

**Thomasboro Village Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
May 6, 2019**

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

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Thomasboro was held on Monday, May 6, 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: Trustees Anthony Grilo, Dustin Rhodes, Ronda Scott, Trent Sage, John Curry. Trustee Henegar was a late arrival after the roll call.

Other Village officials present: Leon Albers, Treasurer; Mike Martinez, Chief of Police; Deanne Wattjes, Office Manager; Gary Rosenbeck, Public Works and Jasmyne Boyce, Village Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance

Following roll call, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Discussion and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Trustee Grilo moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 1, 2019 and April 8 special meeting. Trustee Rhodes seconded the motion. Motion carried, all present voting "aye".

Presentation of Bills

Following review and discussion of the monthly bills, Trustee Rhodes moved to approve the payment of the bills listed and the regular bills yet to be received with the exception of one expense for materials pending return from Public Works. Trustee Scott seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

YEAS:	Scott, Rhodes, Grilo, Curry, Sage – 5
NAYS:	None – 0

Motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0.

Administration of Oaths of Office for Re-Elected Officials Trustees Grilo Rhodes and Curry recited their oaths of office with the Clerk. Certificates were distributed to each official.

Public Presentation by Scott Hall, IL Dept. of Transportation – Mr. Hall provided information related to an anticipated request by IDOT to stop mowing public thru-ways to allow for repopulation of local pollinator species. Median mowing can be maintained for safety by local public works but requests for mowing in the future due to limited visibility should be directed to the Leverette Rd Station to ensure we are in compliance with IDOT's requested schedule.

Committee Reports

Police & Safety: Trustee Scott commented that Golf Cart registration is due and asked Chief Martinez to deliver the monthly activity report for the police department. Activity for April: One traffic citation, one moving violation warning written, zero ordinance tickets written, Metcad total was 57 calls and 31 were Champaign County Sheriff's Office calls to respond. Ordinance

update recommendation related to abandoned vehicle enforcement has been sent to the board for review. Rural Chiefs meeting is coming up next week and officers will be in attendance

Personnel: Report to be discussed as part of New Business Item A

Building Permit & Liquor License: Trustee Grilo stated that fence permits were issued for builds on Park and Pearl. Garage permit at 603 Meyer was issued but the height of secondary buildings is a concern as the garage will dwarf the primary structure. If the board wishes to update the ordinance related to secondary structures and allowable heights for future builds it can be done at a later date but will not impact any existing permits.

Health, Sanitation & Public Relations: Trustee Curry stated there is no report

Waterworks & Sewer: Trustee Henegar stated meter pit installation has begun. Gary Rosenbeck commented that he recommends use of some type of foam insulation to ensure temperature doesn't impact functionality when exposed to extreme cold temperatures in the winter months.

Streets & Alleys: Trustee Grilo asked Gary for progress reports on paving patches. Gary recommends to oil/chip on Thomas and North end on Church Street to limit further breakdown as streets are in poor condition with several large gaps. Much of the immediate repairs can be done in house with existing personnel. Mayor Evans offered additional labor volunteers when required. Truck maintenance has been completed. Gear box repair on mower is repaired. Bids for gutters at the Public Works buildings have been prepared but need to be distributed to the board prior to the next meeting for approval.

Civil Defense & Parks: Trustee Rhodes reported sirens testing will occur tomorrow and the park needs to dry up before any progress can be made. Trees can't be removed until the rain stops. There will be three 8'0" length picnic tables ordered in the upcoming months for the pavilion at West Side Park with one paid for by the Thomasboro Improvement Association. If one additional needs to be purchased, it can be approved at a later date after installation of the first three has been completed. Court striping has been discussed previously but no decision has been made. Local laborer has offered to complete the project for less than \$350.

New Committee Appointments

- (A) **POLICE & SAFETY** – Trustee Curry / Trustee Scott
- (B) **PERSONNEL** – Trustee Rhodes /Trustee Curry
- (C) **BUILDING PERMIT & LIQUOR LICENSE** – Trustee Grilo /Trustee Henegar
- (D) **HEALTH, SANITATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS** – Trustee Scott / Trustee Grilo
- (E) **WATERWORKS & SEWER** – Trustee Henegar /Trustee Sage
- (F) **STREETS & ALLEYS** – Trustee Sage/Trustee Grilo
- (G) **CIVIL DEFENSE & PARKS** – Trustee Rhodes /Trustee Scott

Old Business

Republic Services contract extension

Mayor Evans stated that based on discussions with individual trustees, the majority consensus was not to open the process for a bid and to renew at the proposed rate Republic Services had offered per the original agreement. Trustee Grilo made a motion to approve, Trustee Sage seconded the motion. Village Clerk called the roll.

YAY - Grilo, Sage, Rhodes, Henegar
NAY - Curry, Scott

Motion carried with roll call vote 4-2. Contract renewal approved to continue with Republic Services for waste hauling services.

New Business

Public Works interviews are continuing for superintendent – candidates have been contacted to schedule additional interviews. Special meeting was proposed to allow the trustees an opportunity to meet the candidates and provide recommendations. Special Meeting Date will be determined based on candidate availability. Trustee Henegar stated that an employment compensation package should have been prepared before the interviews. Mayor Evans has stated that pay should be dependent upon qualifications and insurance may not be required by every candidate. An offer will not be made without board approval. Trustee Rhodes has asked for recommendations via email and received no response. Trustee Grilo felt that the original proposed salary is under market value. Mayor Evans asked for all recommendations for compensation to be sent to Trustee Rhodes by Friday. Residency requirements vs. employee dwelling within a specific mileage radius should be outlined in the employee agreement prior to approval by the board.

Public Comment:

Mr. Richardson: Asked if Gary will still be on staff when the new employee is hired. Why haven't you as a board in five months been able to make a decision about this position? Mayor Evans said it was just determined after several months that we would proceed with a hire rather than contract with IL American Water. The interview process has been ongoing for less than three weeks and we are currently saving money having avoided the ILAW contracting fees and service.

Mr. Kirby: thanked the police department for removing the abandoned vehicle on Clark.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Albers has nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(1) for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body. Motion by Trustee Grilo, seconded by Trustee Rhodes. Motion carried, all present voting "aye".

Reconvene in Open Session

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 via voice vote, all present voting "aye". The meeting was adjourned at 8:26PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmyne Boyce, 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 May 6, 2019, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Village Clerk