

**Thomasboro Village Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
September 4, 2018**

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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 4, 2018. President Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Roll Call**

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

Other Village officials present: Leon Albers, Treasurer; Tyler Martin, Public Works Superintendent; Mike Martinez, Interim Chief of Police; 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**

This item was tabled to the October meeting.

**Presentation of Bills**

Following review and discussion of the monthly bills, Trustee Scott moved to approve the payment of the bills listed and the regular bills yet to be received. Trustee Sage seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

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

**Motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0.**

**Committee Reports**

**Police & Safety:** Interim Chief Martinez delivered the monthly activity report for the police department. He reported that the department had received a total of eleven applications for the part-time code enforcer position, and one resume for a part-time patrol officer. After speaking with this applicant, he stated that the candidate had declined to pursue the position. Chief Martinez said that he had been in contact with other area chiefs, all of whom had indicated that they had been having similar difficulty in finding qualified part-time officers. The consensus of the Board was that higher priority should be given to filling the patrol position if possible.

**Personnel:** No report.

**Building Permit & Liquor License:** It was reported that four permits had been approved during the previous month, including three fences and one shed.

**Health, Sanitation & Public Relations:** The audience was reminded that the fall communitywide garage sales would take place on October 6, with the annual cleanup day

scheduled for the following Saturday, October 13. The Board determined that the hours for the cleanup day would be 8:00am to 10:00am, and agreed to again utilize part-time service workers through Champaign County to assist with the event.

**Waterworks & Sewer:** Mr. Martin reported that he had completed repairs on various valve boxes in August. He also presented information on pump no. 2. There is evidence that the impeller had begun to show significant wear, and it was planned to attempt to rebuild and repair the impeller and bearings in the pump. He stated that he would have more information to share with the Board at the next regular meeting.

**Streets & Alleys:** Mr. Martin reported that Rantoul Township was planning to oil and chip CR 2600 N this fall. For the cost of \$890.00, they could continue along the section of that roadway (North Street) within the Village's corporate limits up to U.S. Route 45. The consensus was that having this work done would be beneficial, as the road was expected to be heavily traveled during harvest season with other local roads scheduled to be closed for bridge repairs. It would also be less expensive to have the work performed at this time rather than waiting until a later date.

Trustee Martin moved to authorize the oil and chip maintenance work on the section of North Street east of U.S. Route 45 for an amount not to exceed \$890.00. Trustee Sage seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

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

**Motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0.**

**Civil Defense & Parks:** Chair Rhodes that the civil defense sirens had been tested today. He added that he was seeking volunteers to assist with tree removal in West Side Park on Saturday, September 15 at 7:00am. He had obtained quotes for the rental of a lift to be used during this project, with costs running \$340.00 to \$375.00 for a 50-ft lift for a Friday-to-Monday rental period. The consensus of the Board was to approve renting a lift to assist with the tree trimming and removal. He expected to have more information on pricing for replacement trees at the next regular meeting. He had received an estimate from Darren Suits of \$800.00 to \$1,000.00 per 8-inch diameter tree and \$500.00 for 4-inch trees. It was also expected to cost approximately \$200.00 per tree for stump removal and seeding. President Evans reported that the Thomasboro Improvement Association planned to purchase a bench and picnic table to donate to the park.

### **New Business**

#### **Set "Trick or Treat" hours for Halloween**

The Board decided that the hours for this year's trick or treating would be October 31, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

#### **Ordinance No. 617, amending the Thomasboro Municipal Code in connection with rates for wastewater services**

Mr. Albers noted that expenses in the Sewer Fund had been outpacing revenues over the last two fiscal years, largely attributable to the fact that the Village had not kept pace with the bulk rates charged by the Village of Rantoul in setting its customer rates. An additional factor in the disparity between the bulk charges and the customer collections was the significant issue of

inflow and infiltration into the sewer system from storm water discharge. Mr. Albers had proposed an increase in the sewer rate to \$7.60 per thousand gallons of water consumption, which he estimated would impact the average customer by \$5.25 each month. Trustee Grilo expressed his opinion that more time should have been given to notify residents of the proposed change and to allow the trustees to ask questions and obtain more information. He added that it may be more prudent to wait on adjusting customer rates until the intergovernmental agreement with Rantoul is renegotiated, as the proposed increase could ultimately not be sufficient to cover any increases in the bulk rate. Trustee Rhodes questioned whether the Sewer Fund balance had been decreasing on a consistent basis. Bill Kurth addressed the Board to express his support for the proposed rate adjustment, adding that the Village should have been periodically increasing rates over the years. Jim Richardson also addressed the Board in favor of the proposal, noting that the Village could not afford to forego increasing revenues in order to cover capital improvement costs for the system.

Trustee Martin moved to pass Ordinance No. 617. Trustee Sage seconded the motion.  
The Village Clerk called the roll:

**YEAS:** Martin, Scott, and Sage – 3

**NAYS:** Grilo and Rhodes – 2

**ABSENT:** Henegar – 1

**Motion carried by roll call vote of 3 to 2.**

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

None.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

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 4, 2018, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

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Village Clerk