

**Thomasboro Village Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
January 4, 2016**

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*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, January 4, 2016, 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, Anthony Grilo, Kyle Henegar, and Anna Martin. Trustees Dustin Rhodes and Mickey Wilson were absent.

Other Village officials present: Keith Willis, Chief of Police; Leon Albers, Treasurer; Tyler Martin, 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 Meeting**

Trustee Grilo moved to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2015 regular meeting, as prepared. Trustee Henegar seconded the motion. Motion carried, all present voting "aye".

**Presentation of Bills**

President Morris noted that the Village had finally received billing from Webber & Thies for legal work that had accumulated over the previous eighteen months. This work involved several projects, including the employee handbook revisions, drafting a contract for Mr. Martin, and the judicial deed process for two nuisance properties.

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 Martin seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

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

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

**Committee Reports**

**Police & Safety:** Chair Martin presented the monthly activity reports. The year-end report for code enforcement was also discussed, with an overall 97% compliance rate during 2015. Ms. Ward had also overseen 87 hours of public service work last year between police and streets and alleys projects in the community.

**Personnel:** No report.

**Building Permit & Liquor License:** No report. Chair Robertson noted the passing of former Village President Harold Hough, adding that the Village would be sending flowers to the service.

**Health, Sanitation & Public Relations:** No report.

**Waterworks & Sewer:** Mr. Martin reported that there were about 20 to 25 water meters left to be changed out. The Village would need to purchase roughly 15 more to complete entire project. He stated that he would begin replacing meters again in the spring when more part-time personnel hours could be utilized. Discussion followed on the possibility of increasing the maximum limit of annual part-time hours for the current year. There was no opposition expressed to allowing the maximum hours to be exceeded this year, given that there had been unique circumstances with the retirement of Jay Arnold that necessitated using part-time employees more than would otherwise be expected.

**Streets & Alleys:** Chair Grilo reported that bump grinding work had been completed on Commercial Street in December, adding that Mr. Martin would be cold patching areas in the coming weeks. Mr. Martin noted that recent heavy rainfall had once again led to drainage issues in the areas of town with chronic problems. He would be obtaining quotes to connect the drainage tile in the easement along Fredrick Street that is currently capped at both ends, as well as getting the tile along Pearl Street attached to the catch basin. He added that it had been discovered that the extension at the end of the Jacobsen Drive drainage tile had rusted out and would need to be repaired. Doing so would reduce the timeframe for draining that area once the creek level had fallen. The consensus of the Board was to move forward with the repair. Funds would be set aside in the next budget for drainage improvements in the Shurbet Street area once quotes were available.

**Civil Defense & Parks:** Mr. Martin reported that the insurance adjuster had examined the pavilion roof and, based upon that review, had calculated a replacement cost of \$5,700.00 less the Village's \$500.00 deductible. The Village would be getting information in the next community newsletter on the formation of a committee to raise funds for additional park improvements. The Village would also be soliciting feedback from residents as to what type of equipment and improvements are preferred for West Side Park.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Comments and Questions from the Audience**

Greg Worrell asked about the vehicles parked at 208 W. Main Street. Chief Willis responded that the parcel in question was zoned for business use and therefore the property owner had a right to store the vehicles there. Trustee Robertson asked if the ordinance required fencing to be installed to keep the vehicles out of view. Mr. Martin added that there were currently 13 vehicles on the property, noting that all license plates were expired and thus they could not be moved legally. Chief Willis stressed that the Village was limited in its enforcement actions based on the current zoning ordinance specifications. Trustee Grilo suggested amending the ordinance to only permit parking on finished surfaces. Chief Willis stated that he would discuss the issues with the property owner in order to get the area cleaned.

Mr. Worrell also brought in distressed flags that had been taken down at Village facilities, recommending that the Village should get new flags to replace the damaged ones he had removed.

**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 Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 January 4, 2016, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

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Village Clerk