

VILLAGE OF THOMASBORO BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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, September 9, 2024, President W. Tyler Evans presiding. Trustee Grilo called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Grilo 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 Dustin Hill,
Trustee John Martin, Trustee Mickey Wilson, Trustee Cale Coffin, and
Trustee Jeff Robertson.

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

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. Trustee Hill seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Robertson, Grilo, Hill, Martin, Wilson

NAY: None

The motion carried 6-0

Discussion / Approval of Minutes

Trustee Wilson moved to approve the August 5, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Coffin seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

Mayor Evans arrived at 7:07pm.

New Business

Adam Kremer of Milano & Grunloh Engineers reported on the Village application and current grant requirements for the Department of

Commerce and Economic Opportunity Public Infrastructure Grant opportunity. The 2024 grant application fell short due to the lack of the IL Environmental Protection Administration (IEPA) permit, which has now been received. The 2025 grant has a maximum award of \$1 Million, which is less than what would be required to replace the Water Plant. An estimate with a reduced scope was provided. Trustee Grilo suggested that both the Village and MG Engineers look at the 2024 awards to see what was funded for better guidance in moving forward.

The Motor Fuel Tax Oil, Seal, and Resurface Project was discussed. The project will utilize the current balance of \$74,207.82 out of the Rebuild IL funds, with the remainder coming from the Motor Fuel Tax funds. The Village received one bid of \$233,838.50, which was awarded to the Illiana Construction Company. The project will be complete mid-September, beginning with Church Street being rotomilled between Clark and Central, and then all roads west of the railroad tracks being oil and chipped. Notices will be provided on both the Village website and the Village Facebook pages when the actual dates are scheduled to reduce the potential travel conflicts.

Mr. Kremer provided two estimates for the potential 2025 Commercial Street Project, which includes a complete reconstruction with one quote with asphalt, and the another with concrete, both including a sidewalk extension, curb, and gutters. The benefits and drawbacks of both applications were discussed in depth.

Mayor Evans opened up the floor for discussion on the Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax Ordinance. Governor Pritzker signed legislation to eliminate the 1% Grocery Sales Tax statewide effective January 1, 2026. This is a passthrough tax that is collected by the Illinois Department of Revenue, and distributed directly to the municipalities. For Thomasboro, this tax equates to approximately \$30,000.00 in funding annually. A Thomasboro resident stated, "We have the Governor trying to make political points with the local municipality's income." Discussion ensued, with a consensus that nobody wants to impose a tax. The loss of \$30,000.00 in tax revenue that was likely from individuals outside of Thomasboro was taken into consideration.

Trustee Grilo moved to authorize and approve the Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax Ordinance as presented, which will go into effect on January 1, 2026. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Grilo, Hill, Martin, Wilson

NAY: Coffin, Robertson

The motion carried 4-2

Old / Other Business

Mrs. Zehr reported that the last billing statement from EJ Water Cooperative would be sent out September 10, however the payment would need to be paid directly to the Village. She added that the utility portal is in the set-up process with Muni Link, and it would be available on the thomasboro.us website soon. Until the portal is available, check and cash payments can be dropped off at Village Hall or Gifford Bank.

Mr. Polsky reported on the progress of rectifying the deficiencies at the Water Plant. The low chlorine levels continue to be an item of concern. Mr. Polsky provided the quotes received from A & R Mechanical and IXOM Watercare to purchase and install a Tank Mixer. Trustee Martin added that installing a Tank Mixer was a prior suggestion from MG Engineers to bring the chlorine levels into the statutory EPA compliance. Suggestions to flush the hydrants weekly, or purchase the automatic flush units were also discussed.

Mr. Polsky received a suggestion to purchase a Portable Parallel Analyzer to simplify and streamline water quality testing. He provided an estimate for the Hach SL1000 portable unit. This device would satisfy one of the required items on the IEPA deficiency report.

Police Department

Chief Martinez provided his monthly report.

Chief Martinez reported that grant opportunities were anticipated to open up in October for the required Body Worn Cameras that are to be implemented prior to January 2025.

Public Works

Mr. Polsky provided the monthly Public Works report.

Mr. Polsky stated that the Oil, Seal, and Resurface Project was starting this week, and that the roads west of the railroad tracks would be oil and chipped after the dip repairs were complete. Fire Chief Paul Cundiff added that Illiana has assured the Thomasboro Fire Protection District that they would work with moving equipment in and out during the Church Street portion of the project, and that the excess material would be applied to the lot east of the fire station for the inconvenience.

Clerk's Election Notice

The Consolidated General Election will be held on April 1, 2025. The offices that will be included on the ballot are the Mayor/Village President, along with three Village Trustee seats. Each of the offices are a 4-year term. Petitions are currently available to be circulated through

November 18, and are filed with the Village Clerk November 12 through November 18. Candidates are responsible for the accuracy of all petitions and supporting documents that are filed, and they are urged to consult their own legal representative or the State Board of Elections with any questions.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Albers provided the monthly Treasurer's report.

Announcements

Village-wide Yard Sales are scheduled the first weekend in both May and October annually. October 4 and 5 are the next opportunity.

Village-wide Bulk Trash Pickup is scheduled the second weekend in both May and October annually. October 12 is the next opportunity.

Champaign County Residential Electronics Collection is scheduled for October 12 at Parkland College, and individuals are required to be registered in advance.

Public Comment

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

Dee Phillips questioned when an Ordinance Officer would be hired. She also stated that a house on Clark Street currently has weeds that are five to six feet tall.

Linda Hogan reported that feral cats are jumping her six-foot privacy fence and attacking her dog.

Mayor Evans suggested that she reach out to Champaign County Animal Control about the situation, and they will place traps during the daylight hours.

Mr. Cundiff Sr. questioned equipment on North Lincoln that has been in the roadway for a few years.

Bill Kurth questioned the Board opinion on asphalt versus concrete for the potential 2025 Commercial Street Project.

Mayor Evans provided a background of the project, and what the Village would incur with each media.

Adjournment

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

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at 8:12pm.

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 September 9, 2024 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Tana Ward, RMC, CMC
Village Clerk