

**VILLAGE OF THOMASBORO BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024**

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

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Thomasboro was held on Monday, October 7, 2024, President W. Tyler Evans presiding. Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**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 Mickey Wilson, and Trustee John Martin

The following members were not present:

Trustee Dustin Hill and Trustee Cale Coffin

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

**Presentation/Approval of Bills**

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Mr. Albers reported that Illiana Construction Company had completed the Oil, Seal, and Resurface Project. The Project total was \$206,117.69, which would be funded out of the Rebuild IL Fund balance, with the remainder from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund. He added that Illiana came in substantially under the bid amount of \$233,838.50.

Mr. Albers stated that the bi-annual USDA loan payment of \$6,000.00 was due to be paid with this round of billing, however, it had not been included with the statements distributed to the Board.

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 Grilo seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Wilson, Robertson, Grilo, Martin

NAY: None

The motion carried 4-0

## **Discussion/Approval of Minutes**

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Trustee Grilo moved to approve the September 9, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

## **Grant Opportunity Update**

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Seth Flach of Milano & Grunloh Engineers reported on the Village application and current requirements for the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Public Infrastructure Grant. The 2025 grant has a maximum award of \$1 Million, with the application being due by December 4. In the event that the full \$1 Million Grant is awarded, the Village would incur a substantial debt to fully replace the Water Plant. He recommended reducing the scope of work to be completed, or to look at other funding opportunities such as a low-interest loan from Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Flach added that threats to health and public safety documentation would need to be updated to include with the grant application, along with income surveys.

Trustee Grilo moved to authorize and approve a \$20.00 utility credit for all income surveys that were completed and returned. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Grilo, Martin, Wilson, Robertson

NAY: None

The motion carried 4-0

Additional grant opportunities were discussed including Housing Rehab and Economic Development. These items will be investigated, and brought back to the Board at a later date.

Trustee Grilo stated that the Board needs to review the current grant application to see what could be reduced in the scope of work. Mr. Flach stated that he could compile alternatives, and then meet the following week to review them. Trustee Robertson added that the full Board should meet to see all of the available options before we apply to assure that we receive it this year. October 16 or 22 were proposed for a Special Meeting to discuss the additional options.

Mr. Flach provided updated estimates for the potential 2025 Commercial Street Project, which includes a complete reconstruction with asphalt, one estimate included a sidewalk extension, curb, and gutters, the other did not. He also reported that Illinois Department of Transportation has an Economic Development program that offers a 50% match. Mayor Evans stated that the TIA funds could be utilized as the match funding.

## **New Business**

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Mr. Polsky reported on the Source Water Protection Plan. The action plan is required to be provided to the Environmental Protection Agency identifying activities or projects that are needed to mitigate existing and future threats to source water quality to improve the resilience of the water supply.

Trustee Martin moved to authorize and approve \$1,500.00 for Milano & Grunloh Engineers to produce a 10-year Source Water Protection Plan. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Martin, Wilson, Robertson, Grilo

NAY: None

The motion carried 4-0

## **Old/Other Business**

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Mr. Polsky provided a quote to purchase a Hach Nitrification Tester. The quote is an additional \$1,500.00 to include the 150 Chemkeys that are required for testing. This device would satisfy one of the required items on the IEPA deficiency report.

Trustee Grilo moved to authorize and approve up to \$7,400.00 to purchase the nitrification tester. Trustee Martin seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Grilo, Martin, Robertson, Mayor Evans

NAY: Wilson

The motion carried 4-1

Mr. Polsky reported on the 53' damaged sidewalk by the Public Works building. One bid was received from 3W Excavation & Concrete for \$4,900.00. Trustee Grilo suggested that this item be tabled to allow the Board to add other locations to the scope of work.

Mr. Polsky provided a quote to purchase and install a Tank Mixer in the Standpipe. This device would satisfy another of the required items on the IEPA deficiency report. Trustee Martin suggested to table the item to allow for the system to be shut down to flush it out, and then test with the new nitrification tester.

Mrs. Zehr reported that the utility portal is set-up, and the link has been added to the thomasboro.us website. The process has been moving forward, but it has not been smooth to date. Payments can be dropped off at Village Hall on Tuesday or Thursday mornings, or they can be paid at Gifford Bank.

## **Police Department**

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Chief Martinez provided his monthly report.

## **Public Works**

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Mr. Polsky provided the monthly Public Works report.

Mr. Polsky stated that the Girl Scouts are no longer maintaining the food pantry at the Public Works parking lot.

## **Treasurer's Report**

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Mr. Albers provided the monthly Treasurer's report.

## **Announcements**

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Village-wide Bulk Trash Pickup is scheduled the second weekend in both May and October annually. October 12 is the next opportunity.

Champaign County Residential Electronics Collection is scheduled for October 12 at Parkland College, and individuals are required to be registered in advance.

Mayor Evans stated that the Trick-or-Treat hours will take place Saturday, October 26 from 5:00 to 8:00pm. There was great feedback the last three years with doing this outside of the October 31 date to allow individuals to travel to outside communities as well.

## **Public Comment**

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

Diana Hespo reported about public appearance items in the Village such as furniture outside of a home and nine vehicles without valid plates at that location.

Mayor Evans stated that a formal Nuisance complaint would need to be reported at the time of offense.

Chief Martinez stated that it is not a violation to park in the driveway or on the street. The vehicles at that location were inspected, and they all had valid plates.

Diana Hespo questioned if the Village had a curfew for minors.

Mayor Evans stated that the State of Illinois has a law regarding curfew, so it is not included on the Village Code since we are bound by those requirements.

Rhonda Scott questioned if the Village had received applications for the Ordinance Officer position.

Mayor Evans stated that applicants had been received, however they had not passed the background checks.

Trustee Robertson stated that the Board should pass out postcards as they had done in the past for Ordinance violations.

Bill Kurth stated that sidewalk repairs are needed on Main Street.

Tania Vucsko reported that she had not seen an ad on Indeed, and she recommended that the salary range be included when it is posted. She stated that residents want to be invested in the Village, adding that they are not “lazy” as Trustee Coffin had stated on the Village Facebook page last year.

Chief Martinez stated that he would check the Indeed ad to see if it needs to be reactivated.

### **Adjournment**

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

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at 8:46pm.

### **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 7, 2024 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Tana Ward, RMC, CMC  
Village Clerk