

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

DATE: Monday, October 11, 2021

LOCATION: 250 Elm Street
Thiensville, WI

TIME: 6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Mobley called the meeting to order at 6:02 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:	Police Chief Curt Kleppin	
	Fire Chief Brian Reiels	
	Director of Community Services/Public Works Andy LaFond	
	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 at alanglois@village.thiensville.wi.us by 4:00 PM on the day of the meeting or by signing in immediately prior to the meeting.

There were no citizens to be heard or correspondence received.

IV. BUSINESS

- A.** Review and recommendation regarding Appointing New Fire Department Member:
1. Gavin J. Olig

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski to recommend to the Village Board to approve Appointment of Gavin J. Olig as a New Fire Department Member. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- B.** Review and recommendation regarding Resolution 2021-08 A Resolution Adopting an Updated Mid-Moraine Municipal Court Bond Schedule for Village Ordinance Citations

Chief Kleppin shared that the proposed Bond Schedule has increased approximately \$25. This increase is county-wide, and it has been many years since there has been an increase in fees.

MOTION by Trustee Holyoke, **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski to recommend to the Village Board to approve Resolution 2021-08 A Resolution Adopting an Updated Mid-Moraine Municipal Court Bond Schedule for Village Ordinance Citations. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. Review and recommendation regarding Ordinance 2021-10 An Ordinance Creating Section 30-88(7) Regarding Limitations on Uses of All Off-Street Parking Areas

Director LaFond shared that this is a new Ordinance and would limit one commercial vehicle per dwelling, max of 21' in length and no more than 10,000 pounds. The Ordinance also limits the parking of construction equipment and also addressed the parking of this type of equipment in the commercial district. Parking equipment in the commercial district would need to be approved and a site plan approved by the Plan Commission. The main intent of this Ordinance is to limit the amount of commercial vehicles that can be parked in a driveway.

The Village does have an Ordinance that states that vehicles parked in a driveway must be in working condition, licensed and may not be parked more than 72 hours in an inoperable condition.

Trustee Kucharski inquired about a box truck that has been in a driveway for some time. Director LaFond will look into this and consult with the Village Attorney about adding to this Ordinance. Enforcement generally occurs when there is a complaint by a neighbor or if noticed by a staff member.

There is an existing Ordinance for cars that are junk and sitting on a property.

MOTION by Trustee Lange, **SECONDED** by Trustee Eckert to recommend to the Village Board to approve Ordinance 2021-10 An Ordinance Creating Section 30-88(7) Regarding Limitations on Uses of All Off-Street Parking Areas With the Addition of Addressing Commercial Trucks Parked In Driveways Not Driven After Consulting with the Village Attorney. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. Update regarding Garbage Truck

The purchase of a new garbage truck and garbage receptacles was budgeted in 2021. Director LaFond shared that the type of truck and type of process are being looked into. Parts for the cushion's that are used now to pick up garbage are not available any longer. Now garbage pick-up is labor intensive – garbage is picked up with 4 vehicles. The only other models available for trash pick-up is automated-type collection. Director LaFond is looking for the best type of automation that allows the Village to provide the same level of service now offered to Village residents. Many of the automated trucks cannot be used to pick up a couch or mattress; and with the arm off the side of the truck, dumpsters cannot be picked up.

Director LaFond had a demo earlier in the year of one brand and would like to see a demo of one other model, however, the demo truck is not available until November of this year. Shortly after this demo in November, Director LaFond will come before the Board with a recommendation to purchase. The demo truck is in Michigan at the moment.

The garbage bins that will be used with the new truck are 96 gallon bins (this is the same size as the recycle bins). There are just over 930 residential customers so between having cans for the buildings and residents, Director LaFond suggested purchasing 1,000 bins. The garbage bins are \$50 each for a total of \$50,000.

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Another item to consider is if the new garbage truck will fit in the building or will the Village need to budget to do some modifications to the doors at Public Works or be stored outside. Purchasing the correct vehicle is important because equipment is kept for many years.

There is \$324,000 in reserves for the truck; \$100,000 for garbage cans. The body is \$190,000, the chaise is \$190,000 and the automated pick-up device is \$40,000 totaling \$420,000 for the vehicle and then another \$50,000 is needed for the bins. Dumpsters will also need to be purchased which total about \$10,000. This all equates to about \$480,000.

If a truck was ordered now, it would be available in February or March.

Using the one truck would take the same amount of man hours as it does currently, however, would only require one employee. This would free up three other employees to do other Village projects. Trustee Holyoke noted that using the truck also helps with manual pick up and prevent injuries. Now all garbage is lifted by hand by the DPW staff.

Trustee Eckert inquired if the cost of the garbage bin could be charged to each resident. It had been discussed regarding charging each resident for the entire amount of the bin, half of the cost or for the Village to purchase them. Trustee Lange shared that there may be concerns about the size of the new garbage bins in regards to storage and pulling them to the curb for pick-up. Director LaFond noted that trash pick-up is not a voluntary service and questioned what if a resident does not pay. President Mobley supports the Village paying for the garbage bins.

