

Thayer Village Board Meeting
Village Hall
April 13, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.
Approved Minutes

The Thayer Village Board met in regular session, Monday, April 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Thayer Village Hall.

Call to Order – Kera Pusch called the meeting to order at 7pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Steve Crouch, Jimmy Higgins, Terry McGlothlin, Kera Pusch, Kelly Shores, Bobbie Trojack

Absent: Jay McCready, Rob McMahan

Guests: David Albers-Benton, Ron Erickson, Craig Hall, Rhea Woodruff

Staff: Kaitlin Sullivan, Chief Tim Sullivan

Presentations and Public Comment

David Albers – Benton Engineering

All water service is complete. They started doing some of the hydroseeding today. We expect that work to be the second to last payment, then sidewalk repairs. The state is going to pay all the additional costs previously discussed. This payment is for \$44,894.00. The original grant was for \$1,491,000. The total came to \$1,545,320.

Kelly made a motion to pay the additional \$44,894. Steve seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Payment Authorization - \$128,100.60. \$9,000 will be the responsibility of the Village.

Kelly made a motion to pay Murphy Brothers \$128,100.60. Jimmy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Invoice from Benton for \$41,000 for contractor consultations, grant administration, and construction observation.

Kelly made a motion to pay Benton \$41,000 for this portion. Jimmy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There was some discussion about things that need repaired such as holes near driveways, sewer grates, etc. They will fix them up to one year (March 5, 2027).

Rhea Woodruff – Rhea is a manager at Royell Communications and has been with them for 18 years. She discussed an option of buying gift bags for everyone new to town. After discussion it was determined not to be feasible.

Ron Erickson – Is Sangamon County going to do home inspections when there are new builds? No, that was tabled.

Craig Hall – Talkington Township

Mr. Hall introduced himself as Township Supervisor in Talkington Township on the Morgan/Macoupin County line. They have had some big zoning issues. He has been there ten years. It is difficult to get the county police in the area. In 2018 he talked to Chief Sullivan about an agreement. Board members have not yet seen the agreement. Chief met with their village board. The agreement has been through the insurance company and our attorney. The primary focus would be Lowder. The data center will have

their own 24-hour security. The Sheriff's office would still have jurisdiction. It would just be extra coverage for them from us. Kera said the board will review the agreement, table it and get back to them.

MINUTES

Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Steve seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

EXPENSE PAYABLES

Kelly made a motion to approve the expense payables. Jimmy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds – Terry McGlothlin

Submitted \$200 for community building rentals.

Building & Zoning/Building Permits – Steve Crouch

Waiting on word from Teak Street building permit.

The Conex unit has been removed from Teak Street. We should post the ordinance on the Thayer page to assure others are aware of it.

Finance – Kelly Shores

Reviewed reconciliation reports for February and March. All looked good.

Health & Welfare – Bobbie Trojack

Bobbie read a lengthy report on citations and warnings that were given. She requested Kera ask John to paint the door on the community building. She also asked that he clean up the junk around the Village Hall. It was supposed to be put in the garage that we fixed up.

Police & Personnel – Kera Pusch

John is on vacation. Tim went to his training. Raises will be in effect April 1st.

Streets & Alleys – Jimmy Higgins - No report.

Utilities – Jay McCready - No report.

Police Report – Chief Sullivan

Chief Sullivan read and submitted a written report.

Water Report – John Ulery - No report.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Route 66 Sign – Kelly has been trying to get in touch with Casey but has not heard back from her.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Violation Hearing

Citation #03270 – Issued to Doug and Lori Burns – violation of chapter 25

On March 18 Chief inspected the property. Issued a written warning and gave 7 days to correct the violation. After 7 days he took updated photos and then on 3/26 he issued a citation and took updated photos. Chief Sullivan asked for board decision. Fine would be \$250 but if the board finds them guilty it will be \$250/day. *Kelly made a motion to uphold the ordinance. Steve seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

Village Clean Up Day

Kera suggested another clean-up day. Auburn Township is interested in working with us on it. She has been gathering some bids.

Kaitlin said it cost \$3,800 in 2023.

ADJOURN

Kelly made a motion to adjourn. Steve seconded. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.