

**Thomasboro Village Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
September 5, 2017**

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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 Tuesday, September 5, 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, Anna Martin, Duston Rhodes, Ronda Scott, and Trent Sage.

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 Henegar moved to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2017 regular meeting, as prepared. Trustee Scott 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 Henegar seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

<b>YEAS:</b>	Grilo, Henegar, Martin, Rhodes, Scott and Sage – 6
<b>NAYS:</b>	None – 0
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None – 0

**Motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.**

**Committee Reports**

**Police & Safety:** Chair Scott discussed the monthly activity reports. Chief Willis reported that department personnel had completed annual firearms qualification on September 1.

**Personnel:** The Board discussed the possible appointment of Jeffrey Metzler as the fulltime Chief of Police. President Evans reported that he had negotiated terms of employment with Mr. Metzler; however, one of the terms requested by the candidate was participation in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF). Mr. Reale explained the defined benefit system under IMRF, wherein each eligible employee would contribute 4.5 percent of annual income to the plan and the Village would be required to provide a contribution at a rate to be determined by the fund. He noted that an actuarial study would need to be completed by IMRF to calculate an actual employer contribution rate for Thomasboro; however, he estimated that the rate would likely be around 13 percent. Mr. Reale added that IMRF would also dictate that any employee

working over 1,000 hours per annum would be required to participate in the plan, and the Village would be responsible for buying up to a maximum of five years of previous qualified service for each eligible employee at the time of joining the system. The Board then discussed the merits of IMRF. The consensus was that joining IMRF would provide an excellent benefit for the employees and could aid in attracting quality applicants for future vacancies; however, the majority of members felt it was important to have more solid numbers before making any final decision on the issue. Trustee Rhodes noted that higher retirement costs could further strain the Village's budget, and Mr. Reale commented that Thomasboro, as a non-home rule community subject to tax caps, would not have the ability to increase its levy for pension costs without approval by referendum. Following discussion, Mr. Metzler thanked the Board for its consideration of hiring him for the position. He noted, however, that it was important for him and his family to have the security of an IMRF pension and he would therefore decline the offer if the Board could not guarantee that benefit.

**Building Permit & Liquor License:** Ali Tiouririne presented an update on the status of his redevelopment of the property at 406 N. Church Street. He stated that he had approached the Champaign County Public Health Department for recommendations on the construction of the restaurant portion of the facility. Based upon his conversations with the health department, he had procured the services of a consultant to establish a menu and feasibility study and an architect to provide a kitchen layout to accommodate the equipment necessary to comply with all health codes. All of this information would then be presented to the health department for compliance review and construction would begin once approval was granted. He anticipated that it would likely be four to five months before all of the required documentation was in place to begin construction of the restaurant. For the kitchen showroom portion of the property, Mr. Tiouririne noted that it would be of secondary precedence to the establishment of the restaurant and he therefore suggested that the building permit for that portion of the project be voided. Once the restaurant was completed, he would reapply for a new permit for the showroom.

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

**Waterworks & Sewer:** No report.

**Streets & Alleys:** No report.

**Civil Defense & Parks:** Chair Rhodes reported that monthly storm siren testing had been conducted today. He also reported that the new poles and backboards for the basketball court at West Side Park had been installed in August. The Village had received a donation of playground equipment from Altamont, which would be stored until an appropriate site for installation could be determined. The Board also discussed establishing a policy for reservations of the park pavilion.

### **Old Business**

#### **Ordinance No. 606, amending the Thomasboro Planning & Zoning Code concerning minimum setback requirements for fences**

Following discussion, this item was tabled.

#### **Ordinance No. 607, authorizing the approval of a revised Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract between the Village of Thomasboro and the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association**

Trustee Grilo moved to pass Ordinance No. 607. Trustee Scott seconded the motion.  
The Village Clerk called the roll:

**YEAS:** Grilo, Henegar, Martin, Rhodes, Scott and Sage – 6  
**NAYS:** None – 0  
**ABSENT:** None – 0

**Motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.**

#### **Update on burning ordinance amendment**

President Evans reported that Chief Cundiff of the Thomasboro Fire Protection District would be present at the next regular meeting to discuss proposals for amending the ordinance.

#### **New Business**

#### **Ordinance No. 608, amending Chapter VII of the Thomasboro Municipal Code to authorize placement of a stop sign at the intersection of Church Street and the northern access road to the grain elevator**

Trustee Grilo moved to pass Ordinance No. 608. Trustee Sage seconded the motion.  
The Village Clerk called the roll:

**YEAS:** Grilo, Henegar, Martin, Rhodes, Scott and Sage – 6  
**NAYS:** None – 0  
**ABSENT:** None – 0

**Motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.**

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

Larry Hendricks, 200 W. Elmore, addressed the Board regarding chronic flooding issues at his property. He noted that there is a storm drain at his corner that typically became clogged with leaves, impeding the ability for storm water to clear during significant rains. He suggested that the Village should consider adopting an ordinance to prohibit individuals from piling leaves and yard waste in streets and gutters, which could help alleviate some of the issues with storm drainage. Mr. Martin noted that he tries to address the clearing of storm drains as quickly as possible when the Village experiences significant rainfall.

Peggy Wilson inquired about the status of the tree located on the Village-owned property at 501 W. Frederick which was encroaching on her fence line. Trustee Grilo responded that Village personnel had examined the tree in question and would discuss what could be done with the homeowner.

Dana Dale asked what could be done about dangerous dogs and those with repeated offenses for running at large. President Evans stated that the Board would discuss a possible ordinance to address these concerns at the next regular meeting. Officer Metzler would provide sample language for a vicious dog ordinance.

#### **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 Sage seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.

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 September 5, 2017, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

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Village Clerk