

**Thomasboro Village Board of Trustees  
Special Board Meeting  
June 19, 2018**

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*Thomasboro Village Hall  
101 W. Main Street, Thomasboro, Illinois*

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Thomasboro was held on Tuesday, June 19, 2018. President Evans called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**Roll Call**

The Village Clerk called the roll, finding the following members physically present: President W. Tyler Evans; and Trustees Anthony Grilo, Anna Martin, Kyle Henegar, Dustin Rhodes, Ronda Scott, and Trent Sage.

Other Village officials present: Leon Albers, Treasurer; Tyler Martin, Public Works Superintendent; Mike Martinez, Interim Chief of Police; and Jeremy Reale, Village Clerk.

**Discussion on Police Department staffing, coverage, wages and scheduling**

The Board engaged in a discussion on the future of staffing for the Police Department. Trustee Henegar proposed that the department should have a part-time chief, two part-time patrol officers, and a code enforcement officer. The hourly rates suggested for those positions would be \$20.00, \$17.00, and \$15.00, respectively. These rates were higher than the hourly rates currently paid for police personnel; however, Trustee Scott commented that they were comparable to rates paid in other communities for those positions. Trustee Grilo disagreed that wages needed to be increased in order to attract and retain qualified officers, noting that Chief Martinez had already been with the department for several years. Trustee Rhodes expressed concern about advertising for additional part-time officers at a time when no permanent decision had been made about the status of the chief position. This could result in officers being hired without any guarantee that they would still have a position following Chief Martinez's interim period leading the department. Trustee Martin stated that the Village would need to hire additional part-time officers regardless of any decision on the chief position, adding that it would probably take most of the transition period to advertise, interview, and complete background checks for any new employees. Trustees Grilo and Rhodes questioned the proposed code enforcement officer, noting that the Board had previously discussed utilizing a housing repair committee to perform the bulk of those activities. President Evans responded that he had received feedback from some trustees concerned about having Board members responsible for handling code violation cases. Trustee Rhodes suggested that patrol officers should handle code enforcement. Chief Martinez responded that he had done code enforcement as a patrol officer; however, priority for patrol coverage was given to evening shifts and code enforcement is best done during the day. The Board felt that coverage hours needed to be varied to periodically cover weekdays and Sundays in addition to evening shifts. Following discussion, the consensus was to defer any action on a code enforcement officer position. Chief Martinez was directed to advertise for two additional part-time patrol officers.

**Approval of new crosswalk installation on Central Avenue at Phillips Street**

President Evans reported that the quote received from Open Road Paving totaled \$35,000.00. Although the Village had received a \$7,000.00 contribution from the Thomasboro Improvement Association to be used toward this project, there was not sufficient funding available in the budget to cover the remaining costs. The consensus of the Board was to defer any further action with respect to this project.

**Approval of MFT Oil and Chip Maintenance program**

Trustee Grilo moved to approve an MFT Resolution authorizing the annual street maintenance program to be performed by Illiana Construction for an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00.

Trustee Sage seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

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

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

**Consideration of sale of Village owned real property at 702 W. Morris Street**

President Evans reported that a memorandum of purchase had been forwarded to the Village Attorney so he could draft a sales contract. The prospective buyer would be required to submit construction plans and a schedule prior to the approval of a sale.

**Comments and Questions from the Audience**

Jim Richardson commented on the proposed crosswalk and sidewalk along the south side of Central Avenue. He noted that the sidewalk as planned would divert pedestrian traffic to the circle drive in the parking lot area of St. Elizabeth Church. He cautioned that the Village would not be able to construct a sidewalk that would have the effect of directing pedestrians onto private property owned by the church.

**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 6:37pm.

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 Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees held June 19, 2018, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

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Village Clerk