

Thayer Village Board Meeting
Village Hall
April 10, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.
Approved Minutes

The Thayer Village Board met in regular session, Monday, April 10, 2023, 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: Paula Campbell, Ray Campbell, Rob McMahan, Mac McGlothlin, Terry McGlothlin, Kera Pusch, Ron Smith, Bobbie Trojack

Staff Present: Austin Cronister, Kaitlin Sullivan, John Ulery

Guests: Bob Crouch, Missy Crouch, Randy Crouch, Steve Crouch, Brenda Eller, Roger Eller, Davey Gonzales, Jeff Millburg, Tish Robinson, Kelly Shores

MINUTES

The draft written minutes from the March 13, 2023, meeting were distributed. *Paula made a motion to approve the minutes. Bobbie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

EXPENSE PAYABLES

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Zoning – Paula Campbell – No report.

Streets & Alleys – Ray Campbell
The signs for the alleys were delivered.

Health & Welfare – Bobbie Trojack
She submitted a list of ten houses to be cleaned up in town. The list was given to Chief Cronister for follow up.

Utilities – Ron Smith – No report.

Finance – Kera Pusch

The 2022 audit is done. She plans to pick that up tomorrow. We are caught up and Kaitlin is beginning work on the 2023 audit. Kera will contact David Hayes to proceed with grants. She will gather a list of possible projects and the board can prioritize. The CDs have been opened at the 4.5%.

Building & Grounds – Mac McGlothlin

The floor and walls have been painted at the Village Hall with some trim left to do. John has been filling holes. The building has been rented out quite a bit. Mac said there was a renter that left some damage. Rob said he can deny renting to any individual as necessary.

Water Report – John submitted written copies of the water report and sewer summary.

Chief – Submitted a written report for the preceding month.

Ron made a motion to approve the committee reports. Mac seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Requests to Address the Board

Davey Gonzales said one portion of his property that was repaired was an alley on Village property and he is requesting a partial or full reimbursement on that part. He submitted the billing of \$1,250. He did not realize it was on Thayer property until after the work was done. *Paula made a motion that we cannot pay for this expense. Mac seconded. Motion carried unanimously, except for Ron Smith who voted present.*

OLD BUSINESS

Missing Street Signs – John/Ray

John said he needs to get some poles.

NEW BUSINESS

Water Bills – Kera said we sent out letters to all residents that had past due bills requesting that they call by March 31st to set up a meeting, or pay their bills in full by April 16. We met with all that called and worked with them to waive penalties and set up a plan to get them caught up. Anyone that received a letter and did not respond or pay will have their water shut off on April 17th until payment is made in full. Going forward the bills will be due on the 16th and if not paid by the 25th water will be shut off. This cycle was started by COVID and now we need to get everyone back on track with paying their bills on time. Rob said we will come up with a form for people to complete to request their deposit when they request that their water be turned off or transferred and give their forwarding address.

The current deposit is \$125. There was discussion about raising it. Rob will review and we will discuss raising the deposit and the minimum for water at the board meeting next month.

Clean Up Day – Kera brought up the possibility of doing this again. After discussion, Kera will call Calvin from Auburn township to see how they do it.

We need a new pipe locator (\$1,268) and we are required to buy the analyzer device for the water (\$6,640). DPA requires that we have the analyzer. *Mac made a motion that we purchase them. Kera seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

Fiber Optic is being put in. There are about five different companies coming down to install. We are meeting with them tomorrow. We will ask for a bond, ask that they don't work past 5pm or weekends, and require that they don't cross any gas or power lines. They have the right to do this because it is public property. Individuals have the right to keep them off their property but not off the easement. *Mac made a motion we pass an ordinance the same as Virden regarding the Fiber Optic installation. Motion carried unanimously.*

Process for cleaning up some of the homes – the list was given to Chief Cronister.

Chief Cronister said to give him addresses of homes that need cleaned up. He will give them warnings first. He got permission from Mac to use the community building for trainings. Once a month they will use it for active shooter training.

Chief asked if we had the potential of hiring another full-time police officer. Over the weekend there were several armed break-ins in surrounding communities. Cost would be \$21- \$22 per hour. He has one applicant that is full time certified and would just need uniforms. Rob said we would consider.

Chief requested to purchase a couple guns from Divernon. They are new in the case for \$300 each. Rob suggested buying one this month and one later. ***Paula made a motion that we purchase one weapon from Divernon this month. Kera seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

Kera made a motion to adjourn. Paula seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:17.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 8 at 7pm.