

VILLAGE OF THERESA
Regular Village Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 21, 2025 – 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Village President Jody Steger called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call

Present:

- President Jody Steger
- Trustee David Brandenburg
- Trustee Joe Haak
- Trustee Pat Bodden
- Trustee Robin Billings
- Trustee Sandy Koenigs

Excused:

- Trustee Shawn Krapfl

3. Public Comment

- Linda Herman, *119 Schnitzler Dr*, inquired about the status of someone wanting a food truck application.
- *Chris Giese, 205 Mayville St*, voiced continued concerns regarding the proposed 5G cell tower and suggested a public hearing be held. She also inquired about obtaining quotes for underground electric as part of the 2027 project to improve the down town aesthetic.
- *Barb Hackbarth, 407 Schnitzler Dr*, shared health concerns regarding the cell tower and provided articles for the Board to review.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Brandenburg, seconded by Koenigs, to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2025, Village Board Meeting. Motion carried (6-0).

5. New Business

a) Siren Maintenance Contract

Discussion held regarding the annual maintenance cost of \$1,425 with a possible 5% annual increase. Battery replacement next year will cost an additional \$500.

Motion by Brandenburg, seconded by Bodden, to approve the 5-year maintenance contract with the vendor, with the name updated to "Village of Theresa." Motion carried (6-0).

b) Cell Tower Lease Agreement

Discussion held on lease terms and health concerns. Trustee Bodden addressed citizen concerns, referencing FDA and American Cancer Society studies. Linda Herman spoke out of order and was advised that public comment had ended. Trustees discussed health impacts, wave frequencies, liability concerns, and the contract's length. The issue remains under consideration.

c) Administrative Report

Trustee Koenigs asked about the timeline for re-televising sewer laterals and suggested a late fee for unpaid permits. Public Works Director Bill will follow up.

d) Codification Update

The Village has 100 days to respond to the legal analysis.

e) Library Report (Presented by President Steger)

- The Library Board opted to remove the existing sign and use building lettering instead.
- DPW was requested to restore the grass where the sign was located.
- A double mailbox was ordered so both the Library and Village can receive mail here. The Village PO Box will not be renewed.
- Updates to the Library policy handbook, finance policy, and bylaws are underway.
- Circulation is increasing. Board Member Betty Schmidt retired and has been replaced. President Steger thanked Betty for her years of service.

f) President's Report

- The Highway 28 Project in the Village is nearing completion. Rumble strips and silt fence cleanup to follow.
- Next phase: Mayville to Horicon.

g) Public Safety Committee – Chair Haak, 6:30 PM

- Backpacks donated and will be distributed at National Night Out.
- Suspects identified and one arrest made in connection to recent break-ins.
- Alcohol-related calls are time-consuming and may require future training.
- FD continues regular training. Ambulance report is available on the Village website.

h) Operator Licenses

Motion by Koenigs, seconded by Billings, to approve Operator Licenses for Terrah Neatherlin and Laura Day. Motion carried (6-0).

i) Fire Department Funding Request

The fire truck failed testing on May 30 but passed after initial repairs. Further work is scheduled, including potential driveshaft repair. Motion by Brandenburg, seconded by Billings, to approve up to \$12,500 toward fire truck repairs. Motion carried (6-0).

j) Emergency Management Planning

Discussion held on the Village's water supply in the event of a power outage. The tower holds 250,000 gallons; daily usage is 45,000–60,000 gallons. The Village typically keeps the tower 2/3 full. Bottled water cannot be relied upon in an emergency.

k) 5K Run/Walk Route

Motion by Haak, seconded by Bodden, to approve the 5K route, with assistance from the County and volunteers. Motion carried (6-0).

l) Speed Limit Change – Hwy 175/Milwaukee St

Motion by Haak, seconded by Steger, to support reducing the speed limit to 25 MPH as part of the 2027 Highway 175 Project. Motion carried (6-0).

m) Acknowledgments

Thanks extended to Warren and the DPW crew for equipment management and to EMS for their service.

6. Public Works Committee (PWC) – Trustee Brandenburg

- Daily operations and bid discussions.
- Sewer lateral televising and Speedy Clean quote reviewed.
- Birchwood Lane and Valley Drive flooding issues reviewed.
 - There is a 30-foot storm sewer easement between two homes.
 - Flooding occurred three times in three months.
 - Recommendation made to remove silt fencing temporarily and notify homeowners to redirect downspouts.
 - Motion by Brandenburg to proceed with silt removal and require homeowners to reroute downspouts. Motion carried (6-0).
 - Haak recommended evaluating additional storm drains.
- Discussion of stormwater engineering concerns, pipe capacity, and long-term planning.

a) **Generator Discussion**

Bill will obtain quotes for a self-contained diesel generator.

b) **Future Projects**

- Bids for Wisconsin/McArthur
- Installation of lights on three welcome signs

c) **Parks Committee Report**

No formal action taken.

7. Financial Reports

a) **Bills and Wages**

Motion by Haak, seconded by Bodden, to approve as presented. Motion carried (6-0).

b) **Fund Summary Report** (budget to actual)

Motion by Brandenburg, seconded by Haak, to approve. Motion carried (6-0).

c) **Treasurer's Report**

Loan payments upcoming. Shared revenue is not received until late November per state statute. Motion by Brandenburg, seconded by Billings, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried (6-0).

8. Announcements

- Condolences extended to the family of George Marsh on his passing.
- Appreciation expressed to Andy and Karen Schnitzler for the new Lions Club signs.

9. Closed Session

Motion by Brandenburg, seconded by Haak, to enter Closed Session at 8:35 PM pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85. Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

10. Open Session

Motion by Brandenburg, seconded by Koenigs, to return to Open Session at 9:47 pm.

Meeting declared adjourned by President Steger at 9:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Tellier, MMC
Clerk-Treasurer