

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

DATE: Monday, May 3, 2021

LOCATION: 250 Elm Street
Fire Department Training Room
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:	Jennifer Abraham	Rob Holyoke
	Angelina Apostolos	Ken Kucharski
	Kristina Eckert	David Lange
Administrator:	Colleen Landisch-Hansen	
Staff:	Director of Community Services/Public Works	Andy LaFond
	Fire Chief Brian Reiels	
	Police Chief Curt Kleppin	
	Village Clerk/Deputy Treasurer	Amy Langlois

III. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Open to any resident or taxpayer on items not subject to a public hearing: Please be advised per §19.84(2), information will be received from the public. Village policy limits a three (3) minute time period per person, with time extension by the presiding official's discretion or a vote of 2/3 of the Board or Committee; be further advised that there may be limited discussion on the information received, however, no action will be taken under public comments. Written comments on agenda items are encouraged to be sent and addressed to the intended body by noon on the day of the meeting. Comments received timely will be forwarded to all members of the body. If you wish to speak, you **must** pre-register by emailing the Village Clerk (alanglois@village.thiensville.wi.us) by 4:00 PM on the day of the meeting or by signing in immediately prior to the meeting.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Presentation of Joint Fire/EMS Study, Wisconsin Policy Forum, Rob Henken

Rob Henken, President of the Wisconsin Policy Forum gave a brief presentation on the findings of the Joint Fire/EMS Study conducted by the Wisconsin Policy Forum.

The first 2-3 months of this roughly 7 month study was spent working with the Fire Chiefs and Administrators of the nine Ozaukee County municipalities collecting data, crunching numbers and doing analysis. Across the board, call volumes are increasing mainly attributed to EMS calls (not fire calls) - much of which has to do with the aging population and a growing frequency of citizens using 911 for medical issues.

One of the striking characteristic of all departments is that all depend on a model that relies largely on paid-on-call part-time staff. There are very few full-time fire EMS employees in Ozaukee County. Three departments in Ozaukee County are true volunteer departments in which the Chief is generally the only paid employee.

EMS calls account for 80% of the total calls in Ozaukee County. An important aspect of response is whether and to what extent departments maintain staff who are stationed physically at the fire house and ready to immediately respond to a call. The average EMS response time throughout the State of Wisconsin is about 8 minutes.

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Two key observations were:

1. Reliance on paid-on-call staff has become highly problematic especially during high call volumes, and
2. Response times due to limited staff.

The charge for the Wisconsin Policy Forum was to address how municipalities might be able to work together to address staffing shortages. Mr. Henken noted there are different needs and characteristics among the municipalities in the southern part of the County vs. the northern part. A one-size fits all approach may not be appropriate.

Three tiers of options were presented with two different options in each tier:

Tier 1: Near-Term Options

The first tier of options involves strategies the Ozaukee County departments could undertake collaboratively while maintaining the independence of each department:

Paramedic Supplement Option: 4 24/7 paramedics stationed strategically across Ozaukee County to provide 24/7 response as a supplement to EMS response capability of existing departments; paramedics could be employed by health systems, the County or a private contractor with the cost allocated to municipalities. Estimated cost is \$1.4 million.

Add FT Staff Countywide Option: provide a minimum of two full-time firefighter/EMS responders at several stations throughout the County to improve EMS response times, enhance mutual aid capacity and decrease reliance on POC staff. Estimated cost is \$2.7 million.

Tier 2: Partial Consolidation Options

This tier looks at two way consolidation – two departments that have been already working closely together to merge into one:

Two-Way Consolidation Option: two departments consolidate their operations as a means of sharing the cost of enhanced full-time staffing while also seeking administrative and apparatus efficiencies.

Two Ozaukee County Departments Option: the nine departments consolidate into Northern Ozaukee County and Southern Ozaukee County departments as a means of moving toward full-time staffing while also securing the service-level benefits and efficiencies associated with large departments.

Tier 3: Full Consolidation Options

Tier 3 presents two different models for a single consolidation fire department to serve all of Ozaukee County:

Higher-Price Staffing Model Option: Ozaukee County is served by a single consolidated department that uses mostly full-time firefighter/EMS responders to staff a combined 38 shifts on a 24/7 basis across eight of the County's 11 stations. The remaining three stations would be staffed with POC personnel.

