

**Thomasboro Village Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
June 7, 2021**

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

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Thomasboro was held on Monday, June 7, 2021. President Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll, finding the following members physically present: President W. Tyler Evans; and Trustees Mick Curry, Anthony Grilo, Dustin Hill, Dustin Rhodes, Jeff Robertson, and Craig Stafford.

Other Village Staff present: Leon Albers, Treasurer; Chad Polsky, Public Works Superintendent; Eric Shumate, Chief of Police; and Jeremy Reale, Interim Village Clerk.

Discussion and Approval of Meeting Minutes

President Evans requested that the approval of the minutes of the May 3, 2021 Regular Board Meeting be tabled until July.

Presentation of Bills

Following a review of the monthly bills, Trustee Rhodes moved to approve the payment of the bills and anticipated bills as specified on the invoice listing. Trustee Curry seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

NAYS: None – 0

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

Appointment of Village Treasurer and Village Attorney

President Evans announced his reappointment of Leon Albers as Village Treasurer and Jason Bartell as Village Attorney for another term.

Trustee Curry moved to concur with the Village President in the reappointment of Leon Albers as Village Treasurer and Jason Bartell as Village Attorney. Trustee Hill seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

NAYS: None – 0

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

Appointment of Interim Village Clerk

President Evans noted that the Village had agreed to part ways with Thomas Eaton in late June, thereby creating a vacancy in the position of Village Clerk. He stated that Jeremy Reale had agreed to resume handling these duties on an interim basis until the appointment of a permanent successor.

Trustee Stafford moved to approve the appointment of Jeremy Reale to serve as interim Village Clerk. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

NAYS: None – 0

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

Approval of Committee Assignments

President Evans requested that this item be tabled.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Approval of Resolution adopting the 2020 updates for the Champaign County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Trustee Robertson moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Trustee Rhodes seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

NAYS: None – 0

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

Approval of payment of annual assessment to Children's Advocacy Center

Trustee Grilo moved to authorize the payment of \$308.00 to the Children's Advocacy Center. Trustee Curry seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

NAYS: None – 0

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

Trustee Rhodes also reported that he had received an email from Officer Martinez concerning citizen complaints fielded regarding people playing basketball at the park after 10:00 PM. The Board confirmed that the public park closes at 10:00 PM and agreed to arrange for the installation of new signage at the park designating hours of 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

Public Comment

Jim Richardson thanked President Evans for authorizing an additional semi load of his gravel for placement in the alley south of Main Street.

Sharon Beth addressed the Board as a follow up to a letter she had sent to the trustees regarding ongoing issues with the front yard of her property following drainage improvements that the Village had completed. She noted that the Village had initially had a load of soil hauled in for site restoration that contained a significant amount of rock, concrete and other debris rendering it virtually useless. Despite efforts to spread and rototill the soil, its condition made it impossible to plant grass and thus the site area was left covered in weeds. Mrs. Beth stated that President Evans had agreed to provide an additional load of good black dirt for the site; however, she commented that the second load of dirt was also of poor quality and unmanageable. She told the Board that this had been an issue for the past year and a half, asking what could be done to have proper site restoration completed in her yard. President Evans noted that he had personally donated a significant amount of time, labor and materials in attempts to address the situation to the Beth's satisfaction. He added that the same soil had been provided to the neighboring property owner who had no issue in planting and regrowing grass in his yard. Mr. Polsky stated that he believed the existing soil could be sifted to remove any materials and debris and improve its condition to allow for grass to be planted. The Village agreed to further investigate options for addressing the concerns raised.

Gertie Richardson expressed appreciation to whomever had been responsible for lowering the flag to half staff in honor of the Champaign police officer recently killed in the line of duty.

Treasurer's Report

There was no discussion regarding the monthly report as submitted.

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 Robertson seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

NAYS: None – 0

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

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:17 PM. The Board reconvened in open session at 7:32 PM.

Approval of hiring of Officer Manager/Village Clerk

Trustee Grilo moved to approve the hiring of Bailey Billman for the position of office manager at the rate of \$20.00 per hour. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion. It was noted that Ms. Billman would assume the additional responsibilities of the village clerk position following a period of training.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

NAYS: None – 0

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

Approval of Resolution authorizing official signatories for the bank accounts of the Village

With the departure of Mr. Eaton and the hiring of Ms. Billman, President Evans reported that a new resolution would be required by Gifford State Bank updating those officials given signature authority on behalf of the Village.

Trustee Grilo moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Trustee Curry seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

NAYS: None – 0

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

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 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 June 7, 2021, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Village Clerk