VILLAGE OF THERESA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 19, 2026

Call to Order: President Jody Steger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Roll Call:
Present: Trustees Robin Billings, Pat Bodden, Shawn Krapfl, Dave Brandenburg, Jim Polster, Joe Haak, and President Jody Steger.
Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Becky Tellier and Police Chief Dan Markus

Open Meeting Compliance:
The meeting was properly posted and published on the Village website on October 15, 2026.

Public Comment:
Bradley Peterson, candidate for State Assembly, introduced himself and provided background on his experience and interest in municipal issues.

Consent Agenda

Motion: Polster/Billings to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2026, Regular Village Board meeting, the September 28, 2026, Joint Budget Meeting, and the September 28, 2026, Finance Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion carried.

Request for Penalty Forgiveness – Kelleen Fleisner Sewer Lateral Invoice

The Board discussed a request to forgive $648.15 in penalties for unpaid sewer lateral installments from 2025–2026. Notices were sent annually, were available in the online portal, and no other residents reported missing bills.

Motion: Brandenburg/Krapfl to deny the request and require payment of all penalties. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2026-15 – 14-Day Work Period for Law Enforcement Officers

The Board reviewed a proposed change under FLSA Section 7(k) establishing a 14-day work period for police officers to better accommodate current scheduling practices.

Motion: Haak/Brandenburg to approve Resolution 2026-15 and the related personnel policy amendment. Motion carried.

Joint Powers Agreement – County 911 Emergency System

Motion: Billings/Haak to approve the Dodge County Joint Powers Agreement for the 2027 911 Emergency System. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2026-03 – Recycling Ordinance Update

The Board reviewed DNR-required updates to the Village's recycling ordinance.

Motion: Haak/Krapfl to approve Ordinance 2026-03, Article I (Recycling). Motion carried.

Innovation Grant – City of Mayville Partnership

The Board discussed participating in a multi-municipality innovation grant with shared resources and a 4% grant writer fee. Percentage allocation among municipalities remains to be negotiated.

Motion: Brandenburg/Bodden to approve participation in the Innovation Grant partnership. Motion carried.

Harter's Lakeside Disposal Contract Addendum

The Board reviewed two addendum options regarding bulk-item collection and contract extension.

Motion: Brandenburg/Billings to approve Addendum Option B, extending the contract through December 31, 2032 and removing bulk-item pickup charges effective January 1, 2027. Motion carried.

Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Report

Tellier highlighted ongoing administrative items, noted minor document corrections, and announced award of a $5,000 law-enforcement grant.

Library Board Report

Brandenburg reported there was no meeting since the last Board session.

Village President's Report

President Steger had no additional updates.

Public Safety Committee Report

Highlights included:
– Security cameras scheduled for installation in late October/early November.
– A stop sign was recommended at Chestnut and Valley.

Motion: Polster/Krapfl to install a stop sign at Chestnut and Valley. Motion carried.

The Board also conducted a general discussion regarding the future of the Police Department building and potential long-term facility planning.

Public Works Committee Report

The Board reviewed snow-plowing RFP results.

Motion: Haak/Krapfl to approve the 2026–2027 snow removal proposal from KIN-X. Motion carried.

Updates were provided on:
– Manhole and pavement repairs on McArthur Street
– Upcoming line painting

– Brush pile issues and signage
– Need for additional information on an Alliant Energy street-opening permit request (no action taken)

Parks Committee Report

No formal action items. Updates included ongoing park usage and upcoming work following ground freeze.

Finance & Personnel Committee Report

Motion: Haak/Krapfl to approve September 2026 bills totaling $278,425.54 and payroll totaling $36,882.21. Motion carried.

Motion: Haak/Billings to approve the September 2026 Fund Summary Report – Budget to Actual. Motion carried.

Motion: Haak/Polster to approve the September 2026 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

The Board discussed banking changes due to Empeople Credit Union no longer accepting coin deposits. A new account will be opened at National Exchange Bank.

Motion: Bodden/Haak to open a checking account with National Exchange Bank. Motion carried.

A Finance Committee of the Whole meeting was scheduled for October 26 at 4:30 p.m.

Announcements

– DOT Business Coordination Meeting: Thursday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m.
– Finance Committee of the Whole: Monday, October 26 at 4:30 p.m.
– General Election: Tuesday, November 3 (polls 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.)
– Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, November 16
– Budget Public Hearing: Monday, November 23 at 6:15 p.m.
– Trick-or-Treat: Saturday, October 31 from 2–4 p.m.

Closed Session

The Board convened into closed session pursuant to §§19.85(1)(g) and 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats., for legal strategy discussion and personnel matters. Roll call vote taken; all members present voted yes.

Motion: Haak/Bodden to return to open session at 8:25 pm. Motion carried.

Adjournment

President Steger declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Tellier
Clerk-Treasurer