

**Thomasboro Village Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
February 3, 2020**

*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, February 3, 2020. 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 Robert Pinske, Ronda Scott, Anthony Grilo, Mick Curry and Dustin Rhodes.

Other Village officials present: Deanne Wattjes, Office Manager, Leon Albers, Treasurer; Chad Polsky, Mike Martinez and Eric Schumate, Police Department 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 January 6, 2020. Trustee Curry seconded the motion. Motion carried, all present voting "aye".

Presentation of Bills

Trustee Grilo 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: Pinske, Curry, Grilo, Scott, Rhodes – 5
NAYS: None – 0

Motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0.

New Business

Discussion and Approval of \$1,000 Annual Contribution to Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County

Trustee Scott made a motion to approve the annual contribution of \$1000 made payable to the Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County. Trustee Grilo seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

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

Motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0.

Discussion and Approval of attendee expenses for Rural Economic Development

Conference: Mayor Evans requires \$175 to attend Rural Economic Development Conference in Springfield, IL on February 26 and 27, 2020.

Discussion and Approval of Special Meeting Date for Budget FY 2021 Study Session:

February 18, 2020 6:00pm was an agreeable date and time to schedule a budget study session and review with Police Chief, Public Works Superintendent, Trustees and Mayor.

Discussion and Approval of ESDA equipment testing and upgrades: Trustee Rhodes attended the county meeting with John Dwyer to discuss potential testing of sirens from county wide dispatch center. Weather service would trigger the siren in a required event though we would still require ESDA response volunteers/watchers. Siren upgrades would be costly and we haven't received pricing for that until we know if testing is successful.

Discussion and Approval of hourly pay increase for Blake Carey, Police Department:

Trustee Scott made a motion to approve the hourly wage increase for Blake Carey, Police Officer to \$18.50/hour. Trustee Pinske seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

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

Motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0.

Discussion and Approval of EPA infrastructure bond repayment \$96,009.87: Treasurer Albers stated we have 6 payments remaining on the bond, made semi-annually. Trustee Grilo made a motion to approve the regular bond payment of \$96,009.87. Trustee Pinske seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

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

Motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Albers has issued the draft of the FY 2021 budget to all staff for review and amendment prior to the next meeting date. Draft can be amended until budget is voted upon during the April meeting.

Public Comment:

Jim Richardson asked about the progress on the Dollar General and if any thought was given to if having one in town was going to hurt Casey's or Carl's store? He is concerned about the safety of kids riding their bike to the store without appropriate safety precautions and a proper crossing. There was mention before of a street light but he expressed his skepticism as to whether or not IDOT would actually approve one.

Trustee Grilo offered an updated status on the Overland Group Development. Attorney is working on the annexation agreement and the surveyor from Overland Group, Paul Brown, was in attendance to offer his specific assistance in moving this project forward. It has been a year since discussions began on this project. Trustee Grilo explained that the cost of the expansion of the utility will be shared by the developer and the Village share is approximately \$85,000.

Jeff Robertson inquired about oil and chip areas that need immediate attention on Schluter since it is full of holes. He also asked where the money is coming from for the sewer expansion under Route 45.

Robert Derr expressed ongoing concern with the lack of response to drivers disregarding the stop sign and Michael and Bradley. He requested an officer observe what is happening in the neighborhood. He also expressed disappointment with the amount of trash and large items that need to be disposed of lingering in yards all over town, citing a couch that has been on a lawn awaiting disposal since last August. Chief Schumate stated he would follow up on ordinance violations during his daytime office hours.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Grilo moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Pinske seconded the motion. Motion carried via voice vote, all present voting "aye". The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

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 February 3, 2020, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Village Clerk