

**Thomasboro Village Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
February 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, February 6, 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 Jeff Robertson, Anthony Grilo, Kyle Henegar, Anna Martin, Dustin Rhodes, and Mickey Wilson.

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 January 3, 2017 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 Grilo moved to approve the payment of the bills listed and the regular bills yet to be received. 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.

Committee Reports

Police & Safety: Chair Martin presented the monthly activity reports.

Personnel: No report.

Building Permit & Liquor License: Discussion on a permit application was deferred, pending the arrival of the applicant.

Health, Sanitation & Public Relations: The Board discussed establishing dates for spring garage sales and community cleanup. It was agreed that the garage sales would be advertised for May 6, 2017, with the community cleanup day on the following Saturday, May 13.

Waterworks & Sewer: No report.

Streets & Alleys: No report.

Civil Defense & Parks: Chair Rhodes reported that storm sirens would be tested tomorrow.

Old Business

Discussion/Recommendation on establishing revised fees for building permits

Trustee Wilson presented a proposal including the following fees: \$200.00 for new home construction; \$250.00 for new commercial construction; \$50.00 for home addition; \$75.00 for commercial addition; and \$25.00 for fences and decks. Following discussion, Trustee Wilson moved to direct that an ordinance be drafted implementing the proposed fees and brought forward for consideration at the March regular meeting. Trustee Henegar 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.

Mr. Reale stated that he would prepare an amending ordinance and distribute to the Board prior to the next regular meeting.

Discussion/Action authorizing the appraisals of Village properties at 501 Frederick and 702 Morris

President Morris reported that he had consulted with the Village Attorney on the process for selling the two parcels and had learned that the Village would first be required to obtain appraisals before initiating any process to sell real property.

Trustee Grilo moved to authorize that appraisals be secured for 501 Frederick and 702 Morris. Trustee Rhodes seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

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

Motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 1.

Discussion/Recommendation on resurfacing of Main Street

Mr. Martin distributed cost estimates for the resurfacing of Main Street, as prepared by the engineers. Given the events planned for the downtown area in May, he stated that he would ideally like to see the work completed in April. The estimated cost for the project would be approximately \$145,000.00, although Mr. Martin cautioned that bids could come in higher than estimated due to the rise in oil costs since the estimate had been prepared. With \$122,000.00 available in Motor Fuel Tax funds, it was discussed that the shortfall might be made up with a contribution from Premier Cooperative. President Morris asked that any further discussion on the project be deferred to the budget study session, at which time the Board could take a closer look at the figures.

New Business

Ordinance No. 600, specifying the collection and payment of franchise fees by Mediacom

Trustee Wilson moved to pass Ordinance No. 600. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

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

Motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0, with 1 member abstaining.

Discussion/Recommendation on the replacement of sections of Church Street

President Morris noted that certain portions of the roadway had deteriorated due to heavy equipment being parked there during the resurfacing of U.S. Route 45. With drainage issues and a significant crowning of the road, engineers anticipated that the street would need to be repaired with cold patching along the sides to level the roadway. Further discussion on the item was deferred to the budget study session.

Discussion/Action approving contribution to the Community Service Center of North Champaign County

Trustee Grilo moved to authorize a contribution to CSC in the amount of \$1,000.00. Trustee Robertson 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.

Set date for budget study session

Following discussion, the Board agreed to call a special meeting for February 20, 2017 at 6:00pm to discuss the proposed budget for fiscal year 2017-18 and to conduct annual performance evaluations of Village personnel.

Comments and Questions from the Audience

Ali Tiouririne addressed the Board to discuss his plans for the property at the northeast corner of Church and Clark Streets. He had recently acquired the parcels and had planned to construct a new store and showroom facility for kitchen and home décor sales on the corner lot. In the existing house on the adjacent parcel, Mr. Tiouririne intended to renovate the structure and convert it to use as a restaurant. Because parking was currently prohibited by Village ordinance along that section of Church Street, he requested a variance from the Village to allow for the creation of a head-in parking area within the Village easement in front of his businesses. Ben Schultz, a neighboring property owner, expressed concerns about the appearance of the proposed building and the creation of additional parking as he did not want to see anything depreciate the value of his home and other homes in the area. Mr. Tiouririne assured Mr. Schultz and other neighbors that the building would not detract from the appearance of the neighborhood or the value of their homes. He also requested Village assistance in having a tree removed from the property. The tree was situated within the Village right-of-way and presented an impediment to the development of the property. He also noted that he would be requesting a liquor license for the restaurant, and was assured that there was a Class B license

for the sale of beer and wine currently available. The Board agreed that more specific details would need to be presented on the proposed parking area before any variance would be considered.

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 7:33pm.

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

Village Clerk