and giving the Village Administrator latitude with staff members.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Trustee Holyoke, **SECONDED** by Trustee Ihler to adjourn the meeting at 9:10PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Submitted by,

Approved by,

Susan R. Conway
Administrative Assistant

Dianne S. Robertson
Village Clerk