

VILLAGE OF THOMASBORO BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025

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

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Thomasboro was held on Thursday, May 15, 2025, Village President Jeffrey Robertson presiding. Mayor Robertson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call

Upon Roll Call, the following members were present:

Mayor Jeff Robertson, Trustee Anthony Grilo, Trustee Cale Coffin, Trustee Mickey Wilson, Trustee John Martin, and Trustee John Godsell

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

Public Comment

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

Bill Kurth questioned why a Special Board Meeting needed to be held, and why the business could not have been discussed during the monthly Board meeting in either May or June. He also questioned if the Board was paid per meeting.

Village Attorney Appointment

Mayor Robertson introduced Attorney Marc Miller with the law firm Miller & Hendren. Mr. Miller shared that he was currently the sole Attorney with the firm due to the death of his partner. He added that he is currently the Attorney for the municipalities of Broadlands, Fisher, Gibson City, Homer, Kempton, Ludlow, Melvin, Ogden, Paxton, Philo, Piper City, Royal, Sadorus, Savoy, Sidney, Tolono, and Villa Grove. He stated his philosophy is to attend a Board Meeting once annually, and have all Village business funneled through the Mayor. He added that all of his Mayors have his personal cell, and he does not want Trustees to contact him directly.

Mr. Miller shared that he will routinely refer municipalities to specialized Attorneys when items are outside of his scope. He also stated that he has reviewed the Village Code of Ordinances, and that “they were the most organized Village Code that he had seen.”

Mayor Robertson appointed Marc Miller as the Village Attorney. Trustee Coffin made a motion to approve the appointment. Trustee Grilo seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Grilo, Martin, Wilson, Godsell

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

Village Board Appointments

Mayor Robertson appointed Trustee Grilo Liquor License, Streets/Alleys, Waterworks/Sewer, and Zoning/Plat Committees; Trustee Wilson to Civil Defense, Liquor License, and Parks Committees; Trustee Coffin to the Personnel and Public Safety/Police Committees; Trustee Martin to Streets/Alleys, Waterworks/Sewer, Building Permit, Personnel, and Public Safety/Police Committees; and Trustee Godsell to Zoning/Plat, Building Permit, Civil Defense, and Parks Committees. Trustee Grilo made a motion to approve the committee appointments. Trustee Coffin seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Grilo, Martin, Wilson, Godsell, Coffin

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

Police Department Wage Adjustment

Trustee Coffin reported that Officer Hector Melchor stated that he would no longer work for the Village of Fisher, and he would work 30-35 hours with the Village. He added that the Public Safety/Police Committee would set the schedule moving forward. Mayor Robertson stated that he had told Officer Melchor that he did not need to be present for this Special Board Meeting.

Trustee Coffin made a motion to approve a wage increase for Officer Melchor to \$26.00 per hour. Trustee Martin seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Grilo, Martin, Wilson, Godsell

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

Trustee Grilo questioned why Chief Martinez was not presented for a pay increase. Trustee Coffin stated that the Public Safety/Police Committee would need to meet with Chief Martinez.

Adjournment

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

Mayor Robertson adjourned the meeting at 6:48pm.

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 Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on May 15, 2025 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tana Ward', is written over a horizontal line.

Tana Ward, RMC, MMC
Village Clerk