Lower-Price Staffing Model Option: Ozaukee County is served by a single consolidated department that uses a combination of full-time and part-time firefighter/EMS responders to staff a combined 25 shifts on a 24/7 basis across seven of the County's 11 stations. The remaining four stations would be staffed with POC personnel.

In conclusion, it is clear that some investment is warranted to enhance the current staffing models but also to address the threat of service level challenges. Due to the price tag on these options, there are ways to start small and try things to determine if moving forward makes sense.

Trustee Abraham inquired what unique aspects Thiensville offers. Mr. Henken suggested that Thiensville is geographically unique in that the Village is relatively small surrounded by a larger community which suggests enhanced service sharing with the City of Mequon. Mr. Henken stated it is relatively rare for a community the size of the Thiensville to maintain their own Fire Department, however, there are many communities that still do.

Often times the full-time employee on staff is the Chief. The Village employs a full time Assistant Chief.

The Village will host an Open House on Monday, May 24, 2021 after the Village Board meeting.

Trustee Eckert inquired about a timeline for a decision and implementation. Mr. Henken explained that this really depends on the community and that with this type of study, more intensive analysis would be needed to implement for any of the options presented.

The Board thanked Mr. Henken.

B. Update from State Representative Deb Andraca on State Budget

Wisconsin State Representative Deb Andraca presented to the Board an update on the state budget.

On February 16, 2021 Governor Tony Evers announced his \$91 billion Badger Bounceback Budget. The Joint Finance Committee announced they planned to eliminate many of Governor Evers' policies and budget items and present a close-to-new budget proposal. Hopes are to have a budget by the end of June.

The Wisconsin Towns Association calls the budget as proposed "local government friendly" and the Wisconsin Counties Association says the budget "recognizes that counties are critical to delivering local programs and services." A budget reflects the state's common values.

Budget highlights include:

- 2% increase in 2021 and 2% increase in 2022 in shared revenue
- 2% general transportation aids increase each year of biennium
- 2.5% increase in general transit aids
- 10-year renewal of Knowles Nelson Stewardship program
- \$12.7 million full funding of county conservation staffing and cost sharing grants
- \$10 million increased funding for local health departments

District-specific asks include:

- \$5 million funding for Great Lakes Erosion Control loan program/information site
- \$375,000 GPR in each year for additional crisis intervention training for local law enforcement crisis intervention training (CIT)

The Joint Finance Committee has concluded a series of hearings across the state. Comments may be submitted to the committee until Friday, May 7, 2021.

A couple weeks ago the Legislative Fiscal Bureau presented its analysis of property tax estimates. Overall, the average homeowner would see a tax increase of \$22 in 2021 and \$63 in 2022.

The state is expecting Federal funding. Wisconsin is set to receive about \$5.7 billion under the latest pandemic stimulus, with \$3.2 earmarked for state government. The remaining funds will go to local governments. The Village is estimated to receive \$308,908. How that money can be used is unknown at this time. Guidance will be coming from the US Treasury.

Governor Evers plans to spend roughly:

- \$600 million on supporting small businesses
- \$500 million on continued pandemic response
- \$200 million on infrastructure (including broadband)
- \$50 million on aid for the Wisconsin tourism industry

Some of the spending that is allowable under Federal guidelines include:

- Assistance to households, small businesses and nonprofits or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel and hospitality, but NOT limited to these activities
- Provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the public health emergency
- Investments in water, sewer or broadband
- Funding for transportation or cargo
- Pay for essential workers during the COVID-19 public health emergency

Federal funds may not be used for:

- Tax cuts
- Pension funds

The budget as proposed does contain a modest tax increase.

President Mobley inquired if the funds that will be disbursed to the Village can be used for parking solutions in the Village. Representative Andraca noted that the Federal funds must be used for things impacted by the pandemic. More guidance will be shared when available.

