

Thayer Village Board Meeting
Village Hall
May 11, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.
Approved Minutes

The Thayer Village Board met in regular session, Monday, May 11, 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: Steve Crouch, Jimmy Higgins, Jay McCready, Terry McGlothlin, Rob McMahan, Kera Pusch, Kelly Shores, Bobbie Trojack

Guests: Lori Burns, Mike Hawkins, Tish Robinson, Meghan Theel

Staff: Kaitlin Sullivan, Chief Tim Sullivan

MINUTES

Minutes from the April 13th meeting were distributed. *Kera made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Steve seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

EXPENSE PAYABLES

Treasurer's Report was distributed. *Steve made a motion to approve the expense payables. Jimmy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

Presentations and Public Comment

Lori Burns – She received an ordinance violation for her property. She requested information on why she was fined the \$250. Lori said it was cleared by 10:30 the next day. She said no one can see any of it without walking up her driveway. She added that the easement behind her property has not been mowed. Chief Sullivan said the area next to the deck was covered instead of removed. There is an unlicensed golf cart, tires and other violations. This has been an ongoing issue, and we need assurance that it will stop. She said she was not notified by warning on March 18th. She only received a written posting two weeks later. Chief Sullivan said Doug was given the notice and given additional time giving him up to two weeks to comply. After discussion, she was given 30 days to have the eviction notice process begun. She was given information on a law firm office that could help her with the paperwork and possibly waive fees.

Mike Hawkins – Checking on issue at 80 Sugar Creek Hills. They are supposed to tear down the shed. They are going back to the State's Attorney to see what we do next, whether that is a lien or something else. They are currently being fined daily. If someone tries to buy it, they will have to pay the lien first.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds – Terry McGlothlin

The building has been rented and will be rented several times in May.

Kera has an extra baby swing and will check with Mac about putting it up.

Steve said there is a spring toy that needs repaired.

Building & Zoning/Building Permits – Steve Crouch

He turned in two building permits tonight for a shed at 106 E. Teak, and a garage at 412 E. Cherry.

Finance – Kelly Shores

He reviewed the March reconciliation report, and it looked good.

Health & Welfare – Bobbie Trojack

She and Chief listed 35 possible violations in town. Many are repeat offenders, and some didn't realize what the ordinance says. Bobbie read the report. There is a tree that is dead on Washington and Elm (on city property) that needs taken down. There are other trees that need down as well. Kera, Kelly and Jay are going to check on bids.

Police & Personnel – Kera Pusch

Summer Worker – She has been working with John daily. There have been a lot of all-day projects, and there are projects that he cannot do alone. Wyatt from last year is available as of tomorrow. Rob said he told John he could use his backhoe to fix some of the storm sewers.

Tim has also done a good job lately. She has had no complaints.

Streets & Alleys – Jimmy Higgins

There is a piece of concrete in the alley behind his house that needs removed.

Utilities – Jay McCready – No report.

Police Report – Chief Sullivan

Chief Sullivan read and submitted a written report.

Water Report – John Ulery – No report

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

OLD BUSINESS

Route 66 Sign – Kelly said Casey started working on a design. He will meet with Joe Maynerich tomorrow. He also reached out to Ron to get in touch with Ben Lowder about a mural. We can borrow the money from the byways and then do fundraising to cover the expenses. One idea was to sell bricks around the light pole. Rob is selling shirts, and we are looking for other fundraiser ideas. \$30,000 is an estimate. There is a place in Springfield that will do the bricks. A logo and wording can be put on them.

Talkington Township –

This was tabled at the last meeting. Sangamon County would still be the primary to provide police coverage. They need more police presence.

Village Clean Up Day –

Community Sanitation – no response

Cleeton - \$710 per 30 yards with 6-ton limit = \$4,260

Sangamon County Dumpster - \$3,570 for 6

Kera will check with Auburn and some others for bids.

Kera is also working with Calvin from Auburn Township on dump sites.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget –

The police landline can be disconnected. This will need to be changed on the web page front contact list.

Rob said the sidewalk needs repaired across the street from firehouse to the corner – approximately \$20,000.

Kera made motion to go into executive session. Steve seconded. The Board went into Executive Session at 9pm.

Steve made a motion to return to the regular board meeting at 9:30pm. Jay seconded. Motion carried unanimously. During Executive Session personnel was discussed.

Summer Worker - ***Kera made a motion to hire Wyatt Raymond, summer worker starting May 12th for minimum wage for up to 32 hours per week approved by Rob weekly. End date to be determined. Jay seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

Treasurer - Rob accepted Kaitlin's written resignation, and appointed Meghan Theel as new Treasurer. ***Steve made a motion to hire Meghan as Treasurer. Kera seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

Talkington Township – ***Steve made a motion to take this off the board. Kelly seconded. Motion passed unanimously.***

ADJOURN

Steve made a motion to adjourn. Kelly seconded. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.