

**Thayer Village Board Meeting  
Village Hall  
February 13, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Approved Minutes**

The Thayer Village Board met in regular session, Tuesday, February 13th, 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

Guests: Bob Crouch, Adam Wilson-UKA LLC, David Albers-Benton & Associates

**MINUTES**

The draft written minutes from the January 8, 2024, meeting were distributed. *Mac made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Steve seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

**EXPENSE PAYABLES**

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

**Requests to Address the Board**

Adam Wilson – Project Developer for UKA LLC – Wind Project – They have plans to utilize the old railroad corridor for an overhead transmission line and the corridor will be converted to an approximately 20-mile bike trail from Centennial Park to Finney Road in Macoupin County.

There will be no turbines in the Thayer area. Natural Resources will take over the easement. They will present a plan to Macoupin County soon.

David Albers – Benton & Associates – He brought a copy of the grant application and reviewed timelines. We should receive notice of extra steps by June. Benton would have 90 days to complete. In October/November we will receive notice if we are awarded the grant and would receive the fully executed grant agreement by November. There is a two-year timeline to complete the project. Design planning is already happening. They have standard contract language, so it does not take long to pull that together. Groundbreaking should happen around March. He shared an article that was in the State Journal Register.

Questions:

*How much of an impact will this make on the entire town?* In theory we won't have anything in the system any more that is not PVC pipe. This should result in fewer water breaks. We will have shut offs so when there is a water break the water can be shut off in specific areas rather than shutting off water to the entire town.

*What size pipe will be used? 4" and 6"*

*Will we have better water pressure after the repairs are made? How will that impact galvanized pipes in our homes?* There is a difference between pressure and flow. Pressure is raised by raising the elevation

of the water tower. We currently have the water flow turned down because of the water breaks. Once the repairs are done it can be turned back up. It should not impact the galvanized pipes in homes.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Building & Grounds – Mac McGlothlin

A Christmas tree has been purchased and should be put in this next week at the Village Hall.

The community building has been rented and funds turned into the Treasurer.

A section of tree fell at the community center. John cleaned up what fell but the tree needs to be removed completely. Mac will ask John to look into that.

### Building & Zoning – Steve Crouch

No report.

### Finance – Kera Pusch

Fourth quarter reconciliations were reviewed with no issues. January was received and will be reviewed. Benton & Associates are building us a program so that we can use the Motor Fuel Tax funds. Stephanie with Benton and Associates will come down and drive the roads with Rob and determine what roads need to be repaired the most.

### Police & Personnel – Mac McGlothlin/Kera

Mac met with both employees. There was a question about their clothing allowance. Kaitlin said it is \$200/year. If they have a need for additional protective clothing, they could request it with the board.

### Health & Welfare – Bobbie Trojack

She has not received detailed information on how many warnings/tickets were issued or what the status is on the citations that were issued. When citations are issued, the recipient has a period of time to fix the issue. If it is done, the fine is dropped. Some come to the board to contest, and others pay the fine. The process is explained further in the Nuisance ordinance. We need to review the ordinance and work with Chief Cronister if changes are needed. Mac will schedule a meeting with Bobbie and Chief Cronister to discuss the status of the citations.

### Streets & Alleys – Kelly Shores

No report. Steve mentioned that if we need to do some road patching, we can rent a hot box for a week for \$600 plus the cost of the asphalt from Broughton.

### Utilities – Ron Smith

Ron presented information from 360 Energy Group, LLC. Rob suggested they come down to speak about it.

Water Report – John was not in attendance but submitted a written report. There was an issue with incorrect water bills and new bills will be mailed out on 2/14.

Police Report – Chief Cronister was not in attendance.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Grant – Kera reached out to Representative Steve McClure’s office. They discussed that we are one of many communities with water issues. IL EPA said that if the DCO grant does not go thru they will offer a low-cost loan for 1.09 Percent for forty years. Kelly is also speaking to Wayne Rosenthal. Kera will ask for a copy of the letter to send people.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Vandeventer Engineering – Received letter regarding revised calibration contract for the WWTP MJK Flow Meter. **Mac made a motion that we sign and pay the \$2,995. Kera seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ordinance 2024-01 for Bond Sale – to Change owners – **Kera made a motion to approve. Kelly seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Sangamon County Public Health Office wants to come to next month’s meeting to talk about what they do for us. The request was from the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinators.

Mac had a request about renting the community building a couple days during the week to use the commercial kitchen. They will come to the next meeting to present a proposal.

Water Issues – There was discussion about the water billing system. Otter Lake will take over billing in a couple months. According to the ordinance, there is a fee to reconnect when the water is shut off. This needs to be enforced. Rob is working on proposed rates for putting in new meters, sewer, minimum water/sewer fee, and reconnect.

Board members have individually been approached about water bills that are delinquent and they want assistance or payment agreements. It was discussed that decisions on payment agreements should be brought to the board.

Campers/Trailers – Discussion that there should not be people living in RV’s or campers. Rob will look at ordinances in other communities and ask Roger to put an ordinance together.

**Steve made a motion to adjourn. Kelly seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.**