

VILLAGE OF THOMASBORO BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024

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, August 5, 2024, President W. Tyler Evans presiding. Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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 Dustin Hill, Trustee Jeff Robertson, Trustee Cale Coffin, Trustee Mickey Wilson, and Trustee John Martin,

The following member was not present:

Trustee Anthony Grilo

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

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 Robertson seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Hill, Martin, Wilson, Robertson

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

Discussion / Approval of Minutes

Trustee Coffin moved to approve the July 1, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

New Business

Seth Flach of Milano & Grunloh Engineers reported on the Village road repair projects utilizing the Motor Fuel Tax funds. The Motor Fuel Tax

Oil, Seal, and Resurface Project received a single bid from Illiana Construction Company for a total amount of \$233,838.50.

Trustee Martin moved to authorize and approve Illiana Construction Company for the project, with the expenditure made from the current Motor Fuel Tax funds account. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Martin, Wilson, Robertson, Hill

NAY: Coffin

The motion carried 4-1

Mr. Flach also reported on the progress of rectifying the deficiencies at the Water Plant that had been flagged during the recent Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) report. An item of concern was the low chlorine levels. He suggested installing a Tank Mixer in the Standpipe, which would bring the chlorine levels into the statutory EPA compliance.

Mr. Polsky received quotes from A & R Mechanical, and IXOM Watercare to purchase and install a Tank Mixer. He added that the water is completely safe to drink as-is, however the Village needs to come into compliance with the EPA mandate. Trustee Martin requested that the Board postpone the vote until the September Board Meeting.

Mr. Polsky provided quotes from Fred's Plumbing & Underground and Cargo Sewer & Outdoor Services to install water test ports to allow the Village to independently test the water wells at a common testing site equipped with copper piping per the EPA report.

Trustee Hill made a motion to authorize and approve Fred's Plumbing and Underground to complete the installation of water test ports at an amount of \$10,960.00, with a 10% Contingency Fund. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Hill, Martin, Wilson, Robertson

NAY: Coffin

The motion carried 4-1

Police Department

Chief Martinez provided his monthly report.

Chief Martinez obtained the required quotes to get the squad car repaired. The insurance company will be sending the check minus the deductible to the lowest responsive bidder, who was Rantoul Auto Body.

Chief Martinez reported that he is also working on bids for the required Body Worn Cameras to be implemented prior to January 2025. The City of Bloomington Police Department is currently updating their cameras, and Chief Martinez has reached out to potentially have one donated to the Village.

Chief Martinez is also working on the required training sessions that are due by January 2025.

Public Works

Mr. Polsky provided the monthly Public Works report with nothing additional to add.

Old / Other Business

Mrs. Zehr reported that both she and Mr. Albers would prefer to wait until after the new utility billing software has been implemented to look into hiring an additional part-time staff person. She added that EJ Water Cooperative has transferred the accounts, and that they were not going to charge the higher premium that had been previously stated. She added that the Village is on track to start the utility billing starting in September.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Albers provided the monthly Treasurer's report.

Public Comment

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

Tania Vucsko questioned when the Village would start handling the utility billing.

Mrs. Zehr stated that this transition would take place in September.

Diana Hespo questioned when the additional funds received for the Water would be returned to the citizens, or if it would now be used for the Water Plant repairs.

Mayor Evans stated that the funds that are received for the Water Fund are kept as separate funding, and could only be utilized for upgrades or repairs.

Diana Hespo also reported about a neighbor who has multiple “junk cars” in their driveway. She added that they also still have an individual living in a travel trailer.

Rhonda Scott questioned when the Oil, Seal, and Resurface Project would be underway.

Mayor Evans stated that this would happen either this fall or spring of next year.

Mrs. Scott also questioned when the US Hwy 45 mowing and upkeep was approved.

Mayor Evans stated that a resident had made the calls to get that project pushed through quicker, and that they are in the process of reclassifying the Village to assure this area is maintained more frequently moving forward.

Tracey O'Donnell provided kudos to John on the job that he has done with the Village mowing. She added that it looks beautiful.

Trustee Robertson stated that the Village should continue to maintain the US Hwy 45 area. Mayor Evans reported that due to the IL Department of Transportation Pollination Guidelines, the Village is unable to maintain these areas without an agreement being in place beforehand. This process would result in a steep fine if overstepped.

Ms. O'Donnell questioned what is happening at the corner of US Hwy 45 adjacent to the Dollar General.

Mayor Evans stated that he reached out to the State Safety Committee who had commented in the recent News Gazette story by Dave Hinton. They were unwilling to expand further than what had been reported with the J-Turn bid letting to occur January 2025, and the upgraded lighting. Trustee Coffin stated that he has a family member who is working on the project, and it is a fiber installation occurring under US Hwy 45.

Bill Kurth questioned what was taking place with the Village-owned trailers on Morris and 704 Fredrick Street.

Mayor Evans stated that the property on Fredrick has sold, and awaiting the property closing to occur. The other property on Morris is currently under litigation.

Mr. Kurth requested what the status of the shed at 100 W. Elmore on the corner of Church Street was.

Trustee Robertson stated that the fencing was to be taken down so the shed could be moved to the back yard, however the individual was selling

the property. This has since been removed from the market, so it would need to be looked into again.

Mr. Kurth also questioned the damaged sidewalk by the pump station.

Mayor Evans stated that the sidewalk would need to be removed and replaced, along with others within the Village.

Mrs. Scott questioned if the Village had any incentives for property improvements.

Mayor Evans stated that the Village had previously looked into adding a grant program for residents. This may be an item for the Board to look into hiring a part-time individual for.

Carol Robertson questioned why the Village could not maintain the south side of the Village adjacent to US Hwy 45 as the north side is currently being maintained.

Mayor Evans stated that the property up to Altamont had been privately owned lots, which were donated to the Village in 2019 or 2020.

Gertie Robertson questioned if the Village was liable for the youth riding bikes on that property if one were to get hurt.

Mayor Evans stated that the individual would be responsible, and he added that as he was driving past, he had witnessed six to seven youth riding bikes in the area. Suddenly, they all ditched their bikes to run over to assist Betty Kurth, who had fallen nearby. They also came back later to assist her with landscaping.

Tom Wrobel questioned when the Village would be taking care of the payment for the damage to his back yard when the sewer line was replaced in February.

Mrs. Zehr stated that the item had been presented in July, and the payment was included with those approved earlier during the August meeting and would be paid the following morning.

Mrs. Scott provided congratulations to Mayor and Jennifer Evans on the birth of their baby girl late the prior week.

Adjournment

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

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at 8:18pm.

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 August 5, 2024 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Tana Ward, RMC, CMC
Village Clerk