

**VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

DATE: Tuesday, December 8, 2020

LOCATION: 250 Elm Street
Thiensville, WI
Board Room

TIME: 6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Heinritz called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Chairman:	Ron Heinritz	
Commissioners:	Jennifer Abraham	Mary Giuliani
	Jamie Awe	Joseph Miller
	Robert Blazich (excused)	Thomas Streifender (excused)
Director of Community Services/Public Works:	Andy LaFond	

III. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

- A.** Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 6:00 PM

IV. INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A.** Introduction and welcome to Jamie Awe, 202 Division Street, Appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission by the Village Board to Fill Unexpired Term of Karin Flodstrom, Term to Expire May, 2023
- B.** Approval of Minutes
1. September 9, 2020

MOTION by Commissioner Giuliani, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Miller to approve the September 9, 2020, minutes. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Heinritz said he is not sure that the Village Board intended that all meetings in the Village will be conducted in person, rather than on Zoom. The Historic Preservation Commission has members who are in an age group where they are highly vulnerable to COVID-19. He considers the issue to be open.

V. BUSINESS

- A.** Review and approval of Emergency Demolition Permit, cheel, llc, Jesse Daily and Matthew Buerosse, 105 South Main Street

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Director LaFond said it is important the Village not have any missteps. Insurance companies can be litigious when considering a raze order and the value of a building. Within a week of the cheel fire, Director LaFond, Village President Van Mobley and Administrator Colleen Landisch-Hansen met with Jesse and Barkha Daily and Matt Buerosse. Village officials offered their support and discussed the next steps due to concerns related to the road and nearby buildings. A raze order has been signed and recorded at the Ozaukee County Register of Deeds office. The lawyer working with the Village has been in contact with the State Historical Society to make the proper notifications. The Historical Society has agreed to waive the normal 30 days it receives to go through a building and document the features of the building. The building has been well-documented in the past. Estimates to repair the existing building are approximately \$1 million, which is well over the fair market value of \$306,700.

There is a detailed schedule for executing the removal. Jesse Daily wants to return to Historic Preservation Commission by January for a consultation on plans for moving forward on the property.

Jesse Daily said that seven years of their lives burned down in three hours. It was a gorgeous building and there were many plans for it. He really appreciates the Thiensville Fire Department and what they did to preserve as much as they could. The Dailys hope to save as many artifacts from the building as they can. Jesse Daily said it wasn't just their building, it was the community's. This is the end of an era. The insurance company is not going to pay the \$1 million estimate, but Jesse Daily said they will do the best with what they have.

Chairman Heinritz said the Historic Preservation Commission will provide whatever support and assistance it can. He related a communication with Paul Porter, who handles tax credits for the Wisconsin Historical Society. The communication expressed regret for the loss. Applications for tax credits will depend on what historic integrity is left of the building after the fire. He requested a copy of the report from the insurance adjustor that would indicate if any portion of the building is salvageable. Chairman Heinritz said that possibility is null and void due to the raze order. The Historic Preservation Commission plaque from the building has been salvaged. Jesse Daily said he has the plaque and that he is looking for the cornerstone from the building. The eagle also has been removed from the building. Other items from the building have been removed. The Thiensville Fire Department removed some personal effects on the day of the fire. Jesse Daily said he welcomes suggestions and thoughts about a new building on the site and how it will fit on a corner that is the center of the Village.

Director LaFond said the demolition will take place in about a four-hour window. Chairman Heinritz said he was very impressed with the performance of the Fire Department, the Police Department, the Department of Public Works and the nearby fire departments that assisted.

