

**VILLAGE OF THOMASBORO BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025**

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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, May 5, 2025, President W. Tyler Evans and President Jeff Robertson presiding. Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

**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 Jeff Robertson, Trustee Dustin Hill, 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, Leon Albers, Village Treasurer, Deanna Zehr, Office Manager, and Tana Ward, Village Clerk

**Executive Session**

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Trustee Coffin made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Executive Session A. 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: Coffin, Robertson, Hill, Martin, Wilson

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

The Village Board entered into Executive Session at 7:04pm, and the Village Board reconvened into open session at 8:00pm.  
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## **Discussion/Approval of Minutes**

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Trustee Coffin moved to approve the April 7, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

## **Old/Other Business**

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Trustee Coffin made a motion to approve a 5% pay increase for Mrs. Zehr, a 5% pay increase for Mr. Polsky, and a \$1,200.00 annual increase for Clerk Ward. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Robertson, Hill, Martin, Wilson

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

Mayor Evans reported that the IL Department of Transportation (IDOT) inspected the Church Street Bridge (Structure 0104069) on March 11, 2025, and the bridge is in fair condition currently. IDOT appraised the bridge as meeting standards, and “better than adequate to be left in place.” However, the approach guardrail for the west side of the bridge is missing, deeming it not acceptable. The road is beginning to settle at the joint, and this is likely something that can be repaired with Motor Fuel Tax Funds.

Mrs. Zehr reported that the Secondary Water Meter process is working well, and all of the used meters have been given to residents. The current rate for new meters has increased, and the new cost will be \$140.00.

Mrs. Zehr stated that the current Village computers are unable to be updated to Windows 11, and will no longer be supported this fall. The Board budgeted \$4,000.00 to replace all Village computers this fiscal year. Mayor Evans stated that each department would have different needs, so the cost could vary per specification. Chief Martinez added that he is looking into grants to replace what is needed for the Police Department. Trustee Martin moved to authorize and approve the purchase of three laptops and three desktop computers for a total cost not-to-exceed \$5,000.00. Trustee Hill seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Martin, Wilson, Robertson, Hill

NAY: Coffin

The motion carried 4-1

Mayor Evans opened the discussion regarding the replacement truck purchase for Public Works. Trustee Robertson reported that he had registered the Village with Chevrolet, so moving forward the Village

would have an option for either Chevrolet or Ford. Trustee Martin secured a bid from Vermilion Chevrolet GMC for a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado HD 2500 (VIN 1GB0YLE75RF299189), which includes all required accessories, at a cost of \$64,904.00. The truck will need to have the Village logo and lettering from an outside vendor. Trustee Coffin made a motion to approve the purchase for an amount not-to-exceed \$70,000.00, which will include the lettering. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Robertson, Hill, Martin, Wilson

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

Mayor Evans reported that George Papametro, owner of the Church Street property on North Church (adjacent to the railroad tracks) is going to utilize the Community Clean-up / Bulk Garbage Day on Saturday, May 10 to clear up the property. He is also planning to install fencing to detour further dumping.

### **Installation of Village Clerk**

Mayor Evans administered the Oath of Office to Village Clerk Tana Ward. Clerk Ward was appointed to the role in November 2021, and the term of office runs adjacent with the Village President / Mayor.

### **Recognition of Retiring Elected Officials**

Clerk Ward provided an appreciation plaque to Trustee Hill for his dedicated service from December 2020 to April 2025.

Clerk Ward provided an appreciation plaque to Trustee Robertson for his dedicated service from April 2003 to April 2006, June 2007 to April 2011, May 2013 to April 2017, and March 2020 to April 2025. All dates of service were confirmed by the Village Board Meeting Minutes.

Clerk Ward provided an appreciation gavel to Mayor Evans for his dedicated service as Village President from May 2018 to April 2025.

### **Mayoral Farewell Address**

Mayor Evans shared that he would continue to be involved, adding that life with a 10-month old daughter and a 16-year old son have changed his retirement plans. He stated that as Mayor he discovered that there were multiple conflicts that interfered with several items that he had hoped to accomplish during his tenure, and that he was excited to explore those and other ventures.

### **Certification of Election Results**

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Clerk Ward reported that the results from the 2025 Consolidated General Election were finalized on April 15, 2025 at 4:49pm by Aaron Ammons, Champaign County Clerk. The votes cast included write-ins, provisional, grace period, and vote-by-mail ballots that were post-marked by midnight April 1, 2025.

The referenda to increase the limiting rate posed by the Thomasboro Community Consolidated School District 130 failed, receiving 120 Yes votes, 131 No votes. The referenda to increase the limiting rate posed by the Thomasboro Fire Protection District passed, receiving 195 Yes votes, 191 No votes. Jeffrey S. Robertson ran unopposed receiving 149 total votes for the position of Village President. John W. Martin also ran unopposed receiving 175 total votes.

Clerk Ward further certified that Jeffrey S. Robertson and John W. Martin were duly qualified, having provided all required documentation, with no outstanding debts owed to the Village. Both candidates were eligible to take office.

