

**Thomasboro Village Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
February 2, 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, February 2, 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 Kim Ratts, Anthony Grilo, Kyle Henegar, and Anna Martin. Trustees Joe Wilson and Jeff Robertson were absent.

Other Village officials present: Leon Albers, Treasurer; Jay Arnold, Public Works Superintendent; and Jeremy Reale, Village Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance

Following roll call, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Discussion/Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Trustee Grilo moved to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2015 regular meeting and the January 26, 2015 special meeting, as prepared. Trustee Henegar seconded the motion. Motion carried, all present voting "aye".

Presentation of Bills

Mr. Albers reported that the Village had received an invoice from Ken's Backhoe Service for tile repair work on Phillips Street in the amount of \$340.00. He asked that this be included with the listing of accounts payable for approval.

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:	Ratts, Grilo, Henegar, and Martin – 4
NAYS:	None – 0
ABSENT:	Wilson and Robertson – 2

Motion carried by roll call vote of 4 to 0, with 2 members absent.

Committee Reports

Police & Safety: Trustee Henegar discussed the monthly activity and code enforcement reports for January.

Personnel: Chair Martin asked that a date be set for conducting annual employee performance evaluations. Following discussion, the consensus was to hold a special meeting on February 23, 2015 at 6:00pm.

Building Permit & Liquor License: Chair Martin reported that a building permit had been approved for the construction of a new garage at 409 Bradley Street.

Health, Sanitation & Public Relations: No report.

Waterworks & Sewer: Mr. Greg Gustafson from Berns, Clancy & Associates presented a project update on the filter media evaluation at the water treatment plant, focusing on the possible options for the disposal of treatment residual containing radium waste. With the level of radium concentration in the two samples taken from the filter media, the Village would still have the option to dispose of these materials at any of three local disposal sites. The nearest location in Clinton was the least expensive option, although it was acknowledged that there was currently considerable public scrutiny over the disposal of hazardous wastes at the site and the possible impact on the Mahomet Aquifer, which provides the source of Thomasboro's well water. Mr. Gustafson reported that disposal of materials at Clinton would be expected to cost the Village \$3,150.00 per the PDC quote. In the event the Village selected to use one of the other disposal sites, there would be an additional \$275.00 transportation cost associated. Delaying the disposal of the media until the radium concentration exceeded 100 gCi/g, would only leave the Village with the option of utilizing the Hickory Ridge facility in Pike County. He stated that the next phases should be to fully define the project scope, assemble the specifications and contract documents, bid and award the project, and determine the preferred work timing for completion. Mr. Gustafson stressed that timing was critical as to when the water system could be down and when action could be taken before the radium levels exceeded 100 gCi/g. It would not have to be done immediately; however the filter media should be disposed within the current year. He estimated that the engineering work associated with these phases would total around \$17,500.00. Mr. Albers confirmed that the project had received clearance from USDA Rural Development to utilize funds from the reserve account in the Water Fund.

Streets & Alleys: Chair Henegar suggested that Village personnel needed to be cognizant of keeping sidewalks cleared of snow and ice during the winter months.

Civil Defense & Parks: Chair Ratts reported that monthly siren testing would be conducted the following day.

Old Business

A) Appointment of Office Manager

Trustee Henegar moved to approve the hiring of Karen Eller as village office manager at a wage of \$15.00 per hour, subject to review after a period of ninety days. Trustee Martin seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Ratts, Grilo, Henegar, and Martin – 4
NAYS: None – 0
ABSENT: Wilson and Robertson – 2

Motion carried by roll call vote of 4 to 0, with 2 members absent.

B) Discussion/Approval of amended salaries for Village Treasurer and Village Clerk positions

Trustee Grilo moved to approve establishing an annual salary in the amount of \$6,000.00 for each position. Trustee Henegar seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Ratts, Grilo, Henegar, and Martin – 4
NAYS: None – 0
ABSENT: Wilson and Robertson – 2

Motion carried by roll call vote of 4 to 0, with 2 members absent.

C) Discussion/Approval of additional payment to Leon Albers for interim office management and training

Trustee Grilo moved to approve payment at a rate of \$17.00 per hour to Mr. Albers for interim office management and staff training in addition to his treasurer stipend. Trustee Ratts seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Ratts, Grilo, Henegar, and Martin – 4
NAYS: None – 0
ABSENT: Wilson and Robertson – 2

Motion carried by roll call vote of 4 to 0, with 2 members absent.

New Business

A) Discussion/Approval of agreement with Bray, Drake, Liles & Richardson for audit services

Trustee Henegar moved to approve the agreement as presented. Trustee Ratts seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Ratts, Grilo, Henegar, and Martin – 4
NAYS: None – 0
ABSENT: Wilson and Robertson – 2

Motion carried by roll call vote of 4 to 0, with 2 members absent.

B) Discussion/Approval of contribution to Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County

Trustee Grilo moved to authorize contribution of \$1,000.00 to the Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County. Trustee Henegar seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Ratts, Grilo, Henegar, and Martin – 4
NAYS: None – 0
ABSENT: Wilson and Robertson – 2

Motion carried by roll call vote of 4 to 0, with 2 members absent.

Comments and Questions from the Audience

None.

Treasurers Report

There were no comments regarding the Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Albers noted that he had emailed the Board members copies of the first draft of the FY 2015-16 budget for their review. Following discussion, the Board agreed to conduct a budget study session during the February 23, 2015 special meeting.

Executive Session – Semi Annual Review of Executive Session Minutes

Trustee Grilo moved to enter into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 21, for the purpose of conducting semi-annual review of executive session minutes as mandated under Section 2.06. Trustee Martin seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Ratts, Grilo, Henegar, and Martin – 4
NAYS: None – 0
ABSENT: Wilson and Robertson – 2

Motion carried by roll call vote of 4 to 0, with 2 members absent.

The Board entered into executive session at 7:41pm.

Reconvene in Open Session

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:45pm.

Trustee Henegar moved to authorize the release of the minutes of the executive session held on August 4, 2014. Trustee Grilo seconded the motion. Motion carried, all present voting “aye”.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

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 February 2, 2015, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Village Clerk