

**Thomasboro Village Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
September 8, 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 Tuesday, September 8, 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 Anthony Grilo, Kyle Henegar, Anna Martin, Dustin Rhodes, and Mickey Wilson. Trustee Jeff Robertson was absent.

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

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 August 3, 2015 regular meeting, as prepared. Trustee Henegar seconded the motion. Motion carried, all present voting "aye".

Presentation of Bills

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

The Village Clerk called the roll:

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

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

Committee Reports

Police & Safety: Chair Martin presented the monthly activity reports. Chief Willis reported that he would be out of town the following week and that Senior Officer Martinez would assume command of the department in his absence. TFPD Chief Paul Cundiff was in attendance to present the Village a donation of two defibrillators for use in the police squad vehicles.

Personnel: Chair Wilson reported that Mr. Martin had recommended hiring Justin Hoskins as part-time assistant in the Public Works Department.

Trustee Wilson moved to authorize the hiring of Justin Hoskins retroactive to August 14, 2015. Trustee Martin seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

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

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

Building Permit & Liquor License: Trustee Rhodes reported that building permits had been issued to Larry Shurbet for a sunroom addition and Patricia Aguirre for a new shed.

Health, Sanitation & Public Relations: The consensus of the Board was to set the date for the community garage sale on October 3, 2015.

Waterworks & Sewer: Mr. Martin reported that he had cleared another catch basin on the south side of the Village, which had apparently not been addressed for some time. He added that this should further alleviate some of the drainage issues in that neighborhood.

Streets & Alleys: Chair Grilo reported that Premier Cooperative was moving forward with their expansion plans.

Civil Defense & Parks: Chair Rhodes reported that radio testing was done last Tuesday. The Thomasboro Improvement Association has expressed an interest in working with Village officials to set up fundraising activities for park equipment replacement.

Old Business

Filter Media Replacement Project

Andy Keyser from Fehr Graham Engineering presented an additional quote from Advanced Disposal for the disposal of project waste which was roughly half of the price quoted by Area Disposal. The quote for the replacement of the filter media from All Service was approximately \$26,000.00, with an additional \$2,000.00 for disposal. If approved, All Service personnel could possibly be on site within the month to remove all existing media, inspect the filter vessels, and replacement the media two filters at a time. It was proposed that Fehr Graham would provide project oversight.

Trustee Grilo moved to approve the quotes from All Service for filter media replacement and Advanced Disposal for media disposal, with project oversight to be provided by Fehr Graham Engineering. Trustee Rhodes seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

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

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

Nuisance Properties

Attorney Wade reported on the possible legal options available to the Village to acquire title to the residential parcels identified as nuisance properties for the purpose of demolishing the structures. The recommended strategy would be to have the properties declared abandoned and to file for a judicial deed. She could not reasonably estimate the likely costs of the

proceeding, as it would be largely dependent on whether or not the owners or others within interest in the properties would contest the action; however, the Village could probably expect anywhere from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 in legal fees.

Trustee Grilo moved to direct the Village Attorney to file for judicial deed on the properties located at 702 W. Morris and 501 W. Fredrick. Trustee Henegar seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

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

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

New Business

Purchase of Pole Saw for Public Works

Trustee Wilson moved to authorize the purchase of a gas-powered pole saw from Rural King, for an amount not to exceed \$700.00. Trustee Martin seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

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

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

Purchase of Pumps and Motors for Water Wells

Mr. Martin reported that the plant had been experiencing ongoing issues with the pumps and motors blowing the circuit breaker and causing the plant to be temporarily shut down until the breaker is reset. He had received an estimate from Sims Drilling to pull the pumps and motors to determine the source of the problem. It was not proposed to replace the pumps or motors if the contractor determined that line repair or replacement would be needed instead. The Omni box would also need to be upgraded for the alarm at the plant. Discussion followed as to whether the contractor should work on both wells or first address well #2 to identify the source of the problem there before proceeding to the other well.

Trustee Grilo moved to authorize work on well #2 only. Motion died for lack of a second.

Trustee Henegar moved to authorize work on both wells by Sims Drilling. Trustee Martin seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Henegar, Martin, and Wilson – 3
NAYS: Grilo and Rhodes – 2
ABSENT: Robertson – 1

Motion carried by roll call vote of 3 to 2, with 1 member absent.

Purchase of Soft Body Armor for Police Department

Chief Willis reported that he had secured a federal grant from the Department of Justice in the amount of \$1,358.16 to be used toward the purchase of protective gear for his personnel. He noted that the vests currently being used by the officers ranged from eight to thirteen years old, which was well beyond the manufacturer's five-year warranty period. The vest used by Officer Metzler was borrowed from another department. With the grant funds, the Village would use

\$1,633.84 from the police department budget to secure the purchase of new vests for all officers. He requested permission to move forward with fittings and orders for the vests.

Trustee Martin moved to authorize the purchase of soft body armor for the police department. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Henegar, Martin, Rhodes, and Wilson – 4
NAYS: Grilo – 1
ABSENT: Robertson – 1

Motion carried by roll call vote of 4 to 1, with 1 member absent.

Champaign County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Trustee Grilo moved to adopt a resolution approving the five-year update to the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, as presented by the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission. Trustee Henegar seconded the motion. Motion carried, all present voting “aye”.

Designation of Office Manager as a Signer for Bank Accounts

Trustee Grilo moved to approve adding Karen Eller as an additional authorized signer for Village bank accounts and removing Fred Meek from the account. Trustee Rhodes seconded the motion. Motion carried, all present voting “aye”.

Comments and Questions from the Audience

The timetable for addressing the abandoned homes on Morris and Fredrick Streets was discussed. Attorney Wade stated that it would likely be another six months before the notice period and judicial process for obtaining titles could be completed. Residents expressed frustration that it has taken a long period of time to get these houses declared unsafe and demolished.

Ronda Scott stated that the TIA would be hosting its Halloween Party on October 25, 2015. This event would be held in conjunction with the Peace Lutheran Church “Trunk or Treat”. She requested that the street be temporarily blocked off for safety during the “Trunk or Treat”. Mr. Martin would set up barricades so that parking would be available on both sides of the street and children would be able to safely cross between sides.

Gertie Richardson thanked the police officers for all they do for the community.

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 Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.

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 September 8, 2015, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Village Clerk