

**Thomasboro Village Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
August 2, 2021**

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*Thomasboro Village Hall  
101 W. Main Street, Thomasboro, Illinois*

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Thomasboro was held on Monday, August 2, 2021. In the absence of President Evans, Trustee Anthony Grilo called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Roll Call**

Upon roll call, the following members were found to be physically present: Trustees Mick Curry, Anthony Grilo, Dustin Hill, Dustin Rhodes, and Jeff Robertson. President W. Tyler Evans and Trustee Craig Stafford were absent.

Other Village Staff present: Leon Albers, Treasurer; Chad Polsky, Public Works Superintendent; Eric Shumate, Chief of Police; Bailey Billman, Office Manager; and Jeremy Reale, Interim Village Clerk.

**Discussion and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Trustee Curry moved to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021 regular board meeting as prepared. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting "yea".

**Presentation of Bills**

Following a review of the monthly bills, Trustee Robertson moved to approve the payment of the bills and anticipated bills as specified on the invoice listing. Trustee Hill seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

**YEAS:** Curry, Grilo, Hill, Rhodes, and Robertson – 5

**NAYS:** None – 0

**ABSENT:** Stafford – 1

The motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0.

**Old Business**

**Discussion on American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funding and projects**

Chad Osterbur from Fehr Graham had provided guidance on the legal parameters for the use of the ARPA funds received by the Village, confirming that the Village would be limited to utilizing the funds for water, sanitary sewer, storm drainage, and/or broadband infrastructure. Mr. Polsky suggested that at this point the Board needed to reach a consensus as to which areas should be targeted for the funding. During subsequent discussion, the majority expressed the preference for focusing on storm drainage improvements in areas of the community that experienced chronic issues. The consensus of the Board was to have projects designed for three areas to then be put out for bid: Shurbet Street, Clark/Pearl Streets, and Jacobsen Drive.

**New Business**

**Ordinance No. 627, An Ordinance Supplementing and Amending Chapter 1 of the Thomasboro Municipal Code in connection with rules for public participation at meetings**

Several trustees questioned the need to develop the ordinance and whether it would be enforced if enacted. Mr. Reale explained that he had been asked by President Evans to draft the ordinance amending the public participation rules in the municipal code to incorporate more specific language comparable to rules adopted by other Illinois communities. The changes were designed to streamline the process and conduct meetings more efficiently. With respect to enforcement of the rules, he stated that it would be the responsibility of the presiding officer to ensure that the provisions were followed.

Trustee Robertson moved to pass Ordinance No. 627. Trustee Hill seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

**YEAS:** None – 0  
**NAYS:** Curry, Hill, and Robertson – 3  
**ABSTAIN:** Grilo and Rhodes – 2  
**ABSENT:** Stafford – 1

The motion failed by roll call vote of 0 to 3, with 2 members abstaining.

### **Public Comment**

Sharon Beth addressed the Board concerning the site restoration for the area of her front yard that had been disturbed for a drainage improvement project. This had been an ongoing issue that she had previously brought to the Board in June; efforts by Village officials to address the issue had been unsatisfactory. Mrs. Beth noted that the area was overrun with tall weed growth and was simply unmanageable in its present condition. Mr. Polsky responded that he would do whatever necessary to the site in order to satisfy the property owners.

Trustee Grilo asked Mr. Polsky to provide an update on the status of the tree removal at the Kurth property. Mr. Polsky stated that the contractor had indicated he would attempt to finish removing the remainder of the tree during the upcoming weekend. Trustee Grilo responded that the Village needed to take a firm line with the contractor in order to get this project completed. He added that it may be necessary to obtain the services of a different contractor to finish the job and then deduct those costs from the fees payable to the current contractor. The consensus of the Board was to direct that the tree removal be completed no later than August 16.

Jim Richardson asked about the proposed ordinance for public participation rules that had been previously discussed. Trustee Grilo explained the provisions of the ordinance. Those members of the public wishing to address the Board would be limited to three minutes and permitted to address the trustees once per meeting. Comments would be directed to the Board as a whole rather than to any individual official or employee of the Village. Remarks would not be permitted to be addressed to other members of the public in attendance. The presiding officer would have the ability to limit any comments or questions unrelated to matters of business relevant to the Village Board.

Dee Phillips thanked the Board and Chief Shumate for addressing the nuisance issues on Clark Street that she and her neighbors had previously brought to the Board. She noted that, although there was still room for improvement, the situation had noticeably changed for the better since the last meeting.

Gertie Richardson asked how much that Village had obtained for the sale of the Morris and Frederick Street properties. Mr. Albers responded that a total of \$2,364.00 had been received from the sales.

Cale Coffin asked about updates needed to the information on the Village website. Trustee Grilo responded that staff would be working on this.

### **Treasurer's Report**

There was no discussion regarding the monthly report as submitted.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Rhodes moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried via voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeremy A. Reale, Interim Village Clerk

The undersigned Village Clerk of the Village of Thomasboro, Illinois, does hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the approved minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held August 2, 2021, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

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Village Clerk