

**Thomasboro Village Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
January 7, 2019**

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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 Monday, January 7, 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, Dustin Rhodes, and Ronda Scott. Trustees Kyle Henegar and Trent Sage were absent.

Other Village officials present: Leon Albers, Treasurer; Mike Martinez, 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 Meetings**

Trustee Grilo moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 3, 2018, special meeting of December 16, 2018 and special meeting of December 26, 2018, as prepared. Trustee Rhodes seconded the motion. Motion carried, all present voting "aye".

**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 Rhodes seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

**YEAS:** Grilo, Rhodes, and Scott – 3  
**NAYS:** None – 0  
**ABSENT:** Henegar and Sage – 2

**Motion carried by roll call vote of 3 to 0.**

**Committee Reports**

**Police & Safety:** Chief Martinez delivered the monthly activity report for the police department. It was noted that Officer Blake Carey would begin working in mid-January. He stated that the Village had not generally provided part-time officers with employment agreements; rather, each officer is given a copy of the employee policy manual and is then subject to normal disciplinary procedures upon completion of the probationary period. It was further reported that the Housing Repair Committee had issued letters to owners of properties found to be in violation of various Village ordinances. There had generally been a good response to those letters, with approximately eighty-five percent of recipients having already addressed the violations or agreeing to comply. A couple of cases have involved significant follow-up efforts from Chief Martinez, and he agreed to reach out to the committee if any further assistance would be required to bring those properties into compliance.

**Personnel:** Trustee Scott reported that a review of applications for the public works superintendent position was ongoing, adding that it was expected that interviews would be scheduled in the near future. President Evans stated that he had spoken with officials at Illinois

American Water Company about the possibility of entering into a contractual arrangement to have the company handle the operations and maintenance of the water system in lieu of the Village hiring a full-time licensed operator. The company would be preparing a proposal for the Village's consideration at a later date. He stated that if an agreement with IAWC was attainable, the Board would need to reevaluate the job description for the public works superintendent before proceeding with the hiring process.

**Building Permit & Liquor License:** No report.

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

**Waterworks & Sewer:** No report.

**Streets & Alleys:** Trustee Grilo noted that the Village had previously used a bucket truck from Premier Cooperative to install and remove the holiday decorations from the light poles. He would contact Mike Kuhns at Premier to discuss the possibility of utilizing this equipment again to remove the wreaths.

**Civil Defense & Parks:** Chair Rhodes reported that monthly siren testing would be conducted tomorrow. President Evans reported that the Thomasboro Improvement Association had ordered the new bench being donated for West Side Park, and they would be coordinating with the Village on delivery and installation.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

#### **Discussion on contract with Republic Services for waste collection**

At the previous meeting, Trustee Grilo had noted that the current agreement with Republic Services was set to expire in 2019, and the Board would need to determine whether an extension should be renegotiated with the company or a new request for proposals opened to other contractors. President Evans stated that he would like to see any new agreement include offering a discounted rate for commercial accounts not included as part of the residential collection contract.

#### **Approve Agreement with Tyler Martin for interim services as licensed water operator**

Trustee Grilo moved to approve an agreement with Tyler Martin for temporary services as licensed water operator for the Village through January 31, 2019 at a rate of \$50.00 per day. Trustee Scott seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

**YEAS:** Grilo, Rhodes, and Scott – 3  
**NAYS:** None – 0  
**ABSENT:** Henegar and Sage – 2

**Motion carried by roll call vote of 3 to 0.**

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

Trustee Grilo mentioned that he had received an email communication from Karen Eller concerning a potential safety issue with a property on Church Street where reflectors were mounted on rebar in very close proximity to the roadway. He noted that Chief Martinez would confirm whether the reflectors were situated within the public right-of-way and arrange to have them relocated to an appropriate setback from the road.

Tyler Martin inquired if there was to be a residency requirement in place for the individual selected as public works superintendent. President Evans responded that this point would be open for discussion.

**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 Rhodes seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.

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 January 7, 2019, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

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Village Clerk