### **Installation of Village Trustee**

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Clerk Ward administered the Oath of Office to Village Trustee John W. Martin. Trustee Martin was originally appointed to the role June 2024.

### **Installation of Village President**

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Clerk Ward administered the Oath of Office to Village President Jeffrey S. Robertson. Mayor Robertson has provided 15 years, 10 months in faithful service as Trustee to the Village. Mayor Robertson thanked the residents for showing up and voting for him. He added that he received more votes in this election than at any time previously as Trustee.

### **Presentation/Approval of Bills**

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Following a review of the monthly bills, Trustee Coffin moved to authorize and approve the payment of the current bills as presented on the financial report. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Martin, Wilson, Mayor Robertson

NAY: None

The motion carried 4-0

### **Discussion/Approval of Minutes**

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Trustee Coffin moved to approve the February 3, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

## **New Business**

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Mayor Robertson appointed John Godsell to the vacant Trustee Board seat. Trustee Coffin made a motion to approve the appointment. Trustee Martin seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Martin, Wilson, Mayor Robertson

NAY: None

The motion carried 4-0

Clerk Ward administered the Oath of Office to Village Trustee John Godsell, and he took his seat at the Board.

Trustee Martin moved to authorize and approve Resolution 05-25-001 for the 2025 Motor Fuel Tax Appropriation. Trustee Coffin seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Martin, Wilson, Coffin, Godsell

NAY: None

The motion carried 4-0

Mayor Robertson opened the discussion regarding the shed removal from 100 W. Elmore Drive. The shed was not placed in compliance with Village Zoning, and a Zoning Variance was not applied for or secured. Trustee Coffin made a motion to authorize and approve \$1,000.00 to move the shed to the fenced area of the yard. Trustee Martin seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Martin, Wilson, Godsell

NAY: None

The motion carried 4-0

Mr. Polsky reported that the storm sewer issue on Church Street was getting worse and experiencing major flooding. He recommended that the Village acquire bids to eliminate the issue with the clogged or collapsed pipe.

Mayor Robertson reported that Jay Arnold had provided a bid of \$7,000.00 for the removal of the two Village-Owned Trailers. He added that he had approached the individuals who had purchased the Frederick property, and provided them with a cease and desist on the repairs they were making to the trailer. Past-President Evans stated that the Gifford State Bank has regained possession of the Morris Street property, and that they were researching if they could deed it to the Village.

### **Police Department**

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The monthly report was provided from Chief Martinez.

### **Public Works**

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Mr. Polsky provided the monthly Public Works report, adding that he had secured a bid to remove the trees on Bartell Street.

### **Village Treasurer's Report**

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The monthly Treasurer's report was provided by Mr. Albers. Street.

### **Village ESDA Director's Report**

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Clerk Ward presented the monthly ESDA Report.

### **Veteran's Banner Program**

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Trustee Coffin stated that posters were available for the Veteran's Banner Program, and donations were greatly appreciated.

### **Announcements**

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Mayor Robertson shared that the Community Clean-up/Bulk Garbage Day would be held on Saturday, May 10 from 8:00am to Noon under the water tower.

He stated that a Special Board Meeting would be held on Thursday, May 15 at 6:00pm.

He also shared that the Champaign County Electronics Recycling would be held at Parkland College on May 17, but that pre-registration was required.

### **Public Comment**

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

Carol Robertson shared that Joan Hall had recently lost her battle of Alzheimer's Disease, and requested a moment of silence in memorial. Mrs. Hall had served as Village Clerk for 21.5 years.

Diane Robertson questioned why the Fire Department did not respond to EMS calls. She stated that a neighbor had to wait nearly 45 minutes for an ambulance to arrive.

James Miller stated that his company would provide a ceramic coating for the new Village truck for free to protect it after the lettering was placed.

James Miller reported that a black Nissan had repeatedly blown through stop signs. Chief Martinez stated that they would investigate it.

Bill Kurth questioned why a Special Board Meeting needed to be held, and why the business could not have been shared during this meeting. He added that this “appeared Shady.”

John Lux reported that two additional “Village eyesores” should be looked into at 702 Clark and 403 Phillips, which has holes in the roof. Trustee Coffin stated that these would be shared with the Village Attorney. Mayor Robertson added that currently there are 25 homes in the Village that had been written up for Ordinance violations.

Rhonda Scott suggested that these individuals be reached out to let them know about the Clean-up/Bulk Garbage Day in hopes that they clean up their properties.

Tania Vucsko suggested that the Village consider allowing individuals to make installments for the secondary water meter. Mr. Polsky stated that the Village would work with residents, and would even consider implementing a rental program. Ms. Vucsko also recommended that the Village incentivize the program.

Jim Lesanis questioned how he would go about receiving a zoning variance.

### **Adjournment**

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

Mayor Robertson adjourned the meeting at 9:24pm.

### **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 May 5, 2025 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Tana Ward, RMC, MMC  
Village Clerk