

Thayer Village Board Meeting
Village Hall
January 12, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.
Approved Minutes

The Thayer Village Board met in regular session, Monday, January 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jimmy Higgins, Terry McGlothlin, Rob McMahan, Kelly Shores, Bobbie Trojack

Absent: Steve Crouch, Jay McCready, Kera Pusch

Guests: David Albers-Benton, Ashley Cox, Mike Cox, Caroline Schulze, Gary Schulze, Josh Snodgrass

Staff: Kaitlin Sullivan

Presentations and Public Comment

David Albers – Benton Engineering

Sewer – still reaching out for alternatives – Auburn. Cameron Jones will set up a time to get everyone together.

Water Main – Going smooth. Majority of water main is in. Water samples have been taken on Sycamore. Main and Elm are about to finish up. The rest will be in the ground the next two weeks and then will get the new water main online and the old off. Sometime in February all should be in the new system.

Contractor payment - \$254,977.45 for Murphy Brothers. ***Kelly made a motion to approve payment number 3 in the amount of \$254,977.45. Jimmy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

Benton – \$29,500. ***Bobbie made a motion to pay Benton \$29,500. Jimmy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

He presented a quarterly financial report and construction report for Rob's signature.

On Main Street on the East end before the tracks, there is a potential to replace the additional 330 feet where there is plastic pipe. That was not included in the environmental clearances. If DCEO will allow us to add this cost to their grant it would involve a 30-day clearance time. There is no guarantee that they will let us. Total cost for this work would be \$40,009. We will need to proceed as if the Village will have to pay, if DCEO does not add it.

On Sycamore all the way to the west, look at what it would cost to bring the services up to the front, and disconnecting the main in the back alley. There is currently no way to flush the line. Looking at 1900 to do run lines and 2100 for the bore, for the five meters it would just be labor if John has the materials. 800 feet of water service to be trenched to the back of the homes – \$22,000. \$35,375 total.

Kelly made a motion that we approve change order #1 up to \$40,009. Jimmy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Change Order #2 – 25 feet of trenching, 20 foot bore for each, 5 meter pits, lids and fillers. 800 ft of water service pipe to tie into existing water service. \$35,375

Kelly made a motion to approve Change order #2 up to \$35,375. Jimmy seconded. Motion carried unanimously. David will prepare change order #2 and send to Rob for signature.

Mick & Mary's Liquor License

A request was made to renew their liquor license with new name. Their current licenses expire in February. Corporation name remains the same but instead of c/o Danny Snodgrass, it should say c/o Ashley Cox, President, DL Enterprises. The current license needs to be amended, and new licenses also issued.

Data Center – Gary & Caroline Schulze came to discuss the proposed data center. The proposal before Sangamon County is to place a data center five miles from Thayer. It would consist of 336 generators the size of semi-trailers – 56 per building. They will make a large humming sound that is amplified by the solar panels. They would create diesel pollution. They are claiming that it would provide 100 jobs, but 80 percent are remote in Texas and the others are low paying security jobs. Taxes will go up and property values will go down. If it gets approved there will be five more coming. They come to rural areas to get away with it. People need to show up to the meetings to oppose.

MINUTES

The draft written minutes from the December 8, 2025, meeting were distributed. ***Bobbie made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Jimmy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

EXPENSE PAYABLES

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds – Terry McGlothlin

The building was rented, and income given to the Treasurer.

Building & Zoning/Building Permits – Steve Crouch

No report. Rob said someone moved in a container on Sycamore Street. Steve was going to speak to him.

Finance – Kelly Shores

Reconciliation reports were good for October and November. Working on the loan. They did put us in for a grant for \$15,000 for the sign. Should hear back from them soon.

Health & Welfare – Bobbie Trojack

She spoke to Chief about a few ordinance violation issues, and he was aware and is watching them.

Police & Personnel – Kera Pusch

No report.

Streets & Alleys – Jimmy Higgins

Chief put up a no parking sign on Sycamore and Harrison.

Utilities – Jay McCready – No report.

Police Report – Chief Sullivan – No report.

Water Report – John Ulery – Provided a written report for November 11-30. Rob said we did have two water breaks caused by the work.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Motor Fuel Tax Report – Paperwork to Rob to discuss with Stephanie.

NEW BUSINESS

John wants to buy a tablet to submit Julie reports. Tabled.

ADJOURN

Kelly made a motion to adjourn. Jimmy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.