

**Thomasboro Village Board of Trustees  
Special Board Meeting  
January 28, 2019**

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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 Monday, January 28, 2019. 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 (arrived at 7:02pm), Kyle Henegar, Dustin Rhodes, Ronda Scott, and Trent Sage.

Other Village officials present: Leon Albers, Treasurer; Deanne Wattjes, Office Manager; and Jeremy Reale, Village Clerk.

**Discussion on Proposal from Illinois American Water Company**

President Evans distributed copies of a sample agreement with IAWC to provide operations and maintenance services for the Village's utility systems. He stated that he thought it might make sense for the Village to enter into a contract with the company provided that the associated costs would be reasonable. Given the prospect of future modifications to EPA requirements that could eliminate the Village's ability to utilize a contract operator without a fulltime licensed employee on staff, an agreement with IAWC would alleviate possible regulatory problems. Trustee Grilo stated that he was concerned about permanently ceding local control of the utilities to IAWC in lieu of the Village hiring its own fulltime operator. To that point, he asked if the company would consider a short-term arrangement to operate the systems while a fulltime Village employee trained to become licensed as an operator. Under such an arrangement, the operations and maintenance of the system would return to the Village's control once the employee obtained the Class B operator certification. The Board discussed the amount of employee time devoted to operating the water system. Tyler Martin noted that the time commitment varied, but estimated that ten to fifteen hours per week would be a reasonable average. President Evans noted that the Village would not necessarily need to hire a fulltime employee to handle the other public works responsibilities if the Village entered into an agreement with IAWC. This would result in a savings on personnel costs such as wages and benefits. Trustee Grilo responded that it would likely be difficult to find an employee willing to be responsible for the various duties on a part-time basis. In addition to maintenance of the streets, this employee would also handle meter reading, utility locates, storm water drainage, sewer system maintenance and emergency on-call response to alarms. The Board agreed that further discussion needed to take place with IAWC to determine the exact scope of activities for which the company would be responsible. President Evans stated that he would contact IAWC officials to discuss more specific details of a possible contract and determine how those details would impact the fees assessed to the Village.

**Discussion on Public Works Superintendent Position**

It was noted that the application deadline for the position had passed. The consensus of the Board was to reopen the job search while negotiations with IAWC continued. Mr. Reale was directed to post the vacancy through Indeed.com.

**Agreement with Tyler Martin for Temporary Services as Licensed Water Operator**

It was noted that the current temporary agreement with Mr. Martin was due to expire January 31, 2019, and the Village would still be in need of a licensed operator to meet EPA requirements while the discussions with IAWC were ongoing. Mr. Martin had offered to continue to provide his services for a lower rate of \$33.50 per day.

Trustee Grilo moved to authorize an extension of the agreement with Tyler Martin for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days at a rate of \$33.50 per day. Trustee Rhodes seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

**YEAS:** Grilo, Henegar, Rhodes, Scott and Sage – 5

**NAYS:** None – 0

**ABSENT:** None – 0

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

**Comments and Questions from the Audience**

President Evans acknowledged Gary Rosenbeck for his assistance with snow plowing of Village streets.

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

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 January 28, 2019, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

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Village Clerk