

**Thayer Village Board Meeting
Village Hall
February 9, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.
Approved Minutes**

The Thayer Village Board met in regular session, Monday, February 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Thayer Village Hall.

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Jimmy Higgins, Jay McCready, Terry McGlothlin, Rob McMahan, Kera Pusch, Kelly Shores, Bobbie Trojack

Absent: Steve Crouch

Guests: David Albers-Benton, Tish Robinson

Staff: Kaitlin Sullivan

Presentations and Public Comment

David Albers – Benton Engineering

Almost all water main is in. Waiting for one tie-in. Water service has started on Sycamore and Elm. When they get the approval on the other two, they will get those on. Substantial completion should be in February. When weather dries up, they will put in rock and grass seed.

Payout #4 includes remainder of water work done between December 27-January 23 - \$429,582.80

Kera made a motion to pay MB Construction \$429,582.80. Kelly seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Benton Engineering – The amount currently due is \$31,000. ***Bobbie made a motion that we pay Benton Engineering in the amount of \$31,000. Jimmy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

MINUTES

The draft written minutes from the January 12, 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. ***Jay made a motion to accept the expense payables as submitted. Jimmy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds – Terry McGlothlin

The food handlers' certificate was received and is posted at the Community Center. There have been no rentals this month. The haunted house staff requested October 19-November 2 to be blocked. Approved.

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

Finance – Kelly Shores

He is working to get the loan information to the National Rural Water Association. We were submitted for a \$10,000 grant for the Route 66 sign and should hear back from that soon.

Health & Welfare – Bobbie Trojack – No report.

Police & Personnel – Kera Pusch

She met with Chief for his performance review. John is scheduled for Monday morning. She will forward them when complete.

Streets & Alleys – Jimmy Higgins – No report.

Utilities – Jay McCready – No report.

Police Report – Chief Sullivan

Chief read and submitted a report for two months, and a 2025 activity report.

Water Report – John Ulery – John submitted a written report.

Treasurer – Frontier jumped \$40, and Republic also increased by \$40 for the past two months. Rob will call them.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Route 66 Sign – If we get the \$10,000 grant, we will need to do a fundraiser to get more. Casey would design it for us.

TIF Report – Roger called Rob this afternoon. He found someone in Bloomington that would help us get them updated. Kelly is meeting with someone to get more information on TIF. The money would go to the taxing bodies if it were not used. We would get a portion. He will work on getting the specifics.

Motor Fuel Tax Report – We are missing the report from 2019. We need to check with Hutchinson Engineering. They were issued a check in August 2019 for final invoice of \$1,000.

NEW BUSINESS

Grocery Tax – We received an optional ordinance for a 1% sales tax on groceries since the state now leaves that to individual communities. ***Kelly made a motion to approve. Jimmy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

Chief - Rhea Miller asked if we do an information sheet for new residents. We do not currently but can look into it.

Computer – John is requesting a computer or tablet that has cellular technology. The IPAD he is using is wi-fi only. Kera will talk to David to find out where they get theirs. Another option would be a “MYFI”, which is like a hot spot.

Kera made a motion to go into Executive Session. Jay seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
Executive Session began at 8:10.

Kelly made a motion to return to the regular meeting at 8:45. Kera seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

In Executive Session, personnel was discussed.

ADJOURN - ***Kelly made a motion to adjourn. Jimmy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.***