MOTION by Commissioner Abraham, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Awe to approve Emergency Demolition Permit, cheel, llc, Jesse Daily and Matthew Buerosse, 105 South Main Street. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- B.** Review and approval of Certificate of Appropriateness for Projecting Sign, The Wellness Way, Andrew McGuire, 122 Green Bay Road

Andrew McGuire was present. Chairman Heinritz said the proposed projecting sign would be approximately 2 feet by 5 feet. It has a possible light fixture for the projecting arm. Andrew McGuire said the purpose of the sign is to provide more exposure for the business. The one-sided sign would be made out of aluminum. Chairman Heinritz suggested a border would help the sign stand out and added that he liked the proposed projecting arm with scroll on top. A light similar to the one on the sign at the old fire station could be considered.

Director LaFond said the Historic Preservation Commission would decide if the look of the sign was appropriate and the Plan Commission would determine if the sign fits within Village Code. Applicant will submit drawings of final design to Village Hall.

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MOTION by Commissioner Giuliani, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Miller to grant Certificate of Appropriateness for Projecting Sign, The Wellness Way, Andrew McGuire, 122 Green Bay Road, with the conditions the sign is no larger than 2 feet by 4 feet, possibly in an oval with a scrolled, illuminated wrought-iron projecting arm bracket.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- C. Review and approval of Certificate of Appropriateness for Repainting Exterior of Building, No Change to Color, Glaze, LLC, Philip and Kristina Eckert, 149 Green Bay Road

Chairman Heinritz said the painting project has been completed. The building looks excellent and the Eckerts are keeping it in very good condition.

MOTION by Commissioner Abraham, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Awe to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for Repainting Exterior of Building, No Change to Color, Glaze, LLC, Philip and Kristina Eckert, 149 Green Bay Road.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. ITEMS BY CHAIRMAN

- A. Review WAHPC October 2020 Newsletter, Report on State Historic Preservation Commission Staff

Chairman Heinritz distributed copies of the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions' most recent newsletter. Don Silldorff and Don Miller were instrumental in starting the organization. The issue of the newsletter contains good information on handling requests for demolition permits. There also have been staff changes in the past year at the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Commissioner Awe asked about resources that will help familiarize himself with the Village's rules and guidelines for the Historic District. Chairman Heinritz and other members mentioned the Village Sign Code and Ordinances that deal with the Historic District. There also have been studies conducted over the years, including one related to the Town Center district in both Thiensville and Mequon.

Director LaFond said there are places in the ordinance that refer to the historic preservation plan. At some point, the Commission could pursue, possibly with grant money, a more comprehensive local plan. It's something that building owners who are applying could look at ahead of time and have a better idea of what they should be asking for. Chairman Heinritz said there are grants available to local governments for projects, possibly such as this. Applications typically are due by October or November for the upcoming year.

- B. Review Wisconsin Historical Society Budget Shortfall

Chairman Heinritz received a letter from the Wisconsin Historical Society that said recent state budget reductions have resulted in a \$1 million reduction from its current fiscal year budget. The WHS also projects missing its earned revenue target for the year by \$2.5 million due to the impact of COVID-19.

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C. Review Frank Oil Co., 185 South Main Street, Plaque Information

Commissioner Abraham reported that no new information is available and will pass along contact information for a family member to Chairman Heinritz.

D. Review Soldiers Home Renovation Project

A housing facility for veterans at Wood, Wis., fell into disrepair. It was listed as one of the most endangered historic sites in the country. There are plans to renovate the building. When completed, the project will house veterans. Chairman Heinritz said he would like to organize a tour of the site sometime after COVID-19 concerns improve. Commissioner Giuliani said she recently saw a story in the newspaper about progress being made on the project.

VIII. ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

A. Mequon-Thiensville Historical Society – Bob Blazich

There was no report.

Chairman Heinritz said the Village conducted a dinner on Oct. 6, 2020, to honor employees and volunteers. Commissioner Blazich was honored for 15 years of service, Commissioner Giuliani was honored for 20 years of service and Commissioner Miller was honored for 20 years of service.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Commissioner Miller, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Giuliani to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by,



Gary Achterberg
Administrative Assistant

Approved by,



Andy LaFond
Director of Community Services/
Public Works