

**Thomasboro Village Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
July 6, 2020**

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

A Teleconference Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Thomasboro was held on Monday, July 6, 2020. Zoom Meeting ID 81000420326. President Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

**Roll Call**

The Village Clerk called the roll, finding the following members in attendance via video or audio: Trustees Robert Pinske, Anthony Grilo, Mick Curry, Jeff Robertson and Dustin Rhodes. Ronda Scott was absent

Other Village officials present: Deanne Wattjes, Office Manager, Leon Albers, Treasurer; Chad Polsky, Eric Shumate, Police Chief and Jasmyne Boyce, Village Clerk.

**Discussion and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Trustee Robertson moved to approve the minutes of the special and regular meetings of June 1, 2020.

Trustee Curry seconded the motion. The Village Clerk called the roll:

<b>YEAS:</b>	Pinske, Curry, Robertson, Grilo, Rhodes – 5
<b>NAYS:</b>	None – 0

**Motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0.**

**Presentation of Bills**

Trustee Robertson moved to approve the payment of the bills listed as well as the regular bills yet to be received. Trustee Pinske seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

<b>YEAS:</b>	Pinske, Curry, Robertson, Grilo, Rhodes – 5
<b>NAYS:</b>	None – 0

**Motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0.**

**Old Business:**

Discussion and Approval of Ameren Franchise Agreement Ordinance #621 – Mayor Evans stated more research to compare rates with surrounding communities would be needed to be completed prior to approving the sample ordinance provided. Mayor Evans offered the opportunity for Trustees to assist in communicating with area municipalities to compare rates and terms. President Evans tabled this item for future approval as amendments are required and clarification of terms to be discussed with our attorney. No further action at this time.

**New Business**

**Discussion and Approval of Kemper CPA Group LLP Auditor Engagement not to exceed \$8350.00**

Trustee Grilo made the motion to approve Kemper CPA Group LLP Auditor Engagement commitment fees not to exceed \$8350.00. Trustee Curry seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

**YEAS:** Pinske, Curry, Robertson, Grilo, Rhodes – 5

**NAYS:** None – 0

**Motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0.**

**Discussion and Approval of Champaign County Animal Control Agreement**

Continuing service based on 2015 agreement, no changes or amendments to the prior agreement. Trustee Curry made the motion to approve the Champaign County Animal Control Agreement for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

**YEAS:** Pinske, Curry, Robertson, Grilo, Rhodes – 5

**NAYS:** None – 0

**Motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0.**

**Discussion and Approval of street and sidewalk maintenance schedule**

Trustee Robertson requested this item be added to the agenda. Mayor Evans asked Trustees to discuss with Chad in Public Works and create a plan and review / request available funding. Jasmyne reminded the Board there was a \$12,000 dedicated line item for sidewalks from FY 2019-2020 budget that was not yet utilized. Item tabled until a plan is formed regarding necessary repairs by area.

**Discussion and Approval of address assignment for newly annexed properties**

Billboard Plat: 102 E. Central Ave., Thomasboro, IL 61878

Dollar General: 104 E. Central Ave., Thomasboro, IL 61878

Clerk read letter from attorney regarding addressing authority granted to Village Board of Trustees and described the purpose of conforming to the GIS emergency dispatch standard for Champaign County. Trustee Pinske made motion to approve addresses as proposed. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion.

The Village Clerk called the roll:

**YEAS:** Pinske, Curry, Robertson, Grilo, Rhodes – 5

**NAYS:** None – 0

**Motion carried by roll call vote of 5 to 0.**

**Discussion regarding video and audio recording devices needed for emergency response personnel**

Trustee Pinske stated that Illinois State law requires criminal incidents being responded to should be recorded and we need to ensure we have the proper equipment to do so. Trustee Pinske also stated that there is an immediate need for window and door replacement at the building on Central that now houses the police department. Mayor Evans stated a door had been purchased, but was told by Tyler Martin, previously in Public Works, that the door was the wrong size. Chief Shumate agreed that he would seek estimates for the door and windows and have those issues addressed as soon as possible. No further action at this time.

## **Public Comment**

Tyler Martin inquired about flags not being displayed, offered suggestion on areas to replace flags to prevent the downtown area from looking so plain. He also commented on areas being mowed being outside the typical area that had been mowed in previous seasons, including some county property as well as property owned by C-N Railroad. Trustee Grilo commented that there was a misunderstanding about the prior instructions for displaying the flags last week and that a weed management schedule had been discussed with public works and would be implemented in the upcoming weeks.

Mel Ghrist thanked Jasmyne for posting the previous meeting minutes on the village website as he requested in a previous meeting. Also thanked Chief Shumate for addressing an enforcement issue within days of it being brought to his attention.

Bill Kurth thanked Jeff and Chad for assisting with the clean up of downed limbs from trees on his property and requested additional assistance with a tree still causing a safety concern that remains on the public easement. He also asked if anyone reviewed the lease prior to moving the PD to the utility building. He said the police at the bank building was a deterrent for robberies.

Jim Richardson stated he agrees with Tyler's concern about the clean-up around town and the Board should have already talked with Chad about a plan and timeline to address these issues before they happen. He reminded the Board that it is their responsibility to keep it looking good, so what happened to just driving around and looking at all the projects that need doing and start working on them. He asked Leon where the money is coming from to pay for the utility expansion for the new store. Mayor Evans replied that there would be a loan from the General Fund to the Water Fund to pay our expense for the expansion.

Gerdie Richardson expressed support of our Police Chief and says she has noticed how properties are being cleaned up.

## **Treasurer's Report:** No Report

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Grilo moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried via voice vote, all present voting "aye". The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jasmyne Boyce, 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 July 6, 2020, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

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Village Clerk