Administrator Landisch-Hansen inquired if there was a way for municipalities to be informed as to what the state is planning to do with the funds so that municipalities know where to spend their funds as to not double up on resources. Also, Administrator Landisch-Hansen inquired that looking at the contractor industry and high building material costs, how will the state address the strain on contractors? Representative Andraca agrees there will be a strain on contractors as the money has to be spent in the next couple of years and noted there is emphasis on training and keeping jobs here in Wisconsin.

The Federal funds will be distributed in two payments; the first in June or July and the second a year after that.

C. Update regarding Parking in Business District

Director LaFond shared an update regarding parking in the Business District and noted he met with the TBA and shared previous reports and findings regarding parking. Director LaFond has met with our surveyor to begin easement research. Looking at a map of the railroad, it looks like one track of land is made up of smaller easements. Director LaFond has met with the Village Engineer to identify potential sites and what those construction costs would be. The railroad right-of-way agent and the real estate agent from We Energies has been contacted regarding those opportunities. Director LaFond is continuing to compile reports and estimates to present at a future meeting with findings and costs and plans to revisit this at budget time.

Rob Kos, Executive Director of the Thiensville Business Association, shared that parking in the Central Business District needs to be focused on. This was brought to light recently when the cheer went through the approval process for their rebuild. While it makes sense for businesses to find and provide parking for their patrons, Mr. Kos believes that this issue can be more effectively managed if working together.

Short-term ideas shared include: ensure that the existing parking lots are well lit, all spots are marked clearly, install highly visible signs indicating where there is parking and lastly for the Village to increase public parking capacity in Village owned properties.

In regards to increasing parking in Village owned properties:

Village Park – this lot can be expanded to add approximately 40 spots

Buntrock Lot – this could be expanded to add approximately 18 – 20 spots

Trustee Kucharski agreed with Mr. Kos and shared that residents have contacted him regarding parking in front of their homes on Riverview Drive when there is an event at Village Park and appreciate that the Village is looking into parking options. Trustee Eckert looks forward to hearing back from Director LaFond regarding the cost of adding 40 spots in Village Park and also agreed that lighting and signage would be helpful. Retaining as much green space in the park was expressed by Trustee Holyoke. Trustee Apostolos suggested including parking availability on the Village's website.

D. Discussion and recommendation regarding Parking Lot Lease, 121 South Main Street

Administrator Landisch-Hansen shared that any changes to the parking lot lease with Greg Mueller, 121 South Main Street, would need to be presented to Mr. Mueller by June 16, 2021 (60 days prior to renewal). Trustee Holyoke does not wish to make any changes to the lease. Trustees Eckert, Kucharski, Apostolos, Lange and Abraham agreed.

Director LaFond shared that four more spaces could be added to the Buntrock lot as it is currently with potentially another nine if changing the layout. An additional 18 spots could be added to the leased lot at 121 South Main Street. President Mobley stated that a considerable amount of parking will need to be added if the old lumber yard is redeveloped and that this can be revisited at budget time.

E. Discussion regarding Trustee Table at Family Fun Before the 4th, June 26, 2021
in Village Park

Trustee Lange suggested having a table at Family Fun Before the 4th for about an hour to be available to residents who would like to share ideas and/or concerns. Anne Schultz, Executive Director of Community Fun Events, has been contacted and is happy to have a table available for both Thiensville and Mequon government officials.

F. Review and recommendation regarding Appointing New Fire Department Member:
1. Ryan M. Cho

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski to recommend to the Village Board to Appoint Ryan M. Cho as a New Fire Department Member. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

G. Review and recommendation regarding:
1. Operator's License – New:
a. Skippy's Burger Bar
Adam K. Korte

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Eckert to recommend to the Village Board to approve New Operator's License for Skippy's Burger Bar: Adam K. Korte.

Ayes: Trustees Abraham, Apostolos, Eckert, Holyoke, Lange and President Mobley
Naes: None
Abstain: Trustee Kucharski
MOTION CARRIED.

