

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

Other Village officials present: Leon Albers, Treasurer; Keith Willis, Chief of Police; Jay Arnold, Public Works Superintendent; Laurel Zook, ESDA Coordinator; 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 February 2, 2015 regular meeting, as prepared. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried, all present voting "aye".

Presentation of Bills

Trustee Grilo questioned the invoices received from Berns Clancy & Associates. Mr. Greg Gustafson of BCA clarified that the requested payments were for costs associated with the finalization of his engineering report presented at the February meeting on the evaluation of the water treatment plant filter media and the options for the disposal of the radium wastes.

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

The Village Clerk called the roll:

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

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

Committee Reports

Police & Safety: Chair Wilson discussed monthly police activity and code enforcement reports. Chief Willis reported that Officer Umberger would be off for two weeks due to recent surgery, adding that he may return to light duty by next week.

Personnel: No report.

Building Permit & Liquor License: Chair Martin reported a building permit had been issued for the construction of a new garage at 902 N. Michael Street.

Health, Sanitation & Public Relations: No report.

Waterworks & Sewer: No report.

Streets & Alleys: No report. President Morris noted that he would be meeting with officials from Premier Cooperative on March 6 to follow up on the request to secure additional funding commitments for improvements to Commercial Street and support the Village's grant application for the project.

Civil Defense & Parks: Chair Ratts reported that monthly siren testing would be conducted the following day. National basic weather spotters' training would be held on March 26 at Parkland College from 6:30 to 9:00pm in Classroom C-118. Ms. Zook added that the training was open to the public with no prior registration required.

Old Business

A) Update on status of nuisance properties

President Morris reported that he had been working with Attorney David Thies on the nuisance properties at 501 Frederick and 702 Morris. There was no change in the status of either property at this point; however, there was some discussion among the Board that 702 Morris might have been sold for taxes.

New Business

A) Resolution urging the Governor and General Assembly to protect full funding of Local Government Distributive Fund revenues

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

Comments and Questions from the Audience

Mr. Steve Martin questioned why the Village did not have flags flying at the water plant or West Side Park. Mr. Arnold responded that the flag pole at the park had been broken and was scheduled to be replaced this spring. He added that the Village had not raised a flag at the water plant since the village hall offices moved into the Gifford State Bank building. Mr. Martin noted that state statutes required the flag to be flown at all municipal buildings. Village officials would look into this issue.

Mr. Martin also reported that a wing had broken off on the jungle gym equipment at the playground, which was a potential safety concern. Trustee Ratts noted that the Village had been looking into the possibility of replacing the playground equipment; however, there was limited funding available to cover the relatively high costs involved. She would follow up on getting the necessary repairs made.

Mr. Martin asked if anyone in the Village had been checking street lights for repairs. Chief Willis responded that the Village was gathering information and identifying lights in need of repair. Once this had been done, he would send the work order to Ameren. He noted that Ameren was responsible for maintaining the street lights in the Village.

Treasurers Report

There were no comments regarding the Treasurer’s Report.

Executive Session – Personnel Evaluations

Trustee Grilo moved to enter into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(1), for the purpose of discussing annual employee performance evaluations. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Wilson, Ratts, Grilo, and Martin – 4

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Robertson and Henegar – 2

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

The Board entered into executive session at 7:20pm.

Reconvene in Open Session

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:43pm. Trustee Henegar had arrived to the meeting while the executive session was in progress.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.

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

Village Clerk