

**Thayer Village Board Meeting  
Village Hall  
August 11, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Approved Minutes**

The Thayer Village Board met in regular session, Monday, August 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

**Call to Order** – Rob McMahan called the meeting to order at 7pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Steve Crouch, Jimmy Higgins, Jay McCready, Rob McMahan, Kelly Shores, Bobbie Trojack

Absent: Terry McGlothlin, Kera Pusch

Guests: Jeff Millburg, Diane Nickell, Tish Robinson, Renee Shores, David Timm

Staff: Kaitlin Sullivan, Tim Sullivan

David Timm, Candidate for Sangamon County Sherriff introduced himself and gave his background. He is running for the office of Sangamon County Sheriff.

**MINUTES**

The draft written minutes from the July 14, 2025, meeting were distributed. ***Bobbie made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Steve seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

**EXPENSE PAYABLES**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Building & Grounds – Kera Pusch – No report.

Building & Zoning/Building Permits – Steve Crouch – No report.

Finance – Kelly Shores - He reviewed the June reconciliation reports and found no issues.

Health & Welfare – Bobbie Trojack – No report.

Police & Personnel – Kera Pusch – No report.

Streets & Alleys – Jimmy Higgins – No report.

Utilities – Jay McCready – No report.

Police Report – Chief Sullivan read and submitted a written report. He provided a draft ordinance on working with the IL Comptroller's Office to collect unpaid ordinance violations. Attorney Roger Rutherford has reviewed it.

Water Report – John Ulery – No report.

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

Public Comment – None other than David Timm (above).

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Grant – Kelly said we met with Benton and realized we must pay out of pocket on some of the water project. \$180,000 in addition to what we have already paid for engineering, funding assistance, design, etc. Rural Water Association does low-cost ten-year loans at 3.125% for municipalities. We must apply and get that process going. We also have an amendment to our agreement with Benton so we can continue the project that will need approval. We hope to break ground by December or January and project will be 3-5 months. We don't know what the bid will be yet and there are only a few companies that do this work so the cost could be higher. We might have to borrow more depending on the bid. ***Bobbie made a motion that the Village apply for a loan with the Rural Water Association. Kelly seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

Police Computer – Computer has been purchased and is working much better.

Signs – We can get no solicitation signs like Auburn has for \$35 each. We need six of them and can customize them. The ordinance says solicitors must apply and there is a fee, but penalties cannot be applied based on the current ordinance. To change that we would need to do an amendment to the ordinance. Kelly has written something up and Chief Sullivan will use that to write an amendment. Steve has been checking on signs to replace the Welcome to Thayer signs.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Ordinance Violation Process / Comptroller's Debt Recovery Program

Chief Sullivan prepared Ordinance #2025-04 – Partnership with Comptroller's Office to Collect Unpaid Fines - This Ordinance establishes a uniform, fair and impartial procedure to create a partnership with the IL Comptroller's Office to assist the Village of Thayer in recouping debts owed to the Village for past due water/sewer bills, parking tickets, ordinance violations, court fees, administrative judgements, etc. ***Kelly made a motion to approve. Bobbie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

### Benton Agreement

***Kelly made a motion to approve the amendment to the Benton agreement. Steve seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

### Invitation to Bid

Benton needs approval to post an invitation to bid on the water project. There will be a pre-bid meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm at the Village Hall, and bids will be received until September 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. ***Jay made a motion to approve. Jimmy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

Change Bank Signature Authority – No changes made at this time.

Water Rates – Rob reviewed the rates. He suggested putting \$5.00 on minimum for water and raising the water itself 5 cents per 100 gallons. We did just raise it 5 cents, but Otter Lake just raised theirs again because of new water line they put in and it will go up again before the end of the year. If we don't do anything we will be losing funds. Next month we will look at this further.

Chief Sullivan gave an update on ordinance violation payments. He presented Ordinance #03-254 and photos of 301 E Elm for tall weeds and obnoxious growth. He contacted Sangamon County State's Attorney regarding a litter control violation. Residents have thrown household trash out the back door. Grass is overgrown in front and back. He has been several times, and nothing has improved.

*Bobbie made a motion that the ordinance is found to be valid. Jim seconded. Motion approved unanimously.*

Steve said there is a lot of overgrown grass across the tracks, especially the ditches. Chief Sullivan called Public Health. They said the Village would need to sign an agreement to haul away the building. Rob said that would be for Sangamon County to take over all the ordinance work.

***Steve made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. Jay seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

In Executive Session personnel was discussed. Regular meeting resumed at 8:00 p.m.

***Steve made a motion to revise Chief Sullivan's salary to \$28/hour. Kelly seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*** The new rate will take effect next pay period.

There was discussion about the need to update ordinances regarding vehicles, travel trailers, single family dwellings, etc.

***Steve made a motion to adjourn. Kelly seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.***