

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

The Thayer Village Board met in regular session, Monday, December 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, Kera Pusch, Kelly Shores, Bobbie Trojack

Guests: David Albers-Benton, Robert Crouch, Ben Lowder, Tish Robinson, Ron Smith

Staff: Kaitlin Sullivan, Chief Tim Sullivan

MINUTES

The draft written minutes from the November 10, 2025, meeting were distributed. ***Kera made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Bobbie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

EXPENSE PAYABLES

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

Presentations and Public Comment

David Albers – Benton Engineering

We are one month into the project. They were unable to work last week due to weather. Starting this week, we have 4 crews trenching and 1 boring. It should go quickly. A significant amount of the water line will be installed by end of December, and the remainder done in January. Payout for October 31 – November 21st is \$80,793. Benton's part is \$3,000 for grant administration. Total \$15,000, which is 50%. Fee for bidding and construction \$16,800. Total of \$35,000 (25 percent). This grant only pays for construction services.

Kera made a motion to pay \$80,793 for Murphy Brothers. Steve seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer facility plan should be completed in January. Cameron Jones will reach out to meet with us to talk about alternatives - treat the phosphorus on our own or send to Auburn. We will need a couple other alternatives also and discuss if they will or will not work.

Auburn should have the capacity if we need to go that route.

Tish Robinson – Liquor license is up in January. She requested snow removal in front of the bar. ***Kera made a motion to add both streets in front of the bars when John plows. Jay seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

Ben Lowder - He is an artist, lives at Otter Lake, and put a mural up at K & K. Came to ask if there was interest in a mural for Route 66. He can supply pictures of what he has done. We would need to investigate where we could put a permanent fixture.

Kelly said the Springfield CDB put in the international grant application twice and not the state one so missed the deadline. There may not be any grant money. We also need to know where we would put it. Ben will communicate ideas to Kelly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds – Kera Pusch

Shirley Blankenship's check was turned in, but she had to cancel so needs reimbursed.

Building & Zoning/Building Permits – Steve Crouch

Turned in one building report for Ebony Street.

Finance – Kelly Shores

Reviewed reconciliation reports for October and November. Both looked good. We did submit the application for the Rural Water loan.

Health & Welfare – Bobbie Trojack - No report.

Police & Personnel – Kera Pusch

Will meet with Jim and Tim by the end of the month.

Streets & Alleys – Jimmy Higgins – No report.

Utilities – Jay McCready – No report.

Police Report – Chief Sullivan – Read and submitted a written report.

Water Report – John Ulery – Provided a written report.

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

OLD BUSINESS

TIF Report

Kera reached out to the auditor, and they recommended we go thru Benton. They also do not handle so we should go through our attorney. Rob will call our attorney and ask him to write a letter that Kaitlin will upload.

Motor Fuel Tax Report – Tracy and/or Stephanie with Benton are working on this.

Computers for Police Vehicles – Brand new they are \$2,000 on Amazon. Didn't list anything on warranty. Dell does not list them any longer. There is one for \$694 with a five-year manufacturer's warranty on the hard drive. They are used and were manufactured in 2020. We would also need to buy the stands for \$320. \$560 each to fix the old ones. If we get the same model, we have for \$388 we would not need the stands. The computers he has now are 15 years old. ***Steve made a motion to allow Chief Sullivan to spend \$2500 for two computers and stands. Kera seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

NEW BUSINESS

Website Domain Name Ends 12/12

The board agreed to renew the domain.

Updated/New Ordinances

2 amendments – Section 24-7-16, and 40-2-12. ***Kelly made a motion to approve the two amendments. Kera seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

2025-07 – Tax Levy Ordinance – ***Steve made a motion to approve. Kera seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

Sidewalk Maintenance - Sidewalks and drive in front of the Village Hall should be cleaned off. Rock salt could have helped for tonight's event. Kera will discuss with John.

Administrative Items

IEPA Bill – gave to Kaitlin.

Otter Lake – Water rate is being raised in March by about \$.20/1000 gallons. There will be a 3 percent increase for the next five years beginning in 2022.

Pudock's Liquor License – ***Kera made a motion to renew their liquor license. Steve seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

Steve made a motion to go into Executive Session. Jimmy seconded. 8:40.

Steve made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:50. Kera seconded.

In Executive Session ordinance violations were discussed.

Motion to Authorize Legal Action, 51 Sugar Creek Hills

Jay made a motion to authorize legal action against 51 Sugar Creek Hills for ordinance violations. Steve seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Sullivan will let Andrew know to proceed.

Steve made a motion to give a \$100 gift card for Calvin for his assistance. Kera seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Christmas Bonuses

Jay made a motion to give employees \$100 and \$50 to Otter Lake's two office staff. Steve seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bobbie made a motion that we give Paul a gift card for \$100. Steve seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Steve made a motion to adjourn. Jay seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.