

**Thomasboro Village Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
June 1, 2020**

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

A Teleconference Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Thomasboro was held on Monday, June 1, 2020. Zoom Meeting ID 82202113562. President Evans called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

Roll Call

The Village Clerk called the roll, finding the following members in attendance via video or audio: Trustees Robert Pinske, Ronda Scott, Anthony Grilo, Mick Curry, Jeff Robertson and Dustin Rhodes.

Other Village officials present: Deanne Wattjes, Office Manager, Leon Albers, Treasurer; Chad Polsky, Eric Shumate, Police Chief and Jasmyne Boyce, Village Clerk.

Guest Present via audio: Nate Evans, EXP Realty

Discussion and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Trustee Scott moved to approve the minutes of the special and regular meetings of May 4, 2020. Trustee Curry seconded the motion. The Village Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Pinske, Curry, Robertson, Grilo, Scott, Rhodes – 6
NAYS: None – 0

Motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.

Presentation of Bills

Trustee Grilo moved to approve the payment of the bills listed as well as the regular bills yet to be received. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Pinske, Curry, Robertson, Grilo, Scott, Rhodes – 6
NAYS: None – 0

Motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.

New Business

Discussion and Approval of Appropriation Ordinance #620 for FY 2021.

Trustee Grilo moved to approve the Appropriation Ordinance #620 for FY 2021 as presented.

Trustee Scott seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Pinske, Curry, Robertson, Grilo, Scott, Rhodes – 6
NAYS: None – 0

Motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.

Discussion and Approval of Ameren Franchise Agreement Ordinance #621 –Trustee Grilo inquired about the sample ordinance provided and if we had done a comparison with other similar municipalities. Trustee Rhodes inquired about the service costs and the lack of service on the street lights as well as a potential for higher costs later on. Mayor Evans stated he would inquire about the potential for LED lamp upgrades on the street lights, even if it was a rolling

schedule for installation. Periodic upgrades are necessary and would increase safety. President Evans tabled this item for future discussion as amendments are required and clarification of terms to be discussed with our attorney.

Discussion regarding town clean up days / town-wide garage sales – postponed until October regularly scheduled clean-up dates TBA, probably the second weekend in October 2020.

Public Comment

Mel Ghrist inquired about availability of meeting minutes on the website and if any other development discussions related to the East Central Ave expansion have occurred. Are there any reports related to distressed properties?

Chief Shumate responded that the last notices have been sent as of May 15 and plans were coordinated with owners for clean-up on properties in question.

Mel Ghrist asked if city hall is still closed. DeAnne is in the office from 8-12 Monday through Friday and will accept calls but is limiting visitors to ensure safety. Everyone is encouraged to call if there's business they need to attend to at the hall so we can ensure we maintain social distancing.

Jim Richardson inquired with each trustee about their involvement in the property annexation discussions held with the village attorney prior to the vote last month. Mayor Evans clarified that the discussions held about the annexation were held publicly beginning last August when it was first proposed. Jim asked how was it negotiated? Dustin clarified that is was discussed but never voted upon. Mayor Evans stated the vote is now closed.

Gerdie Richardson expressed support of our Police Chief and encouraged others to do the same. She also asked who attends the closed sessions. The Board of Trustees and any guests permitted to negotiate or explain presentations to the Board for one of the specified purposes listed on the agenda.

Chief Shumate stated the Police Department has relocated to 606 W. Central, to be housed with the Public Works department. The equipment transition is still in process for ESDA. New computers were acquired from State Farm.

Treasurer's Report: Leon Albers stated that he would record the Appropriations Ordinance once all signatures are received in the upcoming days. No Other Report.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 6 – to discuss the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

Trustee Pinske made the motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 c 6, Trustee Grilo seconded the motion.

Trustee Robertson motioned to reconvene in public session at 7:48PM, Trustee Curry seconded the motion. All present voting AYE.

Trustee Scott motioned to approve the Letter of Intent to purchase 501 W. Frederick and 702 W. Morris contingent upon terms discussed with and agreed to by our attorney. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Pinske, Curry, Robertson, Grilo, Scott, Rhodes – 6
NAYS: None – 0

Motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1 – to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body.

Trustee Grilo made the motion to enter into executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 c 1, Trustee Curry seconded the motion.

Trustee Grilo motioned to reconvene in open session at 9:14PM, Trustee Rhodes seconded the motion. All present voting AYE.

Trustee Scott motioned to approve a wage increase of 3% for Office Manager, DeAnne Wattjes, and 3% for Treasurer, Leon Albers plus an additional 3% to the hourly rate for any duties the treasurer may take on the in the office manager’s occasional absence. Wage increases should be made retroactive to February as that is when the original review should have been performed but was delayed due to COVID.

Trustee Robertson seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Pinske, Curry, Robertson, Grilo, Scott, Rhodes – 6
NAYS: None – 0

Motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.

Treasurer, Leon Albers, stated he appreciates the gesture and support of his work and dedication to the role but declined to accept the increase as suggested. He enjoys serving the community and does not seek a monetary reward for that service.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Grilo moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried via voice vote, all present voting “aye”. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 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 June 1, 2020, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Village Clerk