

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

DATE: Tuesday, September 8, 2015

LOCATION: 250 Elm Street
Thiensville, WI

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:	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	
	Asst. Administrator Colleen Landisch-Hansen	
	Clerk Amy Langlois	

III. BUSINESS

A. Review Capital Expenditures List

The Capital Expenditures list was reviewed.

B. Discussion regarding Ice Rink (Kim Beck)

Trustee Beck shared that he was approached by resident Mr. Gil Vraney who expressed that he would be willing to help raise funds for an ice rink in Village Park. Trustee Beck shared this interest with Administrator Robertson.

Administrator Robertson stated that she spoke with Mr. Vraney. Mr. Vraney offered to spearhead the funding effort and suggested sending a letter to Village residents seeking donations of \$500 or \$1,000. Mr. Vraney offered to contribute \$1,000 of his own money. Mr. Vraney was asked to join the Village Park Improvement Committee that is looking at new playground equipment.

Assistant Administrator Colleen Landisch-Hansen stated that Mr. Vraney seemed willing to participate on the committee. The ice rink that was presented by the Homestead High School was quite small, about 20' x 40' and cost \$50,000.

Trustee Lange shared that Mr. Steve Giuntoli knows someone that is interested in selling an ice rink for \$350. The rink is not quite full size. Mr. Giuntoli is interested in being involved in helping to get the ice rink in the Park. Mr. Giuntoli is also aware of a mini zamboni that is for sale. This mini zamboni is pulled behind a tractor. The rink can be put up in the winter and taken down in the spring.

Mr. Vraney would like to see the ice rink be devoted to only skating and not include hockey.

Director of Public Works Andy LaFond shared that a presentation on the Park renovation will be presented at the Board meeting in a couple weeks. A cooled rink half the size of a regulation size is about \$150-\$200,000. The non-cooled rinks run about \$4,000, just for the rink. There are also skating trails that are rinks with an island. Director LaFond shared that there is a rink in Cedarburg and heard that when families see that there are hockey players on the ice that they will not stay because they are afraid of the sticks and pucks.

President Mobley inquired as what role the Village can play in the creation of a non-profit in order to raise donations for the Park. Administrator Robertson will look into this.

Trustee Heinritz inquired as to if the river was thought of to be used for the ice rink. Director LaFond reported that Grafton does use the river but thinner ice is caused due to the changing weather patterns and the salt used in the winter that flows into the river.

C. Discussion regarding Public Art Project (Kim Beck)

Trustee Beck reported that after the Business Forum an idea that was presented was creating murals along the bike path, however, there are no buildings worthy of a mural along the path. The TBRC was asked about some type of public art project. The idea of a mural is believed to be too much of a step at the moment.

Mrs. Kristina Eckert is working with the TBA and is creating peace poles with some local artists to be displayed at the Village Market. Another idea was to do some kind of public art and maybe some sort of competition. The art then could be sold and the funds then used for public art for the Village. The idea of canoes was shared.

Administrator Robertson shared that there are no restrictions that pertain to the art, only that traffic cannot be obstructed.

D. Discussion on 2015 Fund Balance Report and 2016 Budget

Administrator Robertson's thought on the 2016 Capital Budget is to budget \$650,000 for Main Street and then put the rest of the TIF revenue and levy into a contingency fund; September and October would be a good time to have a discussion as to what to spend any remaining funds on. Administrator Robertson believes that no money should be budgeted for any capital projects until Main Street is completed which will help the Village not have to borrow funds for the ongoing municipal water project.

E. Review and recommendation regarding Restricting the Use of Drones within the Village Limits (Chief Nicholson)

Chief Scott Nicholson shared that drones are being used in other municipalities for less than good reasons such as domestic violence situations to spy, invasion of privacy issues and has heard even to zoom into a lab to see what scientists are working on. A couple weeks ago, someone was using a drone at the Village Market.

The U.S. Government has earmarked the year 2017 to develop guidelines for drone use. There is a municipality just outside the Twin Cities that has decided to put a moratorium on drone use until the Federal Government comes up with some guidelines.

