

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

DATE: Monday, March 3, 2014

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

TIME: 6:00PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

President:	Van Mobley	
Trustees:	Kim Beck	Kenneth Kucharski
	Ronald Heinritz	David Lange
	Rob Holyoke	John Treffert
Administrator:	Dianne Robertson	
Staff:	Director of Public Works Andy LaFond, Police Chief Scott Nicholson	

III. BUSINESS

A. Review Capital Expenditures List

Andy LaFond gave a report on the Emerald Ash Borer Program which is a large item on the capital list.

B. Review and recommendation regarding the 2014 Sanitary Sewer Budget

Administrator Robertson reported on the 2014 Sanitary Sewer Budget. The Board needs to look at the new recommended way on charging for recs and connections and allocate whatever fund balance the Board decides. From the commercial side there will be some commercial accounts with a higher increase with their quarterly charge and some that will be lower due to the recent survey of businesses that was conducted. Surveys are taken approximately every 3 years. The quarterly rate has been the same for 3-4 years now so it is palatable to have a slight increase of \$4.00 per quarter per residence. There will be a significant cost with the sewer interceptor repairs that is shared with the City of Mequon. One of the manholes is virtually disintegrated. The cost for this is significant. The Village has a surplus that can be used to fund these repairs. Trustee Treffert does not want to use contingency funds to address a rate issue. President Mobley does not want to sit on a big fund balance. The reason the Village does have a big fund balance is because we refinanced some of the debt before we settled with MMSD during the sewer wars.

Administrator Robertson will come back to the Village Board with the actual numbers to evaluate the sewer rates.

C. Review and recommendation to provide \$1,200 to the Thiensville Business Association for the Village Market with expenses to be approved by the Administrator and Director of Public Works (Trustee Treffert)

Trustee Treffert reported that last year the Village gave the TBA \$1,000 for the Farmer's Market expenses and would like the Village to provide \$1,200 this year.

MOTION by Trustee Treffert, **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski to recommend to the Board to provide \$1,200 to the Thiensville Business Association for the Village Market with expenses to be approved by the Administrator and Director of Public Works. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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D. Discussion on withdrawal of Beer Garden proposal

President Mobley reported that there was one proposal received from Laura Adair owner of Laura's Donges Bay Club in Mequon and the proposal was withdrawn. Trustee Treffert commented that this was a concept that the Village Board has tried twice and that in 2015 the Village should not be spending time on this item again. Trustee Lange stated that Laura Adair had taken a tour of the park, created a 16 page proposal with pricing and a menu and withdrew the proposal 24 hours after submitting to the Village. Trustee Holyoke commented that the Village Board just decided not to do the beer garden last year, this is not to be considered a second request.

Trustee Treffert would like to get a report on how many sports events go on in the park in the summer and the resources that are used. Andy LaFond, Director of Public Works is working on this report. Trustee Heinritz felt there was more work needed on the proposal and the proposal may not necessarily have been approved by the Board anyway.

E. Review and recommendation regarding an Agreement for Legal Services with Houseman & Feind LLP

Administrator Robertson included a copy of the proposed agreement for review along with the current rates that the Village is being charged. There are some areas that the Village has paid less than other communities that Houseman & Feind serve and they feel that every community should be paying the same rate.

MOTION by Trustee Treffert, **SECONDED** by Trustee Holyoke to recommend to the Board approving an Agreement for Legal Services with Houseman & Feind LLP for years 2014-2015. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

F. Review and recommendation on committee structure and appointments

President Mobley commented that the time is quickly approaching when terms will expire for the different appointments and as that time approaches it is time to think about the committee structure and if changes should be made. All committees must have a quorum in order to meet the meeting requirements.

Trustee Treffert feels that after 16 years he would like to move off of Mid Moraine as the Village representative. Trustee Kucharski would like to stay on the Planning Commission. Trustee Holyoke is happy with the library. Trustee Heinritz is happy with the Historic Preservation Commission.

President Mobley stated that there are a lot of people on the TBRC (Thiensville Business Renaissance Committee). Is this the structure that the Village wants going forward? Trustee Lange stated that there are three people that need to be changed on the committee. In following the Main Street Program they recommend 4-6 people per subgroup and there are three subgroups so there should be 12-16 people on the TBRC.

President Mobley also stated that there is overlap on some of the committees. The sign code is a source of eternal vexation for every municipality and has been since the beginning of time. The Village has a sign code and President Mobley is not interested in altering it and he feels the current sign code allows some flexibility. The Plan Commission has purview over signs, not any other committee. The Village has a planner and a professional staff that handles the signs and review of the signs before Plan Commission. Trustee Kucharski feels that the sign code is very business friendly now and the Village needs to be adaptable to new businesses as well.

NEXT RESOLUTION NUMBER:	2014-03
NEXT ORDINANCE NUMBER:	2014-01

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.

Mr. Jim Heyer – Alta Loma Circle.

He has been a long time resident and he wanted to let the Board know that sometimes people forget to be thankful for the fine job that the DPW does of cleaning our streets of the bad snow we have gotten. Also, the new street lights on Freistadt Road and Main Street are now totally improved and Mr. Heyer feels the sign code is working well and knows how difficult signs can be.

Main Street Water and development in the area was briefly touched on by President Mobley.

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

1. Inter-Governmental Committee with Mequon
2. Use of 101 Green Bay Road, Old Village Hall & Fire Station
3. Acceptance/Report of Gifts Received
4. Dialog with Mequon regarding water utility service
5. Review next month's meeting date schedule

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Trustee Treffert, **SECONDED** by Trustee Heinritz to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Submitted by,

Approved by,

Susan R. Conway
Administrative Assistant

Dianne S. Robertson
Village Clerk