

**VILLAGE OF THOMASBORO BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022**

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VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM  
101 W. MAIN STREET, THOMASBORO, IL 61878

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Thomasboro was held on Monday, April 4, 2022, President W. Tyler Evans presiding. Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Evans led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Upon Roll Call, the following members were present:  
Mayor Tyler Evans, Trustee John Curry, Trustee Anthony Grilo,  
Trustee Dustin Rhodes, Trustee Dustin Hill, and Trustee Cale Coffin

The following member was not present:  
Trustee Jeff Robertson

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:  
Eric Shumate, Chief of Police, Chad Polsky, Public Works Superintendent,  
Leon Albers, Treasurer, and Tana Ward, Village Clerk

**Items for Consideration**

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Trustee Rhodes shared concerns about the current utility billing with regards to staffing inadequacy. The recommendation is for the Village to allow EJ Water Cooperation to process the administrative duties moving forward. Eric Emerick with EJ Water Cooperation was present, and he shared background of the company, and a snapshot of the of the administrative process. Discussion ensued regarding meter readings, reporting, and the collection process.

Mayor Evans opened up Public Comment regarding the proposed changes to the utility billing. Concerns regarding the hours for Village Hall, and the availability for payment drop-offs were shared.

Trustee Grilo moved to authorize and approve moving the utility clerical duties to EJ Water Cooperation effective June 1, at a cost of \$1.00 per meter for an annual year to year agreement with a 60-day notice of cancellation clause, pending final review from Attorney Jason Bartell. Trustee Curry seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Grilo, Rhodes, Hill, Coffin, Curry

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

Jason Young, Director of Sales and Marketing with VOLO Internet and Tech, shared details of the Connect Illinois initiatives available for internet services to the Village with rural expansion.

Mr. Polsky joined the meeting at 7:14pm.

Tony Moore, a representative with Republic Services, shared about bulk trash pickup occurring on Saturday, May 14. Trustee Coffin commented on the recent inconsistent services received. The three-year Republic Services contract will be available for renewal Fall 2022.

Attorney Jason Bartell shared details of the proposed changes to the Nuisance Abatement Ordinances (modeled after the City of Champaign), the appeal process, and enforcement options. Chief Shumate expanded on details of the fees associated with the process. Trustee Rhodes questioned the curfew restrictions, along with the State Statute regarding those, and Trustee Coffin questioned the requirements for golf carts usage.

Mayor Evans opened up Public Comment regarding the Nuisance Ordinance proposed changes. Comments included questions for Attorney Bartell regarding noise violations, street parking, civil complaints not being rectified, and the injunction process.

Trustee Coffin moved to adopt the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance changes proposed by Attorney Bartell with an effective date of May 1, 2022. Trustee Hill seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Curry, Grilo, Rhodes, Hill

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

Mayor Evans opened the floor for discussion of instituting a Gaming Tax Ordinance for the Village (modeled after the Village of Rantoul). Trustee Coffin commented that the Village may be an incentive for Video Gaming Terminal Providers if the additional tax was not charged. Trustee Grilo shared that the Village of Rantoul is a Home Rule community, which would allow for an Ordinance of this nature. The motion was tabled to allow time for additional research.

### **Discussion / Approval of Minutes**

The March 7, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes and the March 16, 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Trustee Hill moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Trustee Curry seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

### **Presentation / Approval of Bills**

Following a review of the monthly bills, Trustee Coffin moved to authorize and approve the payment of the current and anticipated bills as specified on the financial report. Trustee Grilo seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Curry, Grilo, Rhodes, Hill

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

### **Committee Reports**

Trustee Coffin reported on the Veteran Banners. The Village website will be updated with the registration link when it is provided, and the Village will receive mini flyers to advertise the program.

### **Police Department**

Chief Shumate provided the Police report with no additional items of note.

Chief Shumate left the meeting at 8:34pm.

### **Public Works**

Mr. Polsky provided the Public Works monthly report.

