

**Thomasboro Village Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
January 3, 2017**

*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, January 3, 2017, 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: Leon Albers, Treasurer; Keith Willis, Chief of Police; 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 December 5, 2016 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 Rhodes seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

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| 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.

Personnel: No report.

Building Permit & Liquor License: A permit had been issued for the extension of a driveway at 204 W. Central Avenue.

Health, Sanitation & Public Relations: No report.

Waterworks & Sewer: No report.

Streets & Alleys: No report.

Civil Defense & Parks: Chair Rhodes reported that storm sirens had been tested today.

Old Business

Consider Ordinance No. 599, adopting the annual tax levy

Trustee Grilo moved to pass Ordinance No. 559. 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.

Discussion on solicitation of bids for Village-owned properties at 501 W. Frederick and 702 W. Morris

President Morris reported that he was waiting for advice from the Village Attorney before proceeding any further with the process. Mr. Reale stated that it was his understanding that state statutes required the Board to adopt an ordinance authorizing a solicitation of bids for municipally-owned real estate, including any terms and conditions that may need to be attached to such a process. This item would be brought back for further consideration at the next regular meeting.

Discussion on amending building permit fees and design standards

The Board discussed various possible fee structures for building permits, including flat rates or fee rates determined as a percentage of the cost of construction. The general consensus was that the current fees for building permits needed to be raised; however, there was some debate as to how those fees should be assessed. There were concerns raised about setting fees at an unreasonably high level, especially given the fact that the Village did not have qualified inspectors on staff to justify such an expense. Following discussion, the consensus was that this item would be continued to the next meeting, at which time the Board would make a recommendation on fee rates to be included in an ordinance amendment.

New Business

Authorize purchase of salt and material spreader for Public Works

Trustee Henegar moved to authorize the purchase of a salt/material spreader from Chambana Sales for the amount of \$4,500.00. 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.

Comments and Questions from the Audience

Jim Richardson inquired about removing the old Village Hall signage still in place at the building at 606 W. Central. Mr. Martin responded that the plan was to alter the sign to designate the area as the Village's Public Works facility.

Ronda Scott suggested that the Village needed to find a way to better communicate information to residents.

Tyler Evans distributed information he had compiled on the possible marketing of Village-owned real estate. Instead of soliciting bids for the properties at 501 Frederick and 702 Morris, he suggested that the Village should consider listing them through a realtor with the intent that the properties be redeveloped with new single family housing. With increased real estate tax receipts and benefits to the school district by attracting additional families to Thomasboro, he projected there would be about a ten-year period for the Village to realize a return on its investment by taking that route. This option was presented as a means to fostering long-term growth and development in the community, rather than a quick recoup of the Village's initial investment in the properties by selling them outright through a bid process.

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 8:23pm.

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 January 3, 2017, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Village Clerk