

**Thayer Village Board Meeting
Village Hall
September 8, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.
Approved Minutes**

The Thayer Village Board met in regular session, Monday, September 8, 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, Terry McGlothlin, Rob McMahan, Bobbie Trojack

Absent: Kera Pusch, Kelly Shores

Guests: George Cook, Bob Crouch, Mac McGlothlin, Diane Nickell, Tish Robinson

Staff: Kaitlin Sullivan, Tim Sullivan

MINUTES

The draft written minutes from the August 11, 2025, meeting were distributed. ***Bobbie made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Jay seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

EXPENSE PAYABLES

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds – Kera Pusch – No report

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

Finance – Kelly Shores – No report

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 a written report.

Water Report – John Ulery – Provided a written report.

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

Public Comment

George Cook – Received a notice regarding illegal occupancy of someone living in his garage. When he bought the home, someone lived there, and he was not aware that it could not be occupied. He asked for

an extension and a copy of the ordinance. He also asked if his daughter could live there when the current occupant leaves. It has water and power in it.

Response: He should have been told when he bought the home. When the current resident moves out, no one else can rent it. As for his daughter, that will need to be addressed at the time it happens.

Ron Erickson – Asked about the water situation and requested that the speed limit on Route 4 be lowered to 35.

Response: We have a grant to replace the water lines that just went up for bid until 9/16. We cannot change the speed on that road because it is a state highway but could investigate what would need to be done.

Mac McGlothlin – Asked that barricades be put up for Trunk or Treat on October 26 from the post office to past the Village Hall from 3-6, and December 19th they need Chief Sullivan to be at the community center at 5:45 to lead the drive with Santa coming to town. Tree lighting will be December 8th at 6:30 before the board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Grant – Pre-bid meeting was held September 2nd. Only one bidder came, and they had a couple things to add to their bid. The bids are being accepted in Jacksonville at Benton's office. It will be 30 days before they start the work and then they will have 365 days to complete the project.

They are going to have to dig for the water lines and will use the back of the school to deposit extra dirt. Area farmers may use the excess.

Water Rate Increase – We need to raise the minimum water rate by \$7.00, sewer by \$5.00, and 5 cents per 100 gallons since we had to get a loan to supplement the grant. We will need to create an ordinance with an effective date January 1.

Trees – Three trees need to be removed from Village property – Corner of Teak and Washington west of the cemetery, one in front of Rob's house, and one on corner of Elm and Washington.

NEW BUSINESS

We received a bill for \$449.80 for Sangamon County Animal Control's annual agreement. When Animal Control comes out, the first violation is \$100 fine. Each additional time they come out for the same animal is \$50 more. We need something in writing in the ordinance that would make the animal owner liable for all costs incurred by Animal Control. Agreement was signed by Village President and given to the Treasurer for payment/mailing.

TCU ordered a new door for the community center and 2 new windows. Contract was signed and they should be installed October 15-16. There are about 24 of the little windows in the back of the building that also need attention.

Fine and Penalties for Solicitors/Peddlers – We do not currently have anything in the ordinance regarding a fine for solicitors/peddlers without a permit. Chief drafted an amendment to Section 7-1-12, page 105 and 7-2-13, page 108.

Government Agreement Between Village and Comptroller – Agreement was signed by Village President and will be returned to the Comptroller.

Proposed Ordinance Regulating Loud Noises/Disturbances – Chief drafted an ordinance that limits loud noise/disturbances to end at 11pm. This should exclude bars to allow time allowed by liquor license in case they have bands or events.

Community Projects - Rob appointed Mac to community projects planning. Examples – assure flags are put out on patriotic holidays, Trunk or Treat, Santa on the fire truck, and other community projects.

Current dates:

Trunk or Treat – October 26 from 3-6pm

Christmas Tree Lighting - December 8 @ 6:30 p.m.

Santa Coming to Town – December 19 – Santa will be driving around Thayer starting at 6pm.

Donations

Candy for Trunk or Treat for Police – Last year we gave \$200 but had a lot left over. This year \$150 should be sufficient.

Funds for Fire Department – Santa – Last year was \$200.

Haunted House – Last year \$200.

Steve made a motion to donate \$150 to Thayer Police for Trunk or Treat, \$200 to Fire Department for Santa, and \$200 to Haunted House in Thayer if it is done again. Jay seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance Violation Hearings – Chief Sullivan

03230 –3 dogs running at large. Observed and had video proof. Animal Control picked up all three. \$300 violation taped to owner's front door.

03255 -Very aggressive pitbull at large. Photos were taken. Citation was issued for \$100, and Animal Control came but owner refused to let them take the dog.

When Animal Control picks up an animal the owner must come to the police and pay their fine for a release.

Steve made a motion to approve two ordinance violations #03230 and #03255. Jimmy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief has been multiple times to Sugar Creek Hills where a deck and siding are being added to an unapproved structure. They were supposed to be at the meeting tonight to state their case. Someone is living in it. We will discuss with Village attorney. At this point, additional ordinance violations can be written to the owner daily in the amount of \$100/day.

Steve made a motion to adjourn. Jay seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.