Drones can be purchased anywhere from \$50 - \$1,000. Chief Nicholson's concern is not when a resident is using their drone on their own property but rather when at a public event. Drones are used on golf courses and by real estate agents for pictures. An ordinance could be drafted to allow drones at special events.

President Mobley inquired as to how trespassing laws apply to the drone use. Chief Nicholson reported that there is a state law that drones cannot be used to harass or intimidate.

A drone is an unmanned aircraft propelled by electronic means. The Sheriff's Department is considering purchasing a drone to be used in SWAT situations.

Chief Nicholson is suggesting that the Village not allow any drone usage until the Federal Government presents their regulation in 2017.

An ordinance is worth looking into, not to prevent anyone from owning a drone but only to prevent the use in public areas where there may be a crowd and may put the public in any type of danger and to allow use on private property.

President Mobley shared that drones could potentially be distracting along highways and roads.

- F. Discussion on Committee Vacancies:
1. Police Disciplinary Committee, Expires April 2020
 2. Two Community Development Authority, Expires May 2018

President Mobley stated that he has a resident who has volunteered to serve on the Police Disciplinary Committee. There are two Community Development Authority positions available. The Community Development Authority most recently met to accept the refinancing of the Willowbrook bonds. As of now, Willowbrook is the only project the Village Board has placed before the Community Development Authority. Trustee Holyoke shared that the CDA has met two times in 10 years. President Mobley asked that if anyone knows of an interested resident to please forward that name.

- G. Review and recommendation regarding a Water Agreement Between the Village of Thiensville and Mequon Water Utility

Administrator Robertson shared the latest version of the Water Agreement. The attorneys are still looking at some minor changes. This Agreement will hold the Village harmless and it also speaks of prior agreements that Mequon Utility has entered into. This does not pertain to those prior agreements where they constructed a water main for a private property owner and negotiated a price or repayment schedule. It does mirror very much what the Village did with the Century Estates #3 and Laurel Acres.

MOTION by Trustee Beck, **SECONDED** by Trustee Lange to recommend the Water Agreement Between the Village of Thiensville and Mequon Water Utility. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- H. Review and recommendation regarding Proclamation Establishing Sunday, October 25, 2015 as Beggar's Night for the Year 2015 in the Village of Thiensville with Hours Being From 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Trustee Kucharski shared that last year at 7:00 PM it was quite dark and suggested the time be changed to 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Trustee Holyoke inquired as to why the Village has Beggar's Night a week before Halloween. It is the Village's tradition to schedule Beggar's Night the Sunday evening before Halloween.

MOTION by Trustee Kucharski, **SECONDED** by Trustee Heinritz to Amend the Proclamation Establishing Sunday, October 25, 2015 as Beggar's Night for the Year 2015 in the Village of Thiensville with Hours Being From 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Ayes: President Mobley, Trustees Beck, Heinritz, Kucharski, Lange and Treffert

Naes: Trustee Holyoke

MOTION CARRIED.

NEXT RESOLUTION NUMBER:	2015-10
NEXT ORDINANCE NUMBER:	2015-02

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

Trustee Beck inquired as to what color the Falafel Guys restaurant is going to be painted. President Mobley shared that this was brought before the Plan Commission and the colors will be gray with white trim. The Falafel Guys will also be coming before the Plan Commission in October regarding their sign and plan to open on November 1, 2015.

Trustee Holyoke inquired as to if anyone from the Village has reached out to B-1 Burger as to relocating their business. President Mobley offered to contact someone from B-1.

Trustee Beck inquired as to if anyone has been contacted regarding a soup restaurant on Green Bay Road. Administrator Robertson confirmed that she had been contacted.

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. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Trustee Holyoke, **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski to adjourn to a closed session at 6:54 PM 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 police promotion.

1. Roll Call Vote

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

Naes: None

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

1. Vote of Board to reconvene.

MOTION by Trustee Heinritz, **SECONDED** by Trustee Lange to reconvene the meeting at 7:14 PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Recommendation to promote a police employee to Investigator.

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Beck to recommend to the Village Board to promote a police employee to Investigator. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Trustee Beck, **SECONDED** by Trustee Lange to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Submitted by,



Amy L. Langlois
Village Clerk

Approved by,



Dianne S. Robertson
Administrator