

**Thomasboro Village Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
November 6, 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 Monday, November 6, 2017. President Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Roll Call

The Village Clerk called the roll, finding the following members physically present: Village President W. Tyler Evans and Trustees Anthony Grilo, Kyle Henegar, Dustin Rhodes, Ronda Scott, and Trent Sage. Trustee Anna Martin 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 Scott moved to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2017 regular meeting and the October 23, 2017 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 Sage 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:	Grilo, Henegar, Rhodes, Scott, and Sage – 5
NAYS:	None – 0
ABSENT:	Martin – 1

Motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0.

Committee Reports

Police & Safety: Chair Scott discussed the monthly activity reports. Trustee Henegar presented Chief Willis with a plaque and gift in acknowledgement of his years of service to the Village of Thomasboro. Chief Willis had agreed to postpone his retirement until the final selection of a replacement, during which time he would assist with the transition phase and provide as much patrol coverage as his schedule would permit. It was also noted that Officer Kyle Schlorff would be leaving the department on Friday, November 10. With his departure, there would be no day shift patrol coverage until the new chief begins his employment.

Personnel: Trustee Scott introduced the three finalists for the Chief of Police position: Robert Rea, Richard Levine, and Jeramy Dobkins. The Board then conducted public interviews of the three candidates, during which time members of the public were also given an opportunity to

ask questions. Following the completion of the interviews, it was announced that the Board would convene in executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss the finalists.

Building Permit & Liquor License: No report.

Health, Sanitation & Public Relations: No report.

Waterworks & Sewer: No report.

Streets & Alleys: President Evans reported that he had contacted Open Road Paving about the issues at the corner of Main and Commercial. The contractor had indicated that the plan was to fix the pavement after the conclusion of harvest season. President Evans also stated that the “cash bash” fundraiser for the Central Avenue crosswalk improvement had netted between \$7,000 and \$8,000 for the project. The balance of the project would be paid from private donations.

Civil Defense & Parks: Chair Rhodes reported that monthly storm siren testing would take place tomorrow. He also reported that Village officials would be working on the playground equipment donated by Altamont at 4:00pm on Wednesday, November 8. Once the repair work was completed, the equipment would be stored at the public works department facility.

Old Business

Discussion on proposal for amendment to burning ordinance

Trustee Grilo reported that he had researched burning ordinances in other area communities and had discovered that Thomasboro’s current provisions were already more restrictive than most of the ordinances he had compared. The Board discussed the need to include restrictions on the size and property setbacks for outdoor fires as well as the types of materials permitted to be burned. The Village would also need to clearly identify who would be accountable for outdoor fires. This item was continued to the December regular meeting for further discussion.

Discussion on ordinance regarding dangerous animals

This item was tabled to the December regular meeting.

New Business

Authorize purchase of new electric motor for high service pump

Mr. Martin reported that a replacement motor had been quoted at \$2,555; however, it may be possible to rebuild the existing motor for a lower price. He would have Cox Electric first investigate the option of rebuilding the current motor and, if not feasible, would request authorization to purchase a new unit.

Trustee Henegar moved to authorize the repair or replacement of an electric motor through Cox Electric, for an amount not to exceed \$2,700. Trustee Sage seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

YEAS:	Grilo, Henegar, Rhodes, Scott, and Sage – 5
NAYS:	None – 0
ABSENT:	Martin – 1

Motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0.

Authorize cleaning of water tower

Mr. Martin had obtained a quote from National Wash Authority for the cleaning of the elevated water tower for an amount not to exceed \$5,300. It was noted that the quote was good for a period of up to one year; therefore, the Board decided to delay taking final action at the present time.

Authorize transfer of Village phone services to Volo Broadband

Trustee Sage moved to authorize the transfer of Village phone services from Frontier to Volo Broadband. Trustee Rhodes seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

YEAS:	Henegar, Rhodes, Scott, and Sage – 4
NAYS:	None – 0
ABSENT:	Martin – 1
ABSTAIN:	Grilo – 1

Motion carried by roll call vote of 4 to 0, with 1 abstention.

Comments and Questions from the Audience

Peggy Wilson asked for an update on the status of the tree located at 501 Frederick, adjacent to her property. Trustee Grilo responded that the Village had decided not to remove the tree; however, Mrs. Wilson would be permitted to cut any portions of the tree encroaching on her property.

Ben Schultz noted a chronic issue with water standing on Church Street as a result of runoff from the parking lot area at the apartments. Mr. Martin stated that he would look into the possibility of installing an additional catch basin in that area to improve drainage from the site.

Treasurers Report

There were no comments regarding the Treasurer’s Report.

Executive Session

Trustee Grilo moved to enter into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(1), to discuss the employment and compensation of applicants for the position of Chief of Police. Trustee Rhodes seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

YEAS:	Grilo, Henegar, Rhodes, Scott, and Sage – 5
NAYS:	None – 0
ABSENT:	Martin – 1

Motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0.

The Board entered into executive session at 8:46pm.

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:38pm. President Evans announced that the Board had agreed to proceed with background and reference checks on each of the three finalists for the Chief of Police position. Once the background information was complete, a special meeting would be called to consider naming an individual to the position.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Grilo moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Henegar seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

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 6, 2017, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Village Clerk