

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

The Thayer Village Board met in regular session, Monday, July 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: Steve Crouch, Rob McMahan, Kera Pusch, Kelly Shores, Ron Smith, Bobbie Trojack

Board Members Present Virtually: Mac McGlothlin, Terry McGlothlin

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Austin Cronister, Kaitlin Sullivan, John Ulery

Guests: Bob Crouch, Ron Erickson, Jeff Millburg, Renee Shores

**MINUTES**

The draft written minutes from the June 12, 2023, meeting were distributed. *Kera made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Bobbie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

**EXPENSE PAYABLES**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Building & Grounds – Mac McGlothlin

There has only been one renter at the community center and no renters scheduled for next month at this time.

Building & Zoning – Steve Crouch - No report.

Finance – Kera Pusch

Benton would like to meet the evening of July 26<sup>th</sup>. They have assigned Ben Spreen for lead person. Kelly and Ron confirmed that meeting time will work for them. She has an appointment next week for possible upgrade to the system so that water bills can be paid online. She reviewed the financials through May 31<sup>st</sup> and has the June reconciliations and second quarter payroll reports to review.

Police & Personnel – Kera Pusch

She has received no complaints about personnel at this time. She requested that we go into Executive Session later.

Health & Welfare – Bobbie Trojack

A \$100 citation was issued at 206 E. Sycamore for burning in the alleyway.

Streets & Alleys – Kelly Shores - No report.

Utilities – Ron Smith - No report.

Water Report – John read and submitted a written report.

Police Report - Chief Cronister read a written report.

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

### **Requests to Address the Board**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Garage Repairs – Ron said the door to the garage needs to be replaced and is difficult to get into. There was discussion about board members and volunteers doing the work to repair the garage. Rob will discuss further when Mac is back from vacation.

Motor Fuel Tax – Kera has done some work on this. She reported that the program for each year is \$1250 and for most years it would be better to just return the funds. She is in the process of going through each year to determine how much we need to return. She will meet with them next week. We should not spend any more out of this. Kera will reach out to Benton and Associates to see if they will help us with this going forward.

Village Clean Up – Kera received two bids for dumpsters:

\*Cleetons - \$680 for 30 yards with 6-ton limit and \$70 for addtl. ton. Cleetons can pick up and drop off same day.

\*Republic quoted \$400 for 30 yard up to 5 tons plus 50 per container delivery fee and \$40 per ton for overage. They can drop off four containers on Friday afternoon and pick up on Monday. If we do this, we will need surveillance. Republic said they would give us money back for any scrap metal.

Kera proposed doing 2 hours on 2 Saturdays the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekends of September. Someone would need to supervise the entire time. She would write notices to put at the Village Hall, Post Office, and Facebook. This will require people to bring their trash to us. Steve suggested they show their license, so we know they live here.

***Kera made a motion that we do the city clean up, projecting \$2500 the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekends of September. We will hire the lowest rate. Motion carried unanimously.***

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Storm Clean Up - Whalen said they would charge \$250/hour to pick up brush. We need to set a date. It was suggested that we contact Virden's Mayor to request assistance from their workers.

After discussion, ***Kera made a motion that we request Virden's assistance and if they cannot help, we will hire Whalen's at \$250/hour for no more than 10 hours to pick up brush from the storm. We are projecting the week of July 17<sup>th</sup>.***

Kera will reach out to the City of Auburn or our representative to find out if there is reimbursement available for the brush pickup since it was declared an emergency from the Governor.

Trailer across the tracks that burned – what are next steps? We need to determine who is responsible for the clean-up. A notice will be sent to Mr. Narmont since he is the owner.

Presentation - Andy Goleman, Sangamon County Auditor along with the Tax Assessor and Coroner would like to come to speak to the board, possibly next month. They are going to all area municipalities to talk about what they do and what their process is.

Storm drains - There was discussion regarding debris in storm drains - is it the responsibility of the homeowner or the village?

There is a drain from farm ground thru the city – who put it in? Piping runs back to the north.

Rob said we will do what we can to fix the area.

John will work on a drain issue on Ebony Street tomorrow.

Guest said they could not read the meeting minutes from the website – it was blurry. Terry will follow up.

***Kera made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. Steve seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

The board exited Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. During Executive Session personnel issues were discussed.

***Steve made a motion to adjourn. Kelly seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.***

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 14, 2023 @ 7pm.