Four quotes were received from Duce Construction, A & A Concrete, Chandler Concrete & Excavation LLC, and 3W Excavation & Concrete, for the sidewalk repair project. Trustee Grilo expressed concerns about threshold footings not being included in the quote from A & A Concrete. He also added that the property owners would need to be provided ample notice in advance of starting the work.

Trustee Grilo moved to approve the quote from Duce Construction for Village sidewalk repairs at a total of \$29,300.00, with an additional 10% allowance for change orders. Trustee Coffin seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Grilo, Rhodes, Hill, Coffin, Curry

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

Mr. Polsky reported that Champaign County has informed the Village about upcoming road striping, which would include the Village streets of Central, Commercial, and Thomas.

### **New Business**

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Trustee Rhodes made a motion to increase the wages for Leon Albers to \$20.00 per hour due to the added responsibilities. He further clarified that this would be a wage adjustment for Mr. Albers specifically, and not an increase to the Village Treasurer salary. Trustee Hill seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Rhodes, Hill, Coffin, Curry, Grilo

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

Trustee Rhodes made a motion to pass the proposed Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget provided by Mr. Albers. Trustee Grilo proposed an amendment of increasing the budget line item, Account 517, for the sidewalk repair project to a total of \$37,000.00. Discussion ensued regarding the sidewalk repairs. Trustee Coffin seconded the motion with the amended changes.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Rhodes, Hill, Coffin, Curry, Grilo

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

Trustee Grilo made a motion to remove Viveca Phipps, and to add Trustee Curry and Chief Shumate, as the Gifford Bank signatories for the Village. Trustee Coffin seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Grilo, Rhodes, Hill, Coffin, Curry

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

Trustee Coffin made a motion to table the Resolution to participate in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Program to allow further time for review. Questions should be sent in advance to Chief Shumate.

Trustee Grilo made a motion to approve a \$1,000.00 donation to the Community Services Center of Northern Champaign County. Trustee Curry seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:  
YEA: Grilo, Rhodes, Hill, Coffin, Curry  
NAY: None  
The motion carried 5-0

Mayor Evans announced that the annual Village-Wide Yard Sale event will occur May 6-7, and the annual Bulk Waste Clean-up will occur May 14.

### **Old/Unfinished Business**

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Mayor Evans discussed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) projects. Bids have been received from Bodine, Shamburg & Shamburg, and Badger Daylighting for jetting the Storm Sewer Cleaning Project. Trustee Rhodes made a motion to table the project, pending further review of the ARPA specifics to assure the project can be included in the funding.

### **Treasurer's Report**

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Mr. Albers provided the monthly Treasurer's report.

### **Public Comment**

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Dee Phillips requested use of a lighted sign on the Highway to advertise the annual Village-Wide Yard Sale event.

Bill Richardson questioned the water flooding from the tile by the south (bean) elevator.

Mr. Polsky reported that the sump pump was working properly.

Gregory Worrell announced that he will be running as the Republican candidate for the Champaign County Sheriff position. He shared about ongoing projects for encouraging greater communication with the younger population, and building the foundation to detour future gun violence within the county. His goal is to expand the visits to each of the communities within the county at a minimum of three visits annually to listen to the concerns of the citizens of each community.

### **Closed Session**

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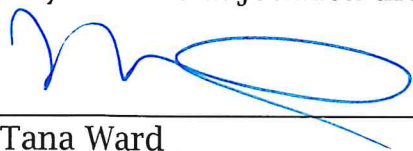
No closed session was held.

### **Adjournment**

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

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at 9:09pm.



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Tana Ward  
Village Clerk

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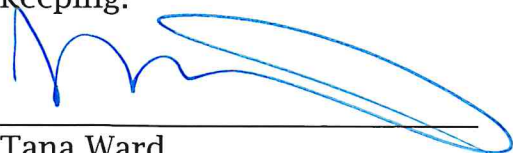


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Mayor W. Tyler Evans  
Village President

**ATTEST:**

I, Tana Ward, Village Clerk of the Village of Thomasboro, Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on April 4, 2022 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



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Tana Ward  
Village Clerk