

# CITY OF MEQUON COMMON COUNCIL

## Special Joint Meeting with the Village of Thiensville September 30, 2014

Village President Mobley and Mayor Abendroth called the special joint meeting of the Common Council and the Village of Thiensville to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and the roll call.

PRESENT: Mayor Abendroth, Aldermen Strzelczyk, Pukaite, Leszczynski (6:20 PM) Gierl, Hawkins, Nerbun, Acting City Administrator Thyges, press, and interested public

ABSENT: Aldermen Adams and Mayr

1) **Agenda Items:**

- a) Brief Introductions
  
- b) Discussion on topics of mutual concern

Motion by Alderman Hawkins to take up Item 1.b.11 – Jonathan Clarke House out of order. Discussion ensued about the museum operations, need for Board members, project funding, ADA accessibility, parking, and promotion of the museum by both municipalities.

- 1) Traffic in Town Center  
It was announced that in 2015 Thiensville's Main Street will be redone including diamond grind/medians/spot repairs and aesthetic updates. Mequon Common Council and Thiensville Village Board requested the traffic information report. Discussion on improving the left turn lane onto Division Street and stop light coordination occurred.
  
- 2) Town Center Developments  
Landscaping and parking of the Town Center Development were discussed. A new Department of Public Works building has been proposed along Mequon Road, west of the railroad tracks.
  
- 3) Entryway Feature  
Financing and design of an entryway feature at Cedarburg and Mequon Road was discussed. Planned construction would be in 2015. It important that the feature would "fit" with the Mequon Town Center aesthetics.
  
- 4) Branding  
The Mequon-Thiensville School District created a new logo. Discussion ensued on holding a joint meeting of Mequon and Thiensville's Economic Development Boards to discuss goals and objectives for marketing. A brief discussion ensued about the potential for connecting the Taste of Mequon to Thiensville.
  
- 5) Logemann Community Center  
This facility currently serves both communities. Council called for a review of the lease terms of this facility that currently serves both communities. Discussion ensued

on the future of this site, the possibility of a new Community Center in the Town Center, funding, space issues, maintenance issues, naming rights, and promotion of the center.

- 6) MMSD  
Discussion ensued about membership and membership costs.
  - 7) Milwaukee City Water Rate Increase  
Rate case discussion ensued. Council recommended inviting Thiensville to the next Water Commission meeting.
  - 8) Shared Services  
Discussion ensued on how to share services, such as bulk materials/fire equipment, lawn maintenance, paper, and volunteer services, while still maintaining the identities of each community. Council recommended an independent review by an outside consultant to determine if merging Fire Departments is feasible.
  - 9) Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure/Force Main  
A consultant has been hired to re-evaluate the pipe, determine options, and help put together a technical specification that could be bid out.
  - 10) Joint Maintenance-Fish Ladder & Dam  
A 2016 evaluation with the Department of Natural Resources is pending.
  - 12) River Advisory Committee  
Discussion ensued about Thiensville's new restrooms and piers in the park.
  - 13) Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Committee  
Discussion ensued on the Ozaukee County Mountain Bike trail at Mee Kwon Park and the Green Bay Road repaving schedule.
- 2) **Adjourn:** There was a motion and a second to adjourn at 8:12 PM. Motion passed by voice acclamation.

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*Jesse Thyes, Acting City Administrator/Clerk*