2. Operator's Licenses – Renew:
 - a. Grace Lutheran Church
William Carl Beyer, Steven Michael Mussatti
 - b. Remington's River Inn
Taylor Jaye Vanderbloemen

MOTION by Trustee Kucharski, **SECONDED** by Trustee Abraham to recommend to the Village Board to approve Operator's License Renewals for Grace Lutheran Church: William Carl Beyer and Steven Michael Mussatti and Remington's River Inn: Taylor Jaye Vanderbloemen. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Operator's Licenses – Renew:
 - a. glaze, llc
Heather Anne Albrecht, Philip Gerald Eckert

MOTION by Trustee Apostolos, **SECONDED** by Trustee Abraham to recommend to the Village Board to approve Operator's License Renewals for glaze, llc: Heather Anne Albrecht and Philip Gerald Eckert.

Ayes: Trustees Abraham, Apostolos, Holyoke, Kucharski, Lange and President Mobley
Naes: None
Abstain: Trustee Eckert
MOTION CARRIED.

4. Class B Beer and Class C Wine
Grace Lutheran Church, William Carl Beyer, Agent, 303 Green Bay Road

MOTION by Trustee Eckert, **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski to recommend to the Village Board to approve Class B Beer and Class C Wine, Grace Lutheran Church, William Carl Beyer, Agent, 303 Green Bay Road. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- H.** Request from Jesse Daily, baaree, daily taco to Extend Noise Ordinance for the Following:
 1. July 24, 2021 – cheelabration, daily taco, 105 West Freistadt Road, Until Midnight
 2. September 10, 2021 – Doubleheader, baaree, 107 Buntrock Avenue, Until 11:00 PM

Jesse Daily is requesting to extend the noises ordinance until midnight on July 24, 2021, for cheelabration at daily taco, 105 West Freistadt Road and until 11:00 PM on September 10, 2021, for a doubleheader at baaree, 107 Buntrock Avenue. Cheelabration is an annual event.

MOTION by Trustee Holyoke, **SECONDED** by Trustee Apostolos to recommend to the Village Board to approve Request from Jesse Daily, baaree, daily taco to Extend Noise Ordinance for the Following: July 24, 2021-cheelabration, daily taco, 105 West Freistadt Road, Until Midnight and September 10, 2021-Doubleheader, baaree, 107 Buntrock Avenue, Until 11:00 PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- I.** Discussion regarding Adding Children's Music Area to Village Park

Director LaFond had been contacted by Bob and Jan Blazich regarding a donation of a music park in Village Park. Location was discussed and suggested by Director LaFond to be on the patio that will be installed around the giving tree. The instruments proposed are designed for outdoor use. Noise is a concern. The babel drums at 165 feet away are 48 decibels (40 decibels is a quiet library). The closest residential structure to Village Park is 410 feet from where the music park is proposed to be installed. Director LaFond suggested that if these drums are installed at a nearby park, that staff or a Board member visit to hear the volume.

Bob Blazich and his wife have lived in the Village for over 40 years and would like to make a contribution of music to the park in memory of their late daughter-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Blazich would like to dedicate the music park to her; she loved music. Installing the drums on concrete will also make these wheelchair accessible.

Trustee Eckert would love to see this in the Park. Trustee Holyoke agreed. Trustee Apostolos agreed that music brings creativity to children.

The only concern expressed by President Mobley is the noise and would like to visit a site with these drums if possible. Trustee Apostolos agreed to visit a site if there is one nearby.

Mr. Kos, on behalf of the TBA, offered to contribute to this as well.

The Board thanked Mr. Blazich for his offer for the contribution of music in the Park. Village staff will continue to look into location and the instruments.

J. Discussion, review and recommendation regarding the following appointments:

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

<u>Board Representative to Mid-Moraine</u>	David A. Lange, One-Year Term
<u>Community Development Authority</u>	Kristina Eckert, One-Year Term David A. Lange, One-Year Term
<u>Historic Preservation Commission</u>	Jennifer Abraham, One-Year Term Vacant, One-Year Term
<u>M-T Bikeway Commission</u>	Vacant, One-Year Term
<u>TBRC (Inactive)</u>	David A. Lange, One-Year Term Vacant, One-Year Term
<u>Telecommunication & IT Oversight</u>	Kristina Eckert, One-Year Term
<u>Weyenberg Library Board</u>	Rob Holyoke, One-Year Term

Trustee Holyoke offered to serve on the M-T Bikeway Commission instead of the Weyenberg Library Board. The Library Board meets once per month on a Wednesday at 6:00 PM. Trustee Holyoke suggested that each Board member serve on each committee at some point. Trustee Apostolos offered to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission as the second Board Appointment if the Board decides to appoint two Trustees to that Commission. Trustee schedules conflict with the time that the Library Board meets – Trustee Holyoke agreed to continue to serve on the Library Board instead of the M-T Bikeway Commission.

