

**Thomasboro Village Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
October 3, 2016**

*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, October 3, 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, Anna Martin, Dustin Rhodes, and Mickey Wilson.

Other Village officials present: Keith Willis, Chief of Police; Leon Albers, Treasurer; Tyler Martin, Public Works Superintendent; Deanne Wattjes, Office Manager; 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 September 6, 2016 regular meeting and the September 6, 2016 special 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 Wilson moved to approve the payment of the bills listed and the regular bills yet to be received. Trustee Grilo seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

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

Motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.

Committee Reports

Police & Safety: Chair Martin presented the monthly activity reports. With respect to the monthly report submitted by Code Enforcement Officer Ward, there was discussion as to how to proceed on the six properties with multiple violations that had not been brought into compliance. Chief Willis noted that Village staff had been very patient with these property owners in terms of trying to resolve the code violations; however, he felt that a sufficient amount of time had passed without compliance and that the Village should now begin issuing citations. He also reported that the police officers had completed Narcan training and the department was now in compliance with the recent changes in state statutes. An evacuation drill had also been conducted at Thomasboro Grade School during the last week of September.

Personnel: No report.

Building Permit & Liquor License: No report.

Health, Sanitation & Public Relations: Chair Grilo reminded the public of the upcoming community garage sales on October 8 and the fall cleanup day on October 15.

Waterworks & Sewer: Mr. Martin reported that he would be conducting the seasonal flushing of hydrants this week. During this process, residents may notice a slight discoloration in the water due to sediment being stirred up in the system; however, the condition would be temporary and could be resolved by allowing the cold water to run for a few minutes until the service lines are cleared.

Streets & Alleys: Chair Grilo reported that Mr. Martin had been repairing potholes around the Village.

Civil Defense & Parks: Chair Rhodes reported that monthly siren testing would be conducted tomorrow. He also reported that the new playground equipment for West Side Park had been delivered, with installation tentatively scheduled for November 10-11, 2016.

Old Business

(A) Discussion on Possible Sale of Properties at 702 Morris and 501 Frederick

Trustee Grilo reported that he had discussed the options for the sale and redevelopment of the properties with the other officials. The consensus was that more research needed to be done in terms of how the Village should proceed with establishing terms for the development of the vacant lots, with particular attention paid to the impact on the local taxing bodies.

New Business

(A) Setting Halloween “Trick-or-Treat” hours

Trustee Grilo moved to approve setting “trick-or-treat” hours as 6:00pm to 8:00pm on Monday, October 31, 2016. Trustee Henegar seconded the motion. Motion carried, all present voting “aye”.

(B) Designation of Authorized Signatories for Park Improvement Fund account

Trustee Grilo moved to approve including Brad Morris, Leon Albers, and Dustin Rhodes as authorized signatories for the Park Improvement Fund account at Gifford State Bank. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

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

Motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.

(C) Consider Ordinance No. 598, amending the Thomasboro Municipal Code to provide for garbage collection and disposal services and related fees

President Morris noted that an amendment to the municipal code would be necessary to provide for the new single-hauler garbage collection service and the assessment of fees to residential customers.

Trustee Wilson moved to direct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance for consideration at the next regular meeting. Trustee Martin seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

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

Motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.

(D) Consider Ordinance No. 599, amending the Thomasboro Municipal Code in connection with procedures for delinquent utility billing accounts

President Morris stated that the Village ordinance currently provided for the disconnection of water service in the event a customer carries a delinquent balance in excess of \$150.00. Because some residents had expressed opposition to paying for the new garbage service, he wanted to see the ordinance amended to enforce the collection provisions for all utilities and services. He noted that the Village Attorney would be present at the November meeting to discuss the proposed changes and a public forum would be held at that time.

Comments and Questions from the Audience

The burning of leaves and yard waste was discussed by members of the audience. With the elimination of the dump site for yard waste, it was mentioned that some residents were burning outside of approved days and hours. It was also suggested that landscape debris was being brought in from outside Thomasboro and burned in town. The public was told that yard waste could be taken to the Landscape Recycling Center in Urbana; however, it was unlikely the Village would be able to provide an adequate site for residents to take these items.

A resident questioned the police department's enforcement of stop sign regulations. Chief Willis responded that the officers were enforcing stop signage and other traffic regulations on a daily basis. He stated he would contact the resident to discuss his particular concerns with respect to the stop sign near his home.

There was considerable discussion about the new single-hauler garbage collection program. Some residents felt it was unfair to require them to pay for a service that they would otherwise not need, given that they already had alternative plans in place for disposing of their household garbage. It was also suggested that it may not be appropriate for the Village to withhold water service from those who did not want or need to pay for garbage collection. A resident stated that the Village should have conducted a survey of the population on this issue before locking into an agreement with Republic Services. When a concern was raised about elderly residents having to haul the trash containers to the curb for pickup, Cal Boonstra, representative of Republic Services, acknowledged that they would be open to having a dialogue with the Village about alternative pickups for those residents. It was also stressed that the Village would not be requiring residents to participate in the recycling program; however, those who were interested in opting into the service would be able to do so at any time without additional charge.

A resident asked about the enforcement of cars being parked in yards. Chief Willis acknowledged that the language of the ordinance would technically specify that vehicles could never be parked in a yard; however, the police department had always taken a more reasonable approach to enforcement of those provisions. The primary concern with enforcement was inoperable vehicles setting in yards for extended periods of time.

The recent purchase and sale of the property at 200 W. Eads Street by Trustee Grilo was addressed. He acknowledged that he had purchased the property for back taxes and had later sold the parcel to Premier Cooperative. Everything had been done through the proper legal channels and without Village involvement.

Residents discussed a body shop service being operated out of a home. Chief Willis responded that Village zoning ordinances provided for certain home-based businesses to be permitted in residential areas subject to certain regulations.

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 Rhodes seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

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 October 3, 2016, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Village Clerk