

**VILLAGE OF THOMASBORO BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 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, October 3, 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 Anthony Grilo, Trustee Jeff Robertson, Trustee Dustin Rhodes, Trustee Dustin Hill, Trustee Cale Coffin, and Trustee Mickey Wilson

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

**Presentation / Approval of Bills**

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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 Hill seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Robertson, Grilo, Rhodes, Hill

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

**Discussion / Approval of Minutes**

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The September 12, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Trustee Coffin moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

**Trustee Appointment**

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Mayor Evans appointed Howard "Mickey" Wilson to fulfill the vacant Trustee position with a term expiration of April 30, 2023. Mr. Wilson had previously served the Village as a Trustee from 2012 to 2016. Trustee Coffin moved to affirm the appointment of Mr. Wilson. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

## **Police Department**

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Acting Chief Martinez provided his monthly report, along with an annual report of Village 'Calls for Service' that had been received via Champaign County Sheriff's Office.

Acting Chief Martinez reported that the Bureau of Justice Assistance grant that had been applied for earlier in the year has been approved. The total amount awarded was \$20,000.00. Although the grant was originally submitted for license plate reader cameras, there are additional options that may be more appropriate for the Village.

Acting Chief Martinez also reported that his body armor vest has expired, and he will be getting it replaced soon. This is a budgeted expense.

## **Public Works**

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Mr. Polsky provided his monthly Public Works report.

Mr. Polsky shared that Dump Day would occur the following weekend, and that everything was in place for this to proceed.

Mr. Polsky reported that CN Railroad would begin work on the crossing on October 17, and would tentatively take seven to ten days to complete.

## **Committee Reports**

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Trustee Coffin reported on the Housing Authority. He stated that additional follow-up letters would be sent out for ongoing violations.

## **New Business**

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Trustee Grilo discussed Chicken and Ducks being permitted within the Village. Trustee Hill provided the Ordinance from the Village of Fisher as a sample of what could be proposed.

Trustee Grilo reported that the Surplus Tax Sale and Auction would allow the Village to purchase two distressed structures for \$750.00 each. This would enable the Village to get the near-condemned structures removed.

Trustee Grilo moved to authorize and approve \$1,500.00 to purchase the distressed properties located at 702 W. Fredrick and 607 W. Morris from the Champaign County Surplus Tax Sale and Auction. Trustee Coffin seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Grilo, Rhodes, Hill, Wilson, Coffin, Robertson

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0

Mayor Evans discussed the installation of a handrail for the downtown sidewalk project. Mr. Polsky acquired one quote from Lyle Weber, which included \$580.00 for material and installation of a 4' solid-weld railing anchored into the concrete.

Trustee Grilo moved to authorize and approve \$600.00 with a 15% contingency fund for the materials and installation of handrailing for the downtown sidewalk project. Trustee Hill seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Grilo, Rhodes, Hill, Wilson, Coffin, Robertson

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0

Trustee Coffin proposed incorporating a Village fund to assist the Housing Authority on a case-by-case basis with on a one-year trial at a minimal cost to the Village. Mayor Evans shared that the Village of Fisher has a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) District, which enables the Village to reimburse funding to owner-occupied residents with improvements. In addition, he added that Jacob Paul of the Champaign County Board had shared details of rural grant funding currently available of up to \$40,000.00 each for Village residents.

Trustee Coffin proposed that the Village should move forward with the Rental Registration Program previously presented. Trustee Grilo added that this program would hold individuals accountable.

### **Old/Other Business**

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Mayor Evans provided an update to the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding. The Village has received the second disbursement, for a total of \$147,000.00. The balance is \$95,000.00 after the ongoing ARPA projects.

Mr. Polsky shared that ARPA Storm Sewer System Project is moving forward with the jetting of the west side of the Village. Shamburg & Shamburg is currently scheduled for October 10, and he will prioritize operating the easement machine in tandem with them.

Trustee Grilo moved to authorize and approve up to \$60,000.00 for the continuation of ARPA Storm Sewer System Project. Trustee Coffin seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Grilo, Rhodes, Hill, Coffin, Robertson

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Wilson

The motion carried 6-0



Trustee Rhodes provided an update on the status of the income surveys that are required under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Infrastructure Funding Program that the Village has applied for. To date, 65 additional surveys are needed to meet the grant application requirement.

### **Treasurer's Report**

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Mr. Albers provided the monthly Treasurer's report, with no additional items of note.

Mayor Evans reminded the Board that the Republic Services annual 3% contract increase started in September. Trustee Grilo will follow up with Republic Representative, Tony Moore to get an updated contract for the Village files. He also reported that the Fire Department has also received a toter due to the rising costs of their prior service.

### **Public Comment**

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Mayor Evans opened up the public comment portion of the meeting per the Open Meetings Act, reminding individuals that their comments are published as part of the open record.

Mary Wanke stated that she is having issues with ongoing fireworks, and she encouraged others to call the Champaign County Sheriff's Office to assist Acting Chief Martinez and help enforce the Ordinances.

Dee Phillips questioned why nobody responded after the fireworks were reported.

Acting Chief Martinez stated that he was on duty that evening posted near the Fire Department, and he had heard the fireworks firsthand. Initially, it sounded like gunfire from the east side of the Village. He searched for the source for over half an hour prior to receiving the dispatch from METCAD pinpointing the approximate area. He also reiterated that calls should be directed to METCAD, and not posted on social media to expedite the response time.

Jim Richardson questioned if the Dollar General was annexed into the Village, and what would be done about the overgrown weeds.

Trustee Grilo stated that he has been communicating with the person maintaining the grass for the Dollar General, and that Mahomet is having a similar issue with their property.

Mr. Richardson also questioned what the plan was for the Police Department.

Mayor Evans stated that there are ongoing discussions in the works for a resolution.

Gertie Richardson stated that she had heard from three different Trustees after the Village dismissed the Chief of Police that there was a plan, however nothing has come of that. She added that she is happy to see that there is finally a plan in motion.

Bill Kurth stated that if the Village is moving forward with a Rental Registration, a Building Inspector would need to be hired.

Mayor Evans reported that the Village is working on an agreement with Rantoul on having their Building Inspectors for annual inspections available to the Village.

Mr. Kurth added that he would vote yes for more law enforcement to be in the community.

Mayor Evans stated that the annual Trick or Treat event would be held on Saturday, October 29 from 5:00 to 8:00pm to prevent competing with the larger surrounding communities, which would be held on Sunday and Monday evenings. Trustee Grilo added that this could be an event for Thomasboro to continue annually.

### **Executive Session**

Trustee Coffin made a motion 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.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Robertson, Grilo, Rhodes, Hill, Wilson

NAY: None

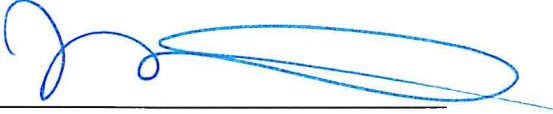
The motion carried 6-0

The Village Board entered into Executive Session at 8:40pm, and the Village Board reconvened into open session at 9:53pm.

### **Adjournment**

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


Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at 9:54pm.



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Tana Ward  
Village Clerk

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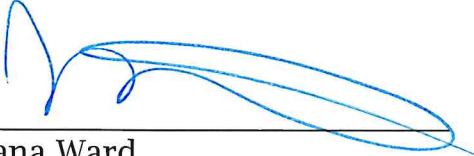


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Mayor W. Tyler Evans  
Village President

**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 October 3, 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