

**Thomasboro Village Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
October 5, 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, October 5, 2020. Zoom Meeting ID 8837767869. President Evans called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

Roll Call

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

Other Village officials present: Leon Albers, Treasurer; Chad Polsky, Public Works Superintendent, and Jasmyne Boyce, Village Clerk.

Discussion and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Trustee Scott moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 8, 2020 and the special meeting of September 28, 2020. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion. The Village Clerk called the roll:

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

Motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0.

Presentation of Bills

Trustee Scott moved to approve the payment of the bills listed, including the USDA payment, as well as the regular bills yet to be received. Trustee Curry seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

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

Motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0.

New Business

Discussion and Approval of Halloween Trick or Treating Hours

Mayor Evans stated we would continue with the annual Halloween hours as they have been in the past, from 6-8PM on Saturday, October 31, 2020. He reminded any that choose to participate to be mindful of COVID-19 precautions and adhere to public health recommendations for gatherings.

Discussion and Approval of returning to meetings in-person

Mayor Evans stated that the TIA Hall can be set up for social distance compliant meetings. He wanted to present the offer from the TIA Hall to rent the facility for \$100 per use. He is recusing himself from the discussion and will allow the board to proceed with any conversation related to this issue due to a conflict of interest.

Tyler Martin suggested to discuss moving to the TGS Gym and to ask Bonnie since it is already set up for socially distanced meetings for the school board.

Trustee Rhodes inquired about the clean up of the facility and whom would be responsible for the sanitation, set-up and tear down of the tables and chairs.

Mayor Evans stated that all renters return the room in the condition it was received.

Trustee Scott stated that the TIA can provide all the cleaning equipment required.

Trustee Robertson inquired about reopening the Village Hall Office for regular working hours.

Clerk Boyce verified that Gifford State Bank had recently conducted their emergency response planning meeting and confirmed they would not be opening their lobby until after they revisit restrictions in place in November.

Trustee Grilo stated people are still able to access services if they call first and can be admitted to the building on a one-at-a-time basis.

Mayor Evans stated he would discuss hosting future meetings at the Thomasboro Grade School with Bonnie.

Discussion regarding the Ameren Franchisee Agreement

Mayor Evans stated he needs assistance reviewing agreements from surrounding municipalities. He asked the trustees to reach out to volunteer if they can be of assistance.

Additional Board Comments:

Mayor Evans stated the properties on Morris and Frederick have now closed, since the offer began last February. He was glad to announce the completion of the formalities.

Trustee Scott wanted to address very tall weeds along Route 45. Since this is privately owned, the owner should be responsible for maintenance. She also verified the clean up day would be this Saturday from 8-10AM.

Mayor Evans stated we could have applied for the State to transfer the property to the Village earlier, but we would have had to be responsible for the removal of the hundreds of trees on the property. He confirmed dumpsters would be placed at the public works building for the morning.

Tyler Martin stated there is a considerable amount of property being mowed that should not be. Property behind Mr. E's for example is not even visible to most who drive by. We should not be maintaining the property owned by CN. Mowing cuts back on the bugs which have been a major concern to the residents on the South end. It takes about 3-4 hours to complete the whole section. At least 3-4 mowings per year would be sufficient to relieve the neighborhood of the bugs.

Treasurer's Report: Our annual audit was performed and there were no findings. Reports will be emailed to the Board for review.

Public Comment

Tyler Martin stated he had several issues to ask about. What is the status of the new sign at Shelley and Jacobsen? It's been defaced for 133 days and counting. Chad confirmed he placed an order for the sign that has yet to arrive. He will check on the status ASAP as it should have arrived in September. Mr. Martin commented that the sign at Elmore and Church is at a slant and should be repaired as soon as possible.

Mr. Martin wanted to confirm that an engineer was consulted prior to beginning work on the water line for Dollar General. He also asked if there was anything that could be done about the continuous yard sale happening in his neighborhood. It is causing a traffic concern.

Jim Richardson said that there is a 100x40 lot that the church is responsible for, the remaining of the surrounding property is not owned by the church but arrangements have been made for mowing. He also asked if IDOT had any plans to plant anything to attract butterflies since the trees were removed. He recalls IDOT recommending not mowing to create the pollinator environment but hasn't been able to tell if anything was done yet.

Dee Phillips wanted to thank the Board for bringing awareness to the Town-wide garage sales. Any advance notice was helpful. Can there be an ordinance created regarding businesses operating in residential areas? Or at least restrict the noise being created by the same individual we have complained about in meetings before?

Mayor Evans stated he would speak with her directly about what the creation of an ordinance entails.

Tyler Martin inquired about the number of estimated meters each month? If we are making changes to the water service and paying more than \$80,000, we should have accurate meters for maximizing revenue.

Leon confirmed there are approximately 15 meters are being estimated.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Grilo moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried via voice vote, all present voting "aye". The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM.

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 October 5, 2020, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Village Clerk