

**VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

DATE: Wednesday, July 8, 2020

**LOCATION: 250 Elm Street
Thiensville, WI
Board Room**

TIME: 6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Heinritz called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Chairman:	Ron Heinritz	
Commissioners:	Jennifer Abraham	Mary Giuliani
	Robert Blazich	Joseph Miller
	Karin Flodstrom	Thomas Streifender
Director of Community Services/Public Works:	Andy LaFond	

III. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

A. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 6:00 PM

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes
1. June 10, 2020

MOTION by Commissioner Abraham, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Miller to Approve the June 10, 2020 Minutes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. BUSINESS

A. Review and approval of Certificate of Appropriateness to Replace Half the Roof, att
Asphalt Dark Gray, Harold Schnell, 153-155 Green Bay Road

Harold Schnell not present. Work is already completed. Mr. Schnell took out a permit, filled out the Certificate of Appropriateness. According to the inspection by Chair Heinritz, the work looks good.

MOTION by Commissioner Blazich, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Miller to Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness to Replace Half the Roof, Asphalt Dark Gray, Harold Schnell, 153-155 Green Bay Road. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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V. BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- B.** Review and approval of Certificate of Appropriateness for New Windows, Two on East Side and One on North Side of Building and New Windows to Replace Two Glass Block Windows On North Side of Building, Jesse Daily, the cheel, llc, 105 South Main Street

MOTION by Commissioner Miller, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Flodstrom to Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for New Windows, Two on East Side and One on North Side of Building, Jesse Daily, the cheel, llc, 105 South Main Street. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOTION by Commissioner Abraham, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Blazich to Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for New Windows to Replace Two Glass Block Windows on North Side of Building, Jesse Daily, the cheel, llc, 105 South Main Street. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. ITEMS BY CHAIRMAN

- A.** Review appeal to Village Board on June 15, 2020 from Mikelle Flanner, Fifth-Main, of the decision of the Historic Preservation Commission to deny a Certificate of Appropriateness for a wall sign, 48" x 72" located at 174 South Main Street. The Village Board moved in favor of the appeal, and the sign was approved.

Chair Heinritz suggested that looking back on this issue, he would do things a little differently. In the future, he would like to keep the appeal to the appropriateness and not let other considerations enter in. In addition, if the HPC has a split vote, he would like to follow this vote with a unanimous vote so that the HPC position with be stronger.

Commissioner Blazich would prefer that we do better in examining whether a sign on the side of the building sets a precedent that will serve the appearance of the village well.

Commissioner Streifender questioned the ordinance section about appeals as it clearly states that an appeal can be granted only in cases of economic hardship of the applicant. The HPC requested that a 6-foot sign be made smaller, to 5 foot. Where is the economic hardship in that?

Chair Heinritz asserted that sign guidelines are the relevant factor in this case. Commissioner Streifender asked the Chair to point out where the ordinance says this does not apply to signs.

Commissioner Flodstrom asked if this falls outside of our purview. Is it the responsibility of the body granting the appeal to make sure they are following the ordinance? Does the HPC have any oversight in this process?

Commissioner Abraham suggested she can bring this up at the next board meeting for future clarification. A discussion ensued about whether this would open up a topic that would eventually undermine the purpose of the HPC.

- B.** Review sale of building at 118 Green Bay Road (Thiensville's Second Bank Building)

Discussion about the millstone in the garden. The HPC would like to make sure this millstone is preserved for historical reasons. Chair Heinritz will talk with President Mobley to find out his views, and then discuss the matter with the owner of the building.

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- C. Review Village of Thiensville Ordinance Chapter 42 and Village Sign Code

Chairman Heinritz informed us of the existence of this sign code and will review at a later date as we were running short of time.

- D. Review whether the HPC will supply an Historic Plaque this year.
A possible location was identified. Chair Heinritz will discuss with the owners/tenants of this building.

VIII. ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

- A. Mequon/Thiensville Historical Society – Bob Blazich

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Commissioner Flodstrom, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Miller to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by,

Karin Floodstrom