

Thayer Village Board Meeting
Village Hall
June 12, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.
Draft Minutes

The Thayer Village Board met in regular session, Monday, June 12, 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: Steve Crouch, Rob McMahan, Mac McGlothlin, Terry McGlothlin, Kera Pusch, Kelly Shores, Ron Smith, Bobbie Trojack

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Austin Cronister, Kaitlin Sullivan, John Ulery

Guests: Hunter Buchanan, Bob Crouch, George Cook, David Hayes, Jeff Millburg, Diane Mitchell

MINUTES

The draft written minutes from the May 8, 2023, meeting were distributed. *Bobbie made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Kera seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

David Hayes, Benton & Associates

Mr. Hayes distributed information about Benton & Associates. Kera had approached him about grant funding. His focus is funding. If we choose to move forward, depending on the project we might be working with a different project manager. 1) DPA has a low interest loan program where they forgive. An application can be submitted anytime. They come out with an intended use plan once a year. You can go up to 30 years on your loan. There are certain criteria to be met to qualify for the loan forgiveness. 2) USDA Rural Development. You can apply anytime. They have a 40-year term and interest is only the first year. Today our interest would be 2.8%. The rate changes quarterly. Puts you into 40% grant. 3) DCEO – Apply yearly and it is a competitive grant process. It's construction only. Must be for health and safety. Must have your planning document, design, permits, rights of way, etc.

There are other grant programs that pop up.

One of the main things looked for is a health and safety threat.

They do not write grants for anyone that is not a client. With us, the Village would identify a project, and hire them to do the documents. They would determine what needs to be fixed and what is available. Once we are approved for a grant, they would do the design. They help through the bid process, construction observation, etc.

There is not a retainer fee. Cost would be given to us up front. No obligation except for each agreement. Grant management can be handled by them or us.

COVID money – it can be used – select that you are using it to recap revenue lost during COVID.

He gave his contact information and said questions are welcome.

EXPENSE PAYABLES

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds – Mac McGlothlin

Grass has been cut. Welcome to Thayer sign was fixed. We need to get a price on fixing the electric sign. John will start on the garage as weather permits. We have a part-time worker – 20 hours a week 8-12. Money was turned in for rent of the building.

Building & Zoning – Steve Crouch

No report.

Finance – Kera Pusch

She has the April and May bank statements to review by the next meeting. She has been working with David Hayes on grant possibilities.

Health & Welfare – Bobbie Trojack

We had two cars towed. The part time worker has been picking up trash. Warnings have resulted in mowed yards. No citations have been issued.

Police & Personnel – Kera Pusch

Kera has had no complaints about our staff. We are trying out a new payroll system and so far it is working well.

Streets & Alleys – Kelly Shores

He has had no complaints. He had dirt brought into the alley behind his house.

Utilities – Ron Smith

He will help as he can on the garage. No report on utilities.

Water Report – John read and submitted a written report.

Chief – Read and submitted a written report. He has an individual helping around town on community service. He has kits from Sangamon County Recovery Orientated Systems of Care for overdose scenes with Narcan, drug test strips, brochures for help. The Bike Night and Side by Side at the two bars went well and everyone was respectful.

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

Requests to Address the Board

George Cook – Asked to extend the alley behind the storage to 117 W. Sycamore so he can have access. He is putting up a building back there. Bobbie said (as a neighbor) she would prefer, if he is not using it daily, that it be left as it is. Kelly said that the board had previously agreed that an alley that is not rocked should not be driven on.

Mr. Cook also expressed concern about pulling out on the highway about the visibility. He called IDOT. Rob said he also called them.

Hunter Buchanan requested that he be allowed to register his address as a business temporarily. He will not be doing business out of his home but needs a registered business address.

OLD BUSINESS

Village Clean Up – Kera will have costs by next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Benton & Associates – Rob said we need to get the water line fixed for the last three streets in town. Kera suggested looking at the entire town's water lines. They need more shut offs put in throughout the town so that all the water doesn't have to be done. ***Mac made a motion that we have a committee meeting with Benton & Associates. Kera seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*** Kera, Kelly, Ron and Rob will meet. Kera will contact Benton and set up a date/time. Kelly asked John to give us a map of where the newer lines are.

Mac made a motion to permit Hunter to use his home for his business address if sales are not done at the house. Steve seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rocking alley – 117 W. Sycamore – after discussion it was turned over to committee to resolve.

Ron said he was asked to check on a Side by Side run for October 1, 2023. They asked to block off from 4-way stop to the alley. ***Mac made a motion to approve. Kera seconded. Steve and Ron voted present. All others voted yes. Motion carried.***

Kaitlin presented Ordinance 2023-02 as the appropriations for the new year beginning May 1, 2023. ***Mac made a motion to approve. Kera seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

Bobbie asked about holes left from the cable company work. John said they told him to call them, and they would come back and fix them. He will contact them.

Kelly asked for response for his employer regarding outside business activity.

ADJOURN

Ron made a motion to adjourn. Steve seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 10, 2023 @ 7pm.