#### VILLAGE OF THOMASBORO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

# REGULAR BOARD MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022

## VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM 101 W. MAIN STREET, THOMASBORO, IL 61878

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Thomasboro was held on Monday, June 6, 2022, President W. Tyler Evans presiding. Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

## <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>

Mayor Evans led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Roll Call

Upon Roll Call, the following members were present: Mayor Tyler Evans, Trustee John Curry, Trustee Jeff Robertson, Trustee Anthony Grilo, Trustee Dustin Rhodes, Trustee Dustin Hill, and Trustee Cale Coffin

The following representatives of Village departments were also present: Chad Polsky, Public Works Superintendent, Officer Mike Martinez, Leon Albers, Treasurer, and Tana Ward, Village Clerk

## Discussion / Approval of Minutes

At the request of Trustee Grilo, the April 4 and May 2 Board Meeting Minutes, and the April 13, 2022 and May 11 Special Board Meeting Minutes, were deferred to the July 5, 2022 Board Meeting.

# Presentation / Approval of Bills

Following a review of the monthly bills, Trustee Grilo 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: Grilo, Rhodes, Hill, Coffin, Curry, Robertson

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0

## **Committee Reports**

Trustee Coffin reported on the Veteran Banners. The first batch of 23 banners have been hung around town prior to Memorial Day weekend, with an additional order being placed mid-July. Trustee Coffin suggested marketing the Veteran Banner Program on the billing statements or mass

texting option with EJ Water Cooperation. Trustee Grilo stated that the mass texting should only be used with emergent situations.

## Police Department

Mayor Evans discussed the option of participating in the Federal Surplus Property Program that was researched and suggested by Chief Shumate. The program would require four signatures for participation. Trustee Grilo stated that it is a good resource, however the long-term expenses should be evaluated.

#### **Public Works**

Mr. Polsky provided a verbal report, which included that Canadian National is replacing the crossing this summer, 3W Excavation & Concrete will start work on the border work at West Side Park next week, and the fencing has been ordered for project at the Public Works building from Main Street Construction, with the gates being the hold up on that project starting. There was no update on the downtown sidewalks from Duce Construction.

Mr. Polsky also reported on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) project of jetting the Storm Sewer System. Shamburg & Shamburg had a slow start to the project with the collapsed tiles at the entrance of the elevator, which were repaired this morning. The project started with the main line, and will branch off to the smaller areas as they progress.

Mr. Polsky discussed the need for additional No Parking signs needed throughout the Village. He provided a list from Chief Shumate of areas that are currently marked.

#### **New Business**

Trustee Robertson reported that an individual on Elmore Drive is requesting a variance for a shed on her property. Trustee Grilo stated that the Zoning Committee would review her petition when she receives the proper signatures, and she submits it per Village Ordinance.

Trustee Grilo discussed the option to renew the residential trash collection contract with Republic Services at a 3% increase. He stated with inflation this contract would likely increase substantially with other vendors. Tony Moore, a representative with Republic Services was present to discuss service issues and future remedies.

Mr. Albers presented a suggested policy from EJ Water Cooperative regarding additional lawn meters within the Village. This would include individuals who have an extra meter that were used for filling their pools

or watering their grass. EJ Water Cooperative suggested purchasing the additional water meters back at a rate of \$50.00 each.

Trustee Grilo suggested that the Village adopt a program to help with demolition costs. He will get a copy of the program currently in use at the Village of Fisher.

## Old/Unfinished Business

Trustee Grilo shared that the Rebuild Illinois grant for \$30,000.00 would be an opportunity that we should pursue. He will look into the specifics to report back to the Board.

Mr. Polsky shared that the Village should look at getting a chipper pump at the Michael Street Pump Station that would help with the drainage. These would cost approximately \$28,000.00 to \$30,000.00 currently. He also shared that the high lift pumps will also need addressed soon.

## Treasurer's Report

Mr. Albers provided the monthly Treasurer's report. He also stated that the Village drop box is no longer being utilized. The new statements will come directly from EJ Water Cooperative directly around June 10th.

#### **Public Comment**

Gertie Richardson gave thanks to Trustee Coffin for his work with the Veterans Banners.

James Miller questioned the garbage increase and the recycling fees.

Jake Brownfield expressed concerns with the No Parking Zone, and how to handle this with family visits and garage sales. He stated that the signs need to be replaced within the full Village, and he would like the Ordinance to be revisited.

Vanessa Brownfield shared that the No Parking signs are inconsistent, and she questioned if she can rock her front lawn. Trustee Grilo stated that she would need to obtain a driveway permit. Ms. Brownfield also stated that she has retained a lawyer, and she will be bringing her to future Board meetings if the harassment from Trustees does not stop.

Linda Holden introduced herself to the Board. She is a new resident to the Village.

#### **Closed Session**

Trustee Coffin made a motion to enter into Executive Session 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 Grilo seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Curry, Robertson, Grilo, Rhodes, Hill

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0

The Village Board entered into Executive Session at 7:46pm, and the Village Board reconvened into open session at 8:31pm.

## 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 8:33pm.

Tana Ward Village Clerk

APPROVED:

Mayor W. Tyler Evans Village President

#### 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 June 6, 2022 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Tana Ward Village Clerk