A proposed Ordinance will be before the Village Board on May 24, 2021 to discuss having a second Trustee on the Historic Preservation Commission.

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Eckert to recommend to the Village Board to approve the Following Board Appointments: Board Representative to Mid-Moraine: David A. Lange, One-Year Term; Community Development Authority: Kristina Eckert (Chair), One-Year Term, David A. Lange, One-Year Term; Historic Preservation Commission: Jennifer Abraham, One-Year Term, TBRC (Inactive): David A. Lange, One-Year Term, Telecommunication & IT Oversight: Kristina Eckert, One-Year Term; and Weyenberg Library Board: Rob Holyoke, One-Year Term. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS:

<u>Historic Preservation Commission</u>	Nathan Matson, Three-Year Term Joseph Miller, Three-Year Term
<u>Zoning Board of Appeals</u>	Andy Match, Three-Year Term

MOTION by Trustee Abraham, **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski to recommend to the Village Board to approve the Following Citizen Appointments: Historic Preservation Commission: Nathan Matson, Three-Year Term, Joseph Miller, Three-Year Term and Zoning Board of Appeals: Andy Match, Three-Year Term. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

STAFF APPOINTMENTS:

<u>Assessor</u>	Michael Grota, Two-Year Term
<u>Attorney</u>	Robert L. Feind, Jr., Two-Year Term
<u>Auditor</u>	Wendi Unger, CPA, Annually
<u>Building Inspector</u>	Paul Mortimer, Two-Year Term
<u>Engineer</u>	Jerad Wegner, Two-Year Term
<u>Planner</u>	Jonathan P. Censky, Annually
<u>Emergency Government Director</u>	Curt Kleppin, Two-Year Term

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Abraham to recommend to the Village Board to approve the Following Staff Appointments: Assessor: Michael Grota, Two-Year Term; Attorney: Robert L. Feind, Jr., Two-Year Term; Auditor: Wendi Unger, CPA, Annually; Building Inspector: Paul Mortimer, Two-Year Term; Engineer: Jerad Wegner, Two-Year Term; Planner: Jonathan P. Censky, Annually; and Emergency Government Director: Curt Kleppin, Two-Year Term. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEXT RESOLUTION NUMBER:	2021-05
NEXT ORDINANCE NUMBER:	2021-02

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

- A. Acceptance/Report of Gifts Received:
 - 1. Two 9' Native Wisconsin Red Oak Trees for Village Park from John and Pat Treffert
- B. Review meeting date schedule:
 - May 24, 2021 – Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM
 - June 7, 2021 – Committee of the Whole at 6:00 PM
 - June 21, 2021 – Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM

MOTION by Trustee Eckert, **SECONDED** by Trustee Lange to recommend to the Village Board to accept the Gift of Two 9' Native Wisconsin Red Oak Trees for Village Park from John and Pat Treffert with Much Gratitude. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Trustee Lange has noticed that more bagsters have been being used in the Village and had inquired if that may be due to the increased dumpster cost and asked the Village staff to look into this. There is an ordinance regarding the amount of time a dumpster and/or bagster is allowed to be on the property.

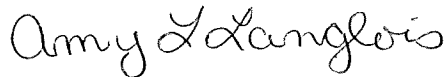
Trustee Holyoke inquired about the agreement to wear masks at Village meetings. Trustee Kucharski believed the Board mutually agreed to wear masks until May 1, 2021.

After the May 24, 2021 Village Board meeting there will be an Open House with the Fire Department.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy L. Langlois".

Amy L. Langlois
Village Clerk