

VILLAGE OF THOMASBORO BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 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, November 4, 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 Cale Coffin, Trustee Mickey Wilson, and Trustee John Martin

The following member were not present:

Trustee Dustin Hill

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

Mr. Albers stated that the Badger Meter Service Agreement and a News Gazette invoice was received late and had not been included with the financial statements distributed to the Board.

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, along with the two items noted by Mr. Albers. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Robertson, Grilo, Martin, Wilson

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

Discussion/Approval of Minutes

Trustee Martin moved to approve the October 7, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes and the October 22, 2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Grilo seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

Water Plant Renovation/Replacement Update

Seth Flach of Milano & Grunloh Engineers reported on the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) funding to fully replace the Water Plant. He stated that the IEPA funding will have a principal forgiveness of up to 80% and as low as 1.36% interest rate for smaller communities such as the Village of Thomasboro, payable over 30-Years. He added that the Village would have a commitment letter with all of the specifics outlined in advance of the loan acceptance.

Trustee Grilo added that it would still be optimal to apply for the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Public Infrastructure Grant in addition for December 2025.

Trustee Coffin made a motion to not move forward with the DCEO application at this time, to allow further investigation into the IEPA funding. Trustee Martin seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Robertson, Grilo, Martin, Wilson

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

Trustee Grilo moved to authorize and approve applying for the IEPA funding with the final amount to be determined at a later Board Meeting. Trustee Martin seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Grilo, Martin, Wilson, Coffin, Robertson

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

Mayor Evans reported on IL State Representative Brandun Schweizer's potential allocation to the Village through the DCEO. The Village is one of three communities within Schweizer's District to receive the funding.

Mr. Flach provided updated estimates for the potential 2025 Commercial Street Project. He also reported that IL Department of Transportation has an Economic Development Program, which would require additional provisions for job creation. Truck Access Route Program funding would also be probable for the project. The current maximum award amount is \$37,800.00, which would require a Resolution to create a Class II Truck Route designation. Mayor Evans stated that the TIA funding could aid in the project cost.

Mr. Flach stated that the Source Protection Plan was reviewed, and that he will make the requested updates to the plan to present to the Board.

Old/Other Business

Mayor Evans stated that the sidewalk replacement would be postponed until the Safe Routes to School grant opened up in April.

Mr. Polsky stated that he had not received the nitrification tester due to being on backorder. He would like to test the theory of shutting down the Standpipe and see if flushing the system out provides better numbers.

Mrs. Zehr reported that the utility billing is entering the second round of processing, and it is going smoother as it progresses.

New Business

Mayor Evans stated that a resident was questioning if the Village would want to reinstate the secondary lawn meter now that billing is in-house. Trustee Grilo recommended a test house for billing to identify how that process would look like with the new system.

Mayor Evans recommended adding a Nuisance Reporting Portal on the Village website. He spoke with the City of Champaign on how that process works, and what challenges they had incurred. Chief Martinez suggested also adding a Vacation Notice form on the website, so that Officers were aware and could watch for any suspicious activity around those properties.

Police Department

Chief Martinez provided his monthly report with no additional items of note.

Public Works

Mr. Polsky provided the monthly Public Works report with no additional items of note.

Village Clerk's Report

Ms. Ward stated that election petitions for the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election can be returned starting November 12 at 8:00am until November 18 at 5:00pm.

Village Treasurer's Report

Mr. Albers provided the monthly Treasurer's report with no additional items of note.

Committee Reports

Trustee Coffin reported that the Veteran's banners will be taken down the weekend after Veteran's Day this year.

Public Comment

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

Carol Robertson questioned the additional vehicles on Commercial Street, and asked what could be done.

Chief Martinez will investigate to assure that they all have updated registrations, and that they are parked according to Village requirements.

Tracey O'Donnell stated that the school had a referendum on the ballot to be voted on tomorrow.

Tania Vucsko read a statement regarding biased statements that she had heard over the past year from Board members. She also read excerpts from a News Gazette article written by Debra Rawlings from May 2017. She encouraged residents to vote tomorrow in favor of the school referendum.


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 viva voce vote.

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:51pm.

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 November 4, 2024 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Tana Ward, RMC, CMC
Village Clerk