Director LaFond suggested a consideration for having scheduled days for special pick-ups i.e. mattresses, couches.

Trustee Holyoke inquired if it were less expensive to purchase smaller bins (32 gallons). Director LaFond will look into this cost and stated that there are far more residents that ask for a second recycle bin instead of a smaller one. Trustee Abraham suggested the Village purchase the first bin and the second one is purchased by the resident.

Trustee Kucharski inquired about the possibility of leasing a garbage truck. Director LaFond is not aware of this option. Trustee Apostolos asked if there may be a used truck to purchase. Director LaFond shared that other municipalities also keep their trucks for a long time and that maybe a demo unit would be an opportunity to save.

Director LaFond is hoping to have this before the Board for approval in November with acquisition in the spring of 2022.

E. Discussion regarding COVID Temporary Business Measures

Director LaFond shared that back in April all businesses were sent a letter stating that the year prior certain regulations were relaxed through a staff approval process for things like tents and temporary breezeways and that starting in April of 2021 the Plan Commission required those requests to be approved individually. From this process came three tent requests. When the first one was approved, the Plan Commission put an expiration date of October 31, 2021. At tomorrow's Plan Commission meeting there is a request to extend that deadline for Daily Taco. Director LaFond asked the Board for their thoughts regarding any future requests regarding tents or covering their porch this winter.

Trustee Holyoke suggested that the Plan Commission act on each request on a case-by-case basis. Trustee Apostolos agreed and stated the impact of COVID is still here. Review by the Village Planner may incur fees for Plan Commission applicants for any requests not allowed by Code.

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Trustee Kucharski shared that decisions of the Plan Commission should be universal and inquired of Chief Reiels about heaters under tents. Chief Reiels shared that there are some concerns and that open flames are not allowed and would like to consult with anyone using heaters under tents and shared that usually when working with a legitimate tent contractor, appropriate heating devices are used.

F. Discussion regarding Bike Path Intersection (Trustee Lange)

Trustee Lange has concern regarding the safety at the intersection at the bike paths and that the state statute is unclear as to if vehicles or pedestrians/bikers are required to stop. There are stop signs on the bike path. Concern is when cars stop for pedestrians/bikers one way and opposite traffic does not. Chief Kleppin shared that the flashing lights like those at the cross-walks are a good idea and has spoken with other Chiefs about their cross-walks who are also having the same concerns. The flashing lights stop the cars allowing the pedestrians to proceed. Trustee Holyoke shared that most bikers would prefer for cars not to stop for them and that it is easier for a biker to cross when it is safe.

Trustee Holyoke referenced a law in Idaho called the Idaho Stop. The State of Idaho passed a law that bicyclists treat stop signs as yield signs and stop lights as stop signs. There are plans for rerouting the bike path over Mequon Road to make it safer for crossing.

An advantage in the Village is that it is only two lanes crossing the bike path at 25 miles per hour. Director LaFond shared that the flashing lights are most effective on smaller roads at 25 miles per hour and noted that consistency throughout the county would be helpful. Sample signage was shared. Director LaFond suggested that at least in the short-term to add more of a traditional crossing sign and then to discuss at budget time the flashing lights. The solar powered lights cost about \$8,000-\$10,000 per intersection. Currently, the signs are placed far back, and Director LaFond would move the sign closer to the road like a traditional stop sign with some educational signage along the trail.

G. Discussion regarding Adding Information to Village Voice (Trustee Lange)

In an effort to share more information with residents, Trustee Lange had spoken to Director LaFond regarding getting more information in Village Voice. Director LaFond has updated the format of Village Voice to include links to meetings, events, agendas and minutes on the Village website. Trustee Lange inquired if there was any other input from the Board for any changes. Village Voice is shared with those that subscribe which is also shared through Twitter and Facebook.

NEXT RESOLUTION NUMBER:	2021-10
NEXT ORDINANCE NUMBER:	2021-11

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

- A. Acceptance/Report of Gifts Received:
- B. Review meeting date schedule:
 - October 13, 2021 – Employee and Volunteer Recognition Dinner at 6:00 PM
 - October 18, 2021 – Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM
 - November 1, 2021 – Budget Public Hearing at 6:00 PM
 - November 1, 2021 – Committee of the Whole to Follow Budget Public Hearing
 - November 15, 2021 – Board of Trustees at 6:00 PM

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It was confirmed that no electioneering may occur within 100 feet of a polling place on Election Day, however, candidates may be on public property. Any campaign sign in the public right-of-way is not allowed and can be removed.

Trustee Holyoke had received a letter from a resident regarding the volume of the music at an area establishments and inquired if a decibel reader had been purchased by the Police Department. Administrator Landisch-Hansen confirmed that a decibel meter was purchased. Other Board members had received the same letter as well. Trustee Eckert had responded to the concerned resident after looking into this. There is an Ordinance that regulates noise.

The December Committee of the Whole and Board of Trustees meeting will be combined and held on Monday, December 13, 2021.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Trustee Eckert, **SECONDED** by Trustee Kucharski to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Submitted by,



Amy L. Langlois
Village Clerk