

**Thomasboro Village Board of Trustees
Special Board Meeting
March 8, 2021**

*Thomasboro Community Building
600 N. Commercial Street, Thomasboro, Illinois*

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Thomasboro was held on Monday, March 8, 2021. President Evans called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

Roll Call

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

Other Village Staff present: Jeremy Reale, Interim Village Clerk.

Public Comment

Diana Hess Pohlod addressed the Board to express her concerns over several items, including: the amount of Village funds expended in support of the Dollar General development; the amount of revenue gained by the Village as a result of the development; the amount of hours being worked by part-time personnel for the Public Works Department outside of the summer season; and the lack of meeting minutes on the Village's website dating back to June 2020. Mr. Reale responded that he had received an FOIA request from Ms. Pohlod seeking some of this information and would be responding accordingly. In terms of revenue generated by Dollar General, Mr. Reale noted that sales tax revenues are only reported to the Village as one total amount for all tax-collecting entities because it is considered proprietary and confidential information. Thus, there would be no way to identify the amount of taxes generated by any one specific business. He noted, however, that one could reasonably expect to see an impact on the total monthly tax allotment to the Village which would provide an idea of the relative impact of the store. Finally, he stated that he was unaware of the reason why meeting minutes had stopped being posted to the website but that he would address it immediately.

Jeanne Johnson addressed the Board to express her appreciation for the efforts of Chief Shumate. She noted that he has been an active presence in the community and varied his working hours as needed. She added that she has not heard any negative feedback from others in the Village concerning his performance. Gertie Richardson also expressed her agreement with Ms. Johnson's comments on Chief Shumate.

Jim Richardson again addressed the issue he had raised at the regular monthly meeting regarding the trash and derelict fencing at the property on the corner of Commercial and Eads Streets.

Ms. Johnson also raised the subject of there being a large amount of litter in public areas throughout the community. She asked if the Village could do something to address this, as the problem appeared to be more severe than normal. She also asked if the Village could publish some form of newsletter to keep residents better informed about meetings, events and other town information.

Executive Session

Trustee Rhodes 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 Scott 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 6:03 PM. The Board reconvened in open session at 8:23 PM.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Scott moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Rhodes seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 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 Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees held March 8, 2021, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Village Clerk