

**Thayer Village Board Meeting
Village Hall
August 8, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.
Approved Minutes**

The Thayer Village Board met in regular session, Monday, August 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Call to Order – Rob McMahan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Ray Campbell, Terry McGlothlin, Rob McMahan, Kera Pusch, Ron Smith, Bobbie Trojack

Board Members Absent: Paula Campbell, Mac McGlothlin

Staff Present: Kaitlin Sullivan, Chief Tim Sullivan, John Ulery

Guests: Ryan Bangert-Sangamon County Bldg. & Zoning, Bob Crouch, Matthew McKinney, Jeff Millburg, Kassandra Venable

MINUTES

The draft written minutes from July 11, 2022, were distributed. ***Bobbie made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Kera seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

EXPENSE PAYABLES

A written report was distributed. ***Ron made a motion to accept the expense payables as submitted. Bobbie seconded Motion carried unanimously.***

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Zoning – Paula - No report

Streets & Alleys – Ray - No report

Health & Welfare – Bobbie
We are still working on tall grass.

Utilities – Ron Smith
He will follow up on lights that are out.

Finance – Kera Pusch
Divernon cancelled the grant meeting. She is waiting for them to reschedule. She hasn't heard back from Mr. Long.

Building & Grounds – Mac McGlothlin
Terry said that he had two rentals for the community building and the rental funds were given to Kaitlin.

Water Report – John Ulery
John read the water report.

Police Report - Chief Sullivan read aloud and submitted a written report for July.

Bobbie made a motion to approve the committee reports. Kera seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Requests to Address the Board

Jeff Millburg – Rob will follow up on the sheds to be moved. We will do a letter with a deadline from the attorney. Jeff suggested having a small garage sale and donating the funds if the owner doesn't empty them.

Ryan Bangert – Sangamon County Building & Zoning

Ryan said Chief Sullivan sent a list of questions to him about four residences. They can help with building permit and property maintenance such as the abandoned house. They would do the research on who owns it and send letters out, board it up, etc.

Someone living in a basement – falls under zoning. If zoned for business, it is not allowed.

Fire on Teak Street – we could come in, look it over, board it up, talk to owners, and have it evaluated or determine if it is a loss.

Elm Street – probably could not touch right now because it is an open case.

Rob asked what is our cost? Some places it is \$125. We handle property maintenance; Public Health handles the outside. We are combining at some point and will then do it all. The cost might change at that point.

Inter-governmental agreement is least complicated. You would do the zoning and we would come in to make sure it is done right. The homeowner pays the building permit. The Village could charge the owner part of the zoning charge. Current homes would be grandfathered in. If a house is legal, non-conforming, it is fine unless you touch it. Then it would have to be brought into compliance.

If there is a house that is not fit to live in, we would go to the homeowner first and give them their choices. Fines can range from \$100/day on up. If the house is closed to trespassing, we are satisfied because it does not present a harm. Then we give them a timeline and check points. If someone walks away, we will try to sell it to someone in the area. If that doesn't work, the Village could buy for taxes, or the owner could turn it over to the Village. States' Attorney would get involved with hearings, fines, etc. He will research some more and come back next month.

Matthew McKinney/Kassandra Venable

They live on East Teak Street. Matt said he was gone for three weeks and was fined \$500 for the grass. Stuff sitting outside of the garage because they are cleaning out the garage. It's not about going against the Village, but he is gone a lot and she cannot do it all.

Kassandra said there is a drain in the yard that belongs to the Village and if a child is injured the Village will be paying for it. After discussion it was determined that the drain is on their property and was probably put in by a former resident.

Chief Sullivan received a complaint about the garbage, tall weeds, boxes piled up. The citation serves as a warning and if it is not corrected within 5 days, they are responsible for the fine; however, he drove by today and it appears it has been taken care of so the fine will be dismissed. Chief Sullivan said there are many other properties that he is dealing with. All we ask is that homeowners maintain their property and keep it looking good.

Matthew said there is a new white truck that flies down the road by their house creating a safety issue. Chief Sullivan will investigate this.

They asked what the process is for putting up a privacy fence. Rob said they can put up 6 ft at the back of the house; 4 in front. It must be 15 ft. from the alley; 5 ft. from other property lines.

OLD BUSINESS

The new lawn mower will arrive August 26th.

Grates – haven't been found yet. Springfield Plastics might have them.

Community Picnic – Kera is waiting for Mac to get better for guidance.

Bids for garage – Adam DeVries is supposed to come give a bid.

NEW BUSINESS

Rob reported that Virden Ambulance can now come to Thayer. They got that changed through Sangamon County. We will probably need to add a tax on the ballot.

Ray suggested we put a drain cover over the drain mentioned by Kassandra Venable. John will look at it and see what he needs.

Bill from Durbin for fixing the culvert in Sugar Creek - \$5,771.25. ***Kera made a motion to pay the bill. Ron seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

Lightning Strike – Chief Sullivan said we are at \$521.69 equipment loss currently. Royell has a ticket to fix our internet and phone service.

Bobbie made a motion to adjourn. Ray seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12th at 7pm.