

**Thomasboro Village Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
April 6, 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, April 6, 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, Kim Ratts, Anthony Grilo, Kyle Henegar, and Anna Martin. Trustee Joe Wilson was 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 Henegar moved to approve the minutes of the March 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, Ratts, Grilo, Henegar, and Martin – 5
NAYS:	None – 0
ABSENT:	Wilson – 1

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

Police Awards Presentation

Chief Willis presented Citizen Merit Awards to Harold Hough Jr. and Jeff Robertson in recognition of their efforts to assist law enforcement personnel in rescuing a resident from a burning home. Departmental awards were presented to Senior Officer Mike Martinez, who was given the Distinguished Service Award Citation, and Officer Ryan Umberger, who received the Meritorious Citation Award.

Committee Reports

Police & Safety: Chief Willis discussed the monthly police activity and code enforcement reports. Beginning in April, Kendra Ward would return to once-a-week code enforcement duties through the month of October. Trustee Grilo mentioned that he had been contacted by

residents with ongoing concerns about speeding motorists in the residential area on the south side of the Village. Trustee Martin added that there are children with hearing loss living in that area who are unable to hear oncoming traffic. Chief Willis responded that the department would have the day shift increase its presence in the area.

Personnel: No report.

Building Permit & Liquor License: No report.

Health, Sanitation & Public Relations: Chair Grilo noted that there had been some discussion about possibly holding the community garage sales on the same date as the street dance, as this might draw additional people to the daytime activities at West Side Park. Following discussion, the consensus was to hold the town sales on June 6, 2015, to coincide with the celebration weekend. This would be done on a trial basis and would be reevaluated before setting the date for the following year. The spring community cleanup day was set for May 16, 2015.

Waterworks & Sewer: Mr. Arnold reported that new fluoride testing equipment would need to be purchased for the water plant at a cost of approximately \$500.00. He also stated that two tires would need to be replaced on the dump truck for about \$1,700.00. Following discussion, the Board directed him to proceed with those items. Mr. Arnold also announced that he would be retiring from his position with the Village effective April 30, 2015. He expressed his appreciation to all past mayors, board members and Village officials with whom he had served during his 36-year tenure. President Morris thanked Mr. Arnold for his many years of dedicated service to Thomasboro, adding that Village leaders have always relied on him for his knowledge and experience on a wide range of issues in the community. Mr. Arnold was then greeted with a round of applause from those in attendance.

Streets & Alleys: Chair Henegar noted there were some areas on Meyer Street in need of patching.

Civil Defense & Parks: Chair Ratts noted that there had been issues in the past with multiple groups attempting to use the pavilion at West Side Park at the same time. It was suggested that reservations to use the facility could be taken through Village Hall, with some type of permanent signage added at the park to direct residents to contact the Village in order to make a reservation. Chair Ratts also suggested that groups wanting to reserve the pavilion should be required to make a \$25.00 refundable deposit to ensure that the area is left clean following the conclusion of their event. Following discussion, the consensus of the Board was to approve this policy and the additional signage at the park. Chair Ratts further reported that ESDA was seeking volunteers to assist with spotter activity. Those interested should contact Laurel Zook.

Old Business

A) Adoption of FY 2015-16 budget for the Village of Thomasboro

Trustee Grilo moved to approve the annual budget for FY 2015-16. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

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

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

New Business

A) Pass Ordinance No. 592, amending Chapter II (Animals and the Environment) of the Thomasboro Municipal Code in connection with penalties for first offenses

Chief Willis explained that Champaign County would be increasing animal control fees and charging municipalities served on a per capita basis. Under this plan, the Village would be charged \$0.88 per capita for impound and \$1.33 for animal control services, which would increase annual expenses from roughly \$1,000.00 to \$1,600.00. The ordinance would raise the fine assessed by the Village for animals running at large from \$125.00 to \$150.00 for the first offense.

Trustee Grilo moved to pass Ordinance No. 592. Trustee Henegar seconded the motion. Motion carried, all present voting "aye".

B) Authorize rental of porta-potty facilities for West Side Park

Trustee Grilo moved to authorize the rental of one unit for the entire season and one additional unit through June 15, 2015. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried, all present voting "aye".

C) Public Works Superintendent selection process

The Board discussed advertising for the upcoming vacancy. It was decided that applications would be accepted through April 22, 2015, with interviews to be conducted during a special meeting on April 27, 2015 at 6:00pm. Mr. Reale was directed to prepare a job posting for publication in *The News-Gazette* and *The Rantoul Press*.

D) Golf Cart license fee

Trustee Robertson noted that the current fee was set at \$25.00 per year, while other communities only charge one-time or multiple-year fees. He speculated that having the annual fee might be preventing some residents from getting golf carts. Following discussion, the consensus was to leave the current fee structure in place.

Comments and Questions from the Audience

Greg Gustafson complimented Mr. Arnold on the work he has done for Village and for his assistance with Berns, Clancy and Associates. He added that his firm would be willing to assist the Village with water system operations in the interim period following Mr. Arnold's retirement.

Mr. Arnold reported that the control panel at the water treatment plant had gone out. Representatives from Gasvoda would be on site to assess the situation and determine what might be able to be done to repair the outdated unit. He added that the cost of purchasing a new control panel would be approximately \$7,000.00.

Jim Richardson expressed concerns about the condition of the road in front of the Astro Tire facility and drainage in that area. President Morris would follow up on this.

Corky Kirts asked if there were any plans to improve the section of Schluter Street extended to North Street. President Morris responded that the Village's long-term plan would be to obtain an easement from the railroad and extend Thomas Street northward. To temporarily address the condition of Schluter Street, the Village would continue to add rock and grade the roadway to make it more passable.

Treasurers Report

There were no comments regarding the Treasurer's Report.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

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 April 6, 2015, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Village Clerk