

**VILLAGE OF THOMASBORO BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023**

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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 3, 2023, President W. Tyler Evans presiding. President Evans called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President 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 Hill, Trustee Cale Coffin, and Trustee Mickey Wilson

The following member was not present:  
and Trustee Dustin Rhodes

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:  
Leon Albers, Treasurer, Chad Polsky, Public Works Superintendent, Mike Martinez, Chief of Police, Deanna Zehr, Office Manager, 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 Wilson seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Robertson, Hill, Wilson

NAY: None

The motion carried 4-0

**Discussion / Approval of Minutes**

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The February 6, 2023 and March 6, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Trustee Hill moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

**Police Department**

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Chief Martinez provided his monthly report.

## **Public Works**

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Mr. Polsky provided his monthly Public Works report.

## **New Business**

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Trustee Coffin made a motion to pass the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget provided by Mr. Albers. Trustee Hill seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Robertson, Hill, Wilson

NAY: None

The motion carried 4-0

Mr. Polsky reported on the pumps and motors that need to be purchased and installed for the Water Plant. This project will utilize the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. A & R Mechanical Contractors Inc. is the only responsive quote to date. In an effort to receive additional quotes for the work to be completed, Mayor Evans proposed that a Request for Bid to be posted on the Village website.

Mr. Polsky reported that the block and mortar needs repaired on the Water Plant. This project will also utilize ARPA funding. No responsive quotes have been received. Travis Hooden has shown interest; however, he has not provided a quote to date.

Mayor Evans announced that the annual Village-Wide Yard Sale event will occur May 5-6, and the annual Bulk Waste Clean-up will occur May 13.

## **Old / Other Business**

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Mayor Evans provided an update to the Sidewalk Program Match Funding. The program as proposed will mirror the Village of Ludlow. Trustee Coffin suggested a \$200.00 cap on the match funds. Mayor Evans proposed adding a pre-approval process, and he will ask Attorney Jason Bartell to draft the Ordinance with this addition.

Mayor Evans reported on the status of the Church and Commercial Street Improvement Project. Discussions are still in process at this time.

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

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Robertson, Hill, Wilson

NAY: None

The motion carried 4-0

## **Treasurer's Report**

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Mr. Albers provided the monthly Treasurer's report. He reported that he is working with the Gifford State Bank regarding the annual audit from Neal Kuester with Feller & Kuester CPA. The audit findings showed that Village's bank account is currently over the cash amount that would be insured. Gifford State Bank made the arrangements to offer additional protection for the Village account.

## **Committee Reports**

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Trustee Coffin reported on the Veteran Tribute Banners. Postcards are in the process of being printed to start the new season, and applications will be accepted from May 1 through July 1 this year. Honorary Banners will be displayed from Memorial Day to Veterans Day.

Trustee Coffin reported on the Housing Authority. He questioned the Champaign County Grant Program income threshold. Trustee Robertson stated that two sheds that had been placed the past week would need to be setback further on the properties. Mayor Evans stated that Mr. Polsky could speak with the owners to notify them of the Village Ordinance in place regarding the placement.

Trustee Grilo joined the Board Meeting in process at 7:24pm.

Trustee Grilo reported on the Solar Panel Building Permit and placement requirements. The Solar Panels should be not be placed in the front yard, and he added that the Village of Bondville has a five-to-ten-foot setback. Trustee Coffin suggested a roof only placement. Trustee Grilo recommended a Special Use Permit for ground mount or existing structures. Mayor Evans will send the specifics to Attorney Bartell to draft the Ordinance.

Trustee Coffin stated that Republic Services has a route change including a new local representative with 16 years of experience.

## **Public Comment**

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Mayor Evans opened up the public comment portion of the meeting per the Open Meetings Act.

Dee Phillips questioned Solar Panels that are already in place.

Trustee Grilo stated that individuals with current structures will be grandfathered in.

Heather Hale questioned what the fee structure would be to have Solar Panels.

Trustee Grilo stated that the fees are based on size, and it is not a revenue stream for the Village.

Mary Wanke shared that she has witnessed racing down Clark Street, which is an Ordinance violation, and she would like to see justice served.

Diana Hespo questioned how many times that individual on Clark Street had been fined.

Trustee Grilo stated that the individual had been fined in the past, and he had paid those fines. Attorney Bartell is working with the Village on this process to enforce the Ordinance.

Carol Robertson stated that this individual was working on his Demo cars yesterday that included loud banging and motors revving.

Mary Wanke questioned if the Ordinances were in place, why they were not being enforced.

Trustee Grilo stated that prior Police Chief Eric Shumate had not taken action as it had been reported, and Attorney Bartell is now working through the process.

Ron Stowe questioned the property on Frederick, and if it was available to purchase.

Trustee Grilo stated that the Village owns the trailer only that is located on that property. Mayor Evans added that the goal of the purchase due to unpaid taxes was to stop production on the dilapidated trailer.

Heather Hale questioned what the cost of the trailer would be.

Diana Hespo stated that she had standing water in over half of her yard along with others in the area.

Trustee Grilo stated that a section of the pipe is clogged more than they had originally expected from Shurbet Street north. The pipe had been jetted out only a few years prior. Trustee Robertson added that it was likely tree roots in that tile. Mr. Polsky will check the area to see what remedy that the Village would have.

Diana Hespo stated that Pearle Street had standing water in the back yards as well. She also asked when the Village Budget would be available to review.

Carol Robertson offered kudos to her husband Jeff as the longest serving Board member. He had served the Village for 26+ years.

Rob Hale questioned if the Village could add gravel to Frederick Street. He stated that he had purchased a \$1,000.00 load of gravel, but additional potholes and low areas need filled in addition.

Gertie Richardson questioned when the next Village newsletter would be available. She added that the last few Village-Wide Yard Sales had been slow, and she suggested that putting a notice in the newsletter and to advertise it at the grocery store and post office might help to notify individuals.

Heather Hale stated that the City of Paxton has an individual named Fred Honker who will pick up scrap metal, old TVs, and other items. He currently sets up at the Paxton Police Department the second Saturday each month.

### **Executive Session**

Trustee Grilo 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 Wilson seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Grilo, Hill, Wilson, Coffin, Robertson

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

The Village Board entered into Executive Session at 7:50pm, and the Village Board reconvened into open session at 8:06pm. Office.

### **Other Business**

Trustee Wilson made a motion to increase the wages by \$2.00 per hour for Chief Mike Martinez, to increase the wages by \$2.00 per hour for Deanna Zehr, and to increase the annual salary to \$8,000.00 for Tana Ward. Trustee Coffin seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Wilson, Coffin, Robertson, Grilo, Hill

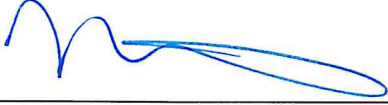
NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

**Adjournment**

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

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at 8:08pm.



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Tana Ward  
Village Clerk

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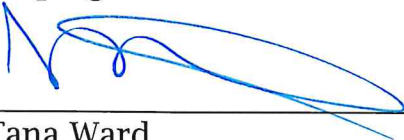


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Mayor W. Tyler Evans  
Village President

**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 3, 2023 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



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Tana Ward  
Village Clerk