

VILLAGE OF THOMASBORO BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, March 6, 2023

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, March 6, 2023, Trustee Anthony Grilo presiding. President Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Grilo 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:
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

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

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Wilson, Coffin, Robertson, Grilo Hill

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

Discussion / Approval of Minutes

The February 6, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes were deferred till the April Board Meeting.

Police Department

Chief Martinez provided his monthly report with no additional items of note. Champaign County Sheriff's Office responded to 18 calls-for-service

during the month of February, and Chief Martinez had five additional investigations within the Village.

Public Works

Mr. Polsky provided his monthly Public Works report. He had reported that a pump would need to be pulled, however the issue was an electrical issue.

New Business

The Fiscal Year 2024 Budget was deferred until the April Board Meeting for approval.

Trustee Grilo shared an Ordinance from Villa Grove regarding solar panel placement and property requirements. Trustee Hill added that with no current restrictions in place, these Ordinances from both Villa Grove and Bondville should be considered by the Village to assure that property set-back requirements are in place.

Trustee Grilo shared information regarding the Sidewalk Program Match Funding. Attorney Bartell has been approached by Mayor Evans about drafting an Ordinance regarding the program to present during the April Board Meeting.

Trustee Grilo provided a recap of the Church and Commercial Street Improvements. Mayor Evans is talking with individuals from the grain elevator to see what they are able to contribute to the project.

Trustee Coffin made a motion for the Village to provide a \$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, Grilo, Hill, Wilson

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

Old / Other Business

Trustee Grilo provided an update the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The Storm Sewer jetting project is nearing completion with approximately \$65,000.00 left to utilize for additional projects. Mr. Polsky suggested that a portion of the remaining funds to be used for replacing and/or repairing the pumps at the Water Plant.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Albers provided the monthly Treasurer's report. He reported that the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget would be prepared and ready to vote on during the April Board Meeting.

Public Comment

Trustee Grilo opened up the public comment portion of the meeting per the Open Meetings Act.

Mary Wanke questioned receipt of emails that had been sent to Trustees regarding demo vehicles. She added that Ordinances were not being enforced.

Carol Robertson stated that she is in agreement with Ms. Wanke's comments.

Dee Phillips questioned why fines were not being implemented.

Trustee Grilo stated that the Housing Authority has sent out letters to those that were not compliant across the Village, and that the next step is to follow up with the Village Attorney.

Mayor Evans joined the Board Meeting in process at 7:16pm.

Trustee Grilo added that the Village Noise Ordinance was being reviewed for additional updates that came to light after its passage in May 2022.

Linda Holden stated that she is in agreement with the other comments regarding the issues occurring on Clark Street.

Rhonda Scott questioned the search for a part-time Police Officer

Chief Martinez stated that he has around two dozen applicants, with only two being qualified. Unfortunately, neither passed the background check.

Dee Philips questioned who was on the Police Committee.

Trustee Grilo responded who was on the Committee, and added that Chief Martinez has over twenty years of experience and he was heading up the search for the part-time officer(s).

Diana Hess questioned why the tornado sirens were not sounded the prior Monday when storms were in the area and the TV stations were reporting to take cover in North Champaign near St. Thomas More High School.

Mayor Evans stated that the trained Village Storm Spotters had not identified any funnel clouds that evening, adding that what was occurring in Champaign is not necessarily the same weather conditions that the Village of Thomasboro was experiencing.

Trustee Grilo added that sirens are not what they used to be with the integration of technology. Sirens continue to be a last-minute indicator of an emergent need to take shelter. He concluded that the Village had looked into an updated system that would work with Champaign County. The system would cost approximately \$100,000.00 to implement.

Bill Kurth shared that the sirens are designed to be an outdoor warning device only, and should be used in addition to the other means such as the radio or TV stations. He added that when he was the “button pusher” thirty years ago during a similar situation, he was questioned what he had seen and why he had sounded the alarm.

Mayor Evans added that if the conditions had been warranted, then the sirens would have been activated. He also added that the Village is in need of additional trained weather spotters, and encouraged anyone interested to talk with him directly or one of the Trustees.

Bill Kurth questioned when Church and Commercial Streets would be repaved.

Diana Hess questioned the storm drainage issues that had been discussed previously.

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 Coffin seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Grilo, Hill, Wilson, Coffin, Robertson

NAY: None

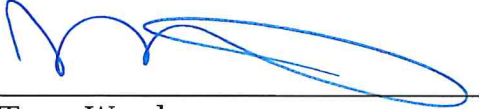
The motion carried 5-0

The Village Board entered into Executive Session at 7:33pm, and the Village Board reconvened into open session at 9:03pm.

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 9:05pm.



Tana Ward
Village Clerk

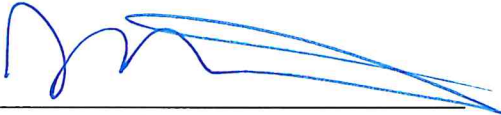
APPROVED:



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 March 6, 2023 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Tana Ward
Village Clerk