

**Thomasboro Village Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
January 11, 2021**

*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, January 11, 2021. Zoom Meeting ID 83437594659. President Evans called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Roll Call

Upon roll call, the following members were found to be present via video or audio transmission: President W. Tyler Evans; and Trustees Mick Curry, Anthony Grilo, Dustin Hill, Dustin Rhodes, Jeff Robertson and Ronda Scott.

Other Village Staff present via video or audio: Leon Albers, Treasurer; Chad Polsky, Public Works Superintendent; Eric Shumate, Chief of Police; Mike Martinez, Police Officer; and Jeremy Reale.

Discussion and Approval of Appointment of Interim Village Clerk

President Evans announced his appointment of former Village Clerk Jeremy Reale to serve as village clerk on an interim basis following the resignation of Jasmyn Boyce in December.

Trustee Scott moved to concur with the Village President in the appointment of Jeremy Reale as interim village clerk. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

The motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.

Discussion and Approval of Meeting Minutes

President Evans announced that the approval of the minutes for the December 7, 2020 regular meeting would be tabled until the February meeting.

Presentation of Bills

Following a review of the monthly bills, Trustee Grilo moved to approve the payment of the bills and anticipated bills as specified on the invoice listing, with the exception of the invoice for #4 well work from Hayes and Sims Drilling in the amount of \$25,325.85. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

The motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.

Old Business

Discussion and Approval of Ordinance No. 621 (Ameren Franchise Agreement)

Trustee Scott moved to pass Ordinance No. 621, approving a franchise agreement between the Village of Thomasboro and Ameren Illinois. Trustee Curry seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

The motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.

New Business

Discussion and Approval of requiring additional information for water/sewer/trash service applications

Mr. Albers had distributed copies of a proposed revision to the Village's service application designed to collect additional information for consumers and property ownership. During subsequent discussion, Trustee Rhodes asked if the revised application was planned to be sent to all existing customers to be completed and returned to the Village. The consensus of the Board was that a new form should be completed to be placed on file for all new and existing consumers.

Trustee Scott moved to approve the requirements for service application forms as presented, with the stipulation that such revised forms be distributed to all existing Village customers for completion. Trustee Curry seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Curry, Grilo, Hill, Rhodes, Robertson, and Scott – 6

NAYS: None – 0

The motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.

Discussion and Approval of policy to conduct random internal audit inspections

Mr. Albers had distributed a draft local policy governing the conduct of internal audits for certain procedures. The policy had been prepared in response to a finding of material weakness or significant deficiency included in the annual financial audit which had, in turn, triggered the requirement for the Village to submit a corrective action plan under the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA). The policy would address segregation of duties issues with respect to cash handling, account reconciliations, payroll and billing with a periodic audit being performed by an employee or official of the Village not involved in these procedures. Mr. Albers recommended that such an audit would be conducted a minimum of twice per fiscal year.

Trustee Curry moved to approve the policy for the conduct of random internal audit inspections, as presented. Trustee Rhodes seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Curry, Grilo, Hill, Rhodes, Robertson, and Scott – 6

NAYS: None – 0

The motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.

Treasurer's Report

There was no discussion regarding the monthly report as submitted.

Public Comment

Chris Powers addressed the Board concerning videos that President Evans had recently posted to his personal Facebook page in connection with his participation in the public demonstrations against the certification of the Electoral College votes in Washington, D.C. on January 6. He discussed the comments and actions documented by President Evans in these videos, expressing his concern that the mayor had participated in a mob action on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol. In light of these events and conduct he found objectionable, Mr. Powers stated that he felt President Evans should resign his position.

William Kurth addressed the Board with an inquiry on the status of the tree removal project. Mr. Polsky responded that he had spoken with the contractor earlier that day and expected that the removal would be completed within three to four weeks.

Jim Richardson noted that the condition of the alley running south of Main Street was deteriorating significantly due to heavy traffic. He told the Board that he had obtained a quote

from Jay Arnold to haul a semi load of gravel to the site for \$450.00 and that Mr. Richardson would grade the alley surface at no additional cost. He stressed that the Village needed to stay on top of maintaining alleys, particularly in areas with higher amounts of traffic.

Chief Shumate reported that the department had hosted five other area law enforcement departments that day in a demonstration of Bolawrap, a de-escalation tool that would permit officers to safely restrain subjects via a remotely operated device. The officers within the department had completed the mandatory training and would be able to begin using the device. Chief Shumate also noted that the department had received \$400.00 worth of equipment from the manufacturer at no cost to the Village.

Executive Session

Trustee Grilo moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(1), for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, performance, discipline and/or compensation of one or more employees of the Village. Trustee Rhodes seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Curry, Grilo, Hill, Rhodes, Robertson, and Scott – 6

NAYS: None – 0

The motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:42 PM. The Board reconvened in open session at 8:00 PM.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Grilo moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Rhodes seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Curry, Grilo, Hill, Rhodes, Robertson, and Scott – 6

NAYS: None – 0

The motion carried by roll call vote of 6 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy A. Reale, Interim 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 January 11, 2021, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Village Clerk