

**Thomasboro Village Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
November 3, 2014**

*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, November 3, 2014, 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, Jeff Robertson, Kim Ratts, Anthony Grilo, and Kyle Henegar.

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.

Appointment of Village Trustee

President Morris announced that Trustee Roger Rosenbeck had tendered his resignation from the Board due to the fact that he had purchased a residence in Rantoul and would be permanently moving from the community. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Rosenbeck for his service to the Village of Thomasboro. To fill the resultant vacancy until a successor could be elected to the remainder of the term in April, President Morris announced he would be appointing Anna Martin to the Board.

Trustee Grilo moved to concur with the Village President in the appointment of Anna Martin to the position of Village Trustee. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

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

Motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0.

Mr. Reale administered the oath of office to Trustee Martin, who then assumed her position as a member of the Village Board.

Discussion/Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Trustee Wilson moved to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2014 regular meeting, as prepared. Trustee Grilo 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: Wilson, Robertson, Ratts, Grilo, Henegar, and Martin – 6
NAYS: None – 0
ABSENT: None – 0

Motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.

Committee Reports

Police & Safety: Chair Wilson discussed the monthly police department activity and code enforcement reports. Trustee Grilo noted that the code enforcement report identified the fence line along the Canadian National railroad property as a closed case. While railroad officials had dispatched personnel to improve the area in response to Village complaints, he questioned whether there was work yet to be completed before the property could be considered compliant. Chief Willis responded that he would follow up on this case with Ms. Ward.

Personnel: Trustee Wilson reported that Collin Tague had been assisting Mr. Arnold over the past several weeks with meter readings and replacements and other public works activities. As the position of part-time public works assistant had previously been vacant, it was recommended that Mr. Tague be officially hired in this capacity.

Trustee Wilson moved to approve the appointment of Collin Tague as part-time public works assistant. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

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

Motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.

Building Permit & Liquor License: No report.

Health, Sanitation & Public Relations: Chair Grilo noted that information on the upcoming introduction of Illinois E-pay for water and sewer payments had been presented in the October newsletter.

Waterworks & Sewer: Chair Robertson reported that approximately twenty additional water meters had been replaced since the previous meeting. Mr. Arnold reported that the Village had not yet received any further updates on the laboratory tests for the filter media at the water treatment plant. He also stated that he would follow up with Gasvoda on the subject of phase converters for the pumps.

Streets & Alleys: No report. Trustee Grilo asked Mr. Arnold to address the street areas in need of bump grinding before the winter plowing season.

Civil Defense & Parks: Chair Ratts reported that siren testing had been conducted in October without any significant issues. The next testing was scheduled to take place on November 4.

Old Business

A) Ordinance No. 591, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VII (TRAFFIC) OF THE VILLAGE CODE IN CONNECTION WITH SPEED LAWS APPLICABLE TO STREETS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF THOMASBORO

President Morris noted that the Village Attorney had drafted this ordinance to incorporate the speed limit changes previously discussed by the Board. If adopted, the basic speed limit on most non-highway Village streets would be reduced from 30mph to 25mph. The speed limit on Central Avenue would be reduced from 35mph to 30mph. The section of Schluter between Central and Park would remain at 20mph, and the section of Commercial Avenue between Arnold and Clark would remain a 20mph School Zone when children are present. It was noted that new signage would be posted to alert motorists of these changes, along with the addition of “children at play” cautionary signage in the Jacobsen-Shelly-John Street corridor.

Chief Willis discussed the planned enforcement of the new speed limits. He stated that the police department would not begin enforcing the new limits until such time that the required signage was in place. Thereafter, warning tickets would be issued to motorists in violation of the speed limits for the first thirty days that the speed limits were in effect.

Trustee Wilson moved to approve Ordinance No. 591. Trustee Henegar seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

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

Motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 1.

B) Discussion/Action on condemnation process for nuisance properties at 702 Morris and 501 Frederick Streets

Following the Board’s action directing the Village Attorney to prepare the documentation necessary to commence the condemnation process for the properties, President Morris had met with Mr. Thies to discuss the next steps in the process. Mr. Thies had recommended that Village officials review all communications between the Village and the property owners to ensure compliance with the procedures outlined in the Village nuisance ordinance. This could alleviate the need to appoint a Housing Repair Committee to hear any complaints or appeals regarding the inspection process, which would otherwise be required under the terms of the ordinance. President Morris stated that he would be meeting with Ms. Ward to review all inspection reports and related communications before getting back to Mr. Thies to initiate the condemnations.

New Business

None.

Comments and Questions from the Audience

Rex Pillow asked the Board to provide some clarification on the appropriate procedures for the yard waste disposal site, as there was confusion about when residents were permitted to drop materials there. President Morris explained that the Board had previously decided that the area would be opened twice a year around the time of the spring and fall community cleanup dates, but would be cordoned off at all other times. This change had been made to limit the amount of

materials deposited on the site, as the Village was no longer permitted to burn on the site and would have to haul the waste to the landscape recycling center in Urbana. Following Mr. Pillow's concerns, the Board discussed the possibility of having the site opened more frequently to accommodate resident needs. Mr. Reale suggested that the Board should agree upon a regular schedule for opening the site, as it was difficult to get the word out to the community when dates vary. There was also discussion as to whether the Village would accept leaves at the site. Steve Martin expressed that leaves should be included so as to limit the amount of fires burning around the community, adding that they also present problems for storm drainage because they block catch basins. The general consensus of the Board was that the site should be limited to brush, limbs, and branches only. It was further agreed that the site would be regularly opened to residents on the last Friday and Saturday of each month.

Treasurers Report

There were no comments regarding the Treasurer's Report. President Morris informed the Board that he had authorized spending up to \$500.00 to have Fehr Graham perform some work in support of the Village's annual audit. This was necessary because the new auditor was requiring additional information on the mileage, age, and replacement values of the Village's streets and infrastructure.

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 7:25pm.

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 November 3, 2014, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Village Clerk