VILLAGE OF THOMASBORO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021

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, October 4, 2021, President W. Tyler Evans presiding. President Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Roll Call

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

The following members were not present: and Trustee Craig Stafford.

The following representatives of Village departments were also present: Eric Shumate, Chief of Police, Chad Polsky, Public Works Superintendent, Leon Albers, Treasurer, and Tana Ward, Village Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Evans led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion / Approval of Minutes

In the absence of a Village Clerk, the approval of the September 13, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes was deferred.

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, along with the invoices for Midwest Meter, GFI Digital, and Risk Management. Trustee Curry seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Curry, Robertson, Grilo, Hill, Rhodes – 5 NAYS: None – 0

The motion carried 5-0

Committee Reports

Chief Shumate provided the Police report. He also shared about the Speed Radar Trailer, shared from the Village of Rantoul Police Department for the week. The Speed Radar Unit had a large impact on the speed and flow

of traffic. Chief Shumate submitted a grant application for \$100,000 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, of the Department of Justice. The grant funding would enable the Village to purchase four license plate readers, and provide for service for ten years. Chief stated that the \$345 fraud reported during the September meeting has now been removed from the account.

Mr. Polsky provided the Public Works report. He also reported that Midwest Meters will soon be increasing their rates by 10%, suggesting that the Village should consider purchasing approximately 200 additional meters to lock in the savings.

Other Business

Mayor Evans discussed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and projects. The action plan as of this date is to get a study completed by Fehr Graham Engineering & Environmental, and sending drainage projects out for bid. The committee will meet in two weeks to discuss the projects, and determine actual amounts needed. Funds received to date is \$76,000.00 with an additional \$76,000.00 to be received in 2022.

Trustee Rhodes reported that the Office Manager position has been closed on Indeed, however there is a login issue currently.

Mayor Evans discussed Ordinance 627, which would supplement and amend Chapter One of the Thomasboro Municipal Code with regards to rules for public participation at meetings. The proposed changes would clarify the public comment portion of the agenda, and it would allow for more public participation in a structured manner. The Ordinance is tabled to a future meeting in the absence of a Clerk.

New Business

Mr. Polsky presented sending the curb and gutter barriers to the Bartell Street improvements out for bid. Funding options and discussion ensued. Ballpark estimates range from \$2,500.00 to \$10,000.00.

Mr. Polsky shared the quote received for stump grinding. Only one bid was received. Trustee Grilo moved to approve the request for proposal for storm sewer evaluation with not to exceed \$1,000.00. Trustee Hill seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Curry, Robertson, Grilo, Hill, Rhodes – 5 NAYS: None – 0 The motion carried 5-0

Public Comment

Jim Richardson discussed the speed of the board meetings. He added that three minutes was not sufficient for public comments. Mayor Evans shared the original Public Comment Ordinance that is currently in place.

Rhonda Scott questioned the lack of Committee Reports on permits and roads.

Mel Grice suggested that when considering Ordinance 627, limiting the early Public Comment agenda item to only items being discussed, and then having the traditional Public Comment section at the end of the meeting, would allow for more focused public participation.

Treasurer's Report

There was no discussion regarding the submitted monthly Treasurer's report.

Closed Session

Motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(1), for the limited purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, performance, discipline and/or compensation of one or more employees of the Village.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Curry, Robertson, Grilo, Hill, Rhodes - 5

NAYS: None - 0 The motion carried 5-0

Adjournment

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

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:54pm.

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, transcribed from an audio recording, are a true and correct copy of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on October 4, 2021 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Tana Ward Village Clerk