

Thayer Village Board Meeting
Village Hall
August 14, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.
Approved Minutes

The Thayer Village Board met in regular session, Monday, August 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Call to Order – Mac McGlothlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Steve Crouch, Mac McGlothlin, Terry McGlothlin, Kera Pusch, Kelly Shores, Ron Smith, Bobbie Trojack

Board Members Absent: Rob McMahan

Staff Present: Austin Cronister, Kaitlin Sullivan, John Ulery

Guests: Tracy Eggers, Lloyd Kirkpatrick, Jeff Millburg, Diane Nickell, Tish Robinson, Carol Schultz

MINUTES

The draft written minutes from the July 10, 2023, meeting were distributed. *Kera made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Kelly 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

Building has been rented out. Lawn mower is broken but is under warranty and being repaired.

Building & Zoning – Steve Crouch

Issued one building permit.

Finance – Kera Pusch

She has the reconciliation report to review. Grant options will be reviewed in new business.

Police & Personnel – Mac McGlothlin

Mac met with both employees and will meet with them monthly. Police had four call backs and Chief Cronister let Mac know each time, so his overtime was approved. Mac also has their work schedules.

Health & Welfare – Bobbie Trojack

Bobbie gave Chief Cronister a list of properties that need to be issued warnings/citations.

Streets & Alleys – Kelly Shores

The ordinance states no driving on alleys with grass. He headed off an issue where someone was moving a shed and it would have included driving a wrecker through yards as well. He received complaints from neighbors. The storage shed to be moved is 24 ft. long. Kelly spoke to the owner and hopefully it is resolved.

Utilities – Ron Smith

Had one call about utility lights out. He called Ameren. We should turn others in if we have them, so Ameren is not coming out for just one light.

Water Report – John read and submitted a written report.

Police Report - Chief Cronister read and submitted a written report.

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

Requests to Address the Board

Lloyd Kirkpatrick offered to purchase a lot at 945 E. Main Street, Auburn, IL in the amount of \$8,000.

After discussion, Ron made a motion we table until we get more information. Kelly seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Audit – Kaitlin said she needs more info from Kathy and Terry.

Garage Repairs – Mac said that Rob mentioned Ron getting some people together to fix the garage roof. Steve asked if there would be liability issues.

Village Clean Up – Kera received the contract today for September 9th and 16th from 8am-noon. She will forward the contract for signatures. Each resident will need to show their license and we need volunteers to supervise.

Community Picnic – She will set up a committee and asked anyone interested to let her know. This would be for next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Animal Control Agreement – This is something we do annually. Everyone received a copy. ***Kera made a motion to move forward with the agreement. Bobbie seconded. Motion carried.***

Grants – There is a meeting the Wednesday before each board meeting. We agreed to go with the DCEO grant to update outdated water piping. The CPA estimated the cost of the updated will be \$2m and the grant will be up to \$1.5m. She reviewed the costs. We would have to get an EPO permit by October and that might be a problem. The work would not be done until 2025. Tonight, we would need an approval of \$6,000 for them to get started. ***Kera made a motion to approve the \$6,000 to get started on this project. Kelly seconded. Motion carried.*** Kelly said if we can get this in by January, we will apply for both 2023 and 2024.

Kera made a motion that we give them permission to speak directly with our Auditor. Steve seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TIF – Mac said Rob indicated that he wants a TIF committee. Members will be appointed at the next meeting.

Water Bill Options – Kera has been working on an option where we could accept online payments, send Ebills, and set up automatic payments. Software is free, first year is \$300 and that is guaranteed for 5 years.

She did a walk-through of the system. Users would need to pay the fees. We can send out automatic disconnect notices and they can make their payment. There is a need for this service.

Kelly checked with Otter Lake Water Commission – It is \$1.45 per customer per month. They do the automatic payment system. They do disconnect calls, but our worker would need to do the shut off.

Mac suggested tabling this until next month.

Kera made a motion to adjourn. Kelly seconded. Motion carried, and meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.
Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2023 @ 7pm.