

VILLAGE OF THOMASBORO BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 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, November 6, 2023, President W. Tyler Evans presiding. President Evans called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

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 Jeff Robertson, Trustee Anthony Grilo, Trustee Dustin Hill, Trustee Cale Coffin, and Trustee Mickey Wilson

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

Auditor's Report

Neil Kuester of Feller & Kuester CPA presented the annual Independent Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year 2023. He presented multiple housekeeping suggestions for future years, along with a recommendation for the Tax Levy percentage.

Grant Update

Seth Flach of Milano & Grunloh Engineers presented an update on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application. He stated that 120 to 150 additional Income Surveys would be needed for the application. Mr. Polsky will provide letters from Village citizens highlighting concerns, along with photos for documentation to be included with the application

New Business

The current water and sewer rates were discussed. Under the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), the Village's water rate would need to be increased to meet the minimum requirement to apply for the CDBG.

Trustee Coffin made a motion to amend Chapter 10 of the Village Code, increasing the water rate by \$20.00 per household. Trustee Hill seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Robertson, Grilo, Hill, Wilson

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

Mayor Evans added that a water rate study would be conducted at a later date to determine where the Village's rates should be to meet the future needs.

Trustee Coffin made a motion to amend Chapter 10 of the Village Code, decreasing the sewer rate by \$20.00 per household to offset this increase. Trustee Hill seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Robertson, Grilo, Hill, Wilson

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

Village Attorney Jason Bartell arrived at 7:20pm.

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 Wilson seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Robertson, Grilo, Hill, Wilson

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

Discussion / Approval of Minutes

Trustee Coffin moved to approve the October 2, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

Executive Session

Trustee Hill 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: Hill, Wilson, Coffin, Robertson

PRESENT: Grilo

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

Trustee Coffin made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 11, to consider litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Robertson, Grilo, Hill, Wilson

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

The Village Board entered into Executive Session at 7:38pm, and the Village Board reconvened into open session at 8:24pm.

Additional New Business

Trustee Hill made a motion to hire Ryan Wild to the position of part-time Ordinance Officer at a rate of \$10,400.00 per year. Trustee Coffin seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Hill, Wilson, Coffin, Robertson, Grilo

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

The Camper/RV Ordinance was discussed, with more concise verbiage to be determined after all aspects can be thoroughly reviewed.

The Sidewalk on Thomas Street was discussed. Additional bids will be obtained for needed repairs.

Police Department

Chief Martinez provided his monthly report.

Public Works

Mr. Polsky provided the monthly Public Works report.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Albers provided the monthly Treasurer's report.

Committee Report

Trustee Coffin reported that the Veteran's Banners would be taken down for the season Veteran's Day weekend.

Public Comment

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

Rhonda Scott questioned if the Police Officers had been hired and if they were on duty.

Trustee Hill stated that the bullet-proof vests are custom to the individual, and that they take approximately 30-days after being ordered.

Ms. Scott questioned if he could be on duty prior to receiving the vest.

Trustee Hill added that the second officer was awaiting the background report from the State.

Ms. Scott asked for additional details on the proposed changes to the Camper/RV Ordinance, and she questioned if individuals were currently living in these vehicles.

Mayor Evans stated that the current Ordinance needs to include more clear enforceable guidelines to mirror other local municipalities.

Judy Lubben questioned the Police Department Report.

Chief Martinez stated that there are relatively few tickets that have been issued for speeding in the last few months.

Mayor Evans added that the Champaign County Sheriff's Office would have figures for the violations issued from their deputies.

Toni Hernandez inquired about the trailer that is Village-owned on the property at 704 Fredrick.

Trustee Grilo stated that removal of the trailer would be out for bid this winter or early spring 2024, depending on the bids received.

Bill Kurth asked what the status of Water/Sewer Study being completed was.

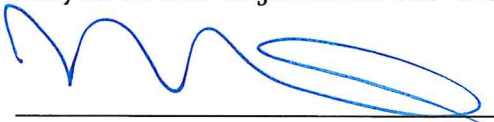
Mr. Kurth asked about the sidewalk on Osborne, north of Main Street.

Mr. Polsky stated that he would evaluate the issue to see what would need to be done.

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 8:04pm.



Tana Ward
Village Clerk

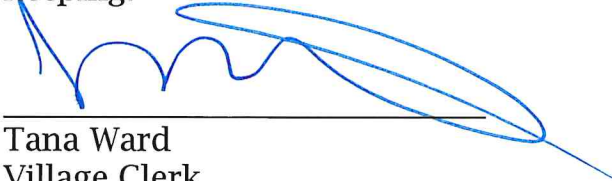
APPROVED:



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



Tana Ward
Village Clerk