

**Thomasboro Village Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
December 7, 2015**

*Thomasboro Village Hall
101 W. Main Street, Thomasboro, Illinois*

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Thomasboro was held on Monday, December 7, 2015, President Brad Morris presiding. President Morris called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Roll Call

The Village Clerk called the roll, finding the following members physically present: Village President Brad Morris; and Trustees Jeff Robertson, Anthony Grilo, Kyle Henegar, Anna Martin, Dustin Rhodes, and Mickey Wilson.

Other Village officials present: Keith Willis, Chief of Police; Leon Albers, Treasurer; Tyler Martin, Public Works Superintendent; Karen Eller, Office Manager; Laurel Zook, ESDA Coordinator; Kara Wade, Village Attorney; and Jeremy Reale, Village Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance

Following roll call, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Discussion/Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Trustee Grilo moved to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2015 regular meeting, as prepared. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried, all present voting "aye".

Presentation of Bills

Following review and discussion of the monthly bills, Trustee Grilo moved to approve the payment of the bills listed and the regular bills yet to be received. Trustee Henegar seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

YEAS:	Robertson, Grilo, Henegar, Martin, Rhodes, and Wilson – 6
NAYS:	None – 0
ABSENT:	None – 0

Motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.

Committee Reports

Police & Safety: Chair Martin presented the monthly activity reports.

Personnel: Chair Wilson reported on the recommended year-end bonuses for Village employees. It was proposed that Mr. Martin, Ms. Eller, Mr. Albers, and Chief Willis would be provided \$100.00 bonus payments, with all remaining personnel given \$50.00 amounts. This would result in a total of \$750.00 in bonus payments for all staff.

Trustee Wilson moved to authorize employee bonus payments as proposed. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Robertson, Grilo, Henegar, Rhodes, and Wilson – 5
NAYS: None – 0
ABSENT: None – 0
ABSTAIN: Martin – 1

Motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0, with 1 member abstaining.

Building Permit & Liquor License: No report.

Health, Sanitation & Public Relations: Chair Grilo reported that he had been contacted by representatives from C-U Citizen Access on an upcoming article focusing on poverty levels in Champaign County and the impacts on area communities. There had been several members of the Thomasboro community interviewed about the changes in socioeconomic demographics over time. The piece was expected to be published around Christmas.

Waterworks & Sewer: Mr. Martin reported that he would be painting the water tanks during the winter season.

Streets & Alleys: Mr. Martin would be getting pricing on screens for catch basins to prevent construction debris, gravel, leaves and other materials from blocking storm sewer lines and improve the quality of drainage. Two catch basins had been identified for screening on a trial basis. President Morris reported that he had discussed possible improvements to Main Street with the Village engineers; however, they were hesitant to commit to any projects until the State began distributing the back-payments of Motor Fuel Tax receipts to the Village. He added that they would also begin working on applications to obtain grant funding for a portion of the downtown area street improvements.

Civil Defense & Parks: Chair Rhodes reported that monthly siren testing had been conducted on December 1. The Board also discussed the recent storm damage to the roof of the pavilion at West Side Park. The Village had been provided with a quote of \$500.00 to repair the damaged shingles; however, given the condition of the remaining shingles, it was determined that it would only be a matter of time before the rest of the roof would need to be replaced. Mr. Rhodes reported that quotes had been received to replace the entire pavilion roof with metal roofing material, with Larry Deremiah providing the lowest quote of \$1,701.02 for materials and \$1,250.00 for labor. Mr. Reale was directed to submit a claim with the Village's insurance provider.

Trustee Rhodes moved to approve quote from Larry Deremiah for the replacement of the pavilion roof. Trustee Grilo seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Robertson, Grilo, Henegar, Martin, Rhodes, and Wilson – 6
NAYS: None – 0
ABSENT: None – 0

Motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.

Old Business

Update on nuisance properties

Attorney Wade reported on the ongoing process to obtain the properties at 501 Fredrick and 702 Morris through the judicial deed process. Complaints had been filed to get properties

declared abandoned which, if approved, would permit the judicial deed proceed to move forward. Mr. Pinn, the last owner of record for the Morris Street property, had been served notice by publication as it was believed that he was deceased without any heirs. The Howle family, owners of the Frederick property, have mortgages on the property by two different companies, one of which had indicated that it would be participating in the process. At this point, it was not clear what their response would be on the matter. The court would hear the motion to declare the properties abandoned in January, which would then be followed by another 30 to 60 day period of notice of intent to seek judicial deed to the parcels.

New Business

Resolution adopting regular meeting schedule for calendar year 2016

Mr. Reale noted that the regular meetings in July and September would be conducted on the first Tuesday of those months due to holiday conflicts.

Trustee Grilo moved to approve the resolution. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried, all present voting "aye".

Comments and Questions from the Audience

None.

Treasurers Report

There were no comments regarding the Treasurer's Report.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Grilo moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy A. Reale, Village Clerk

The undersigned Village Clerk of the Village of Thomasboro, Illinois, does hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the approved minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held December 7, 2015, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Village Clerk