

VILLAGE OF THOMASBORO BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025

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, June 2, 2025, President Jeffrey Robertson presiding. Mayor Robertson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Robertson led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Upon Roll Call, the following Board members were present:

Mayor Jeffery Robertson, Trustee Anthony Grilo, Trustee Mickey Wilson, Trustee Cale Coffin, and Trustee John Martin

The following Board member was not present:

Trustee John Godsell

The following representatives of Village departments were also present: Chad Polsky, Public Works Superintendent, Leon Albers, Village Treasurer, Deanna Zehr, Office Manager, Winter Dalton, Administrative Assistant, and Tana Ward, Village Clerk

Engineering Update

Seth Flach of Milano & Grunloh Engineers reported that the application was submitted to IL Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for funding prior to the March 31 deadline. Final approval is still pending from the IEPA. The principal forgiveness amount will be determined at the time of funding.

Mr. Flach reported that the Village had appropriated \$74,207.82 of IL Department of Transportation (IDOT) Village Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds during the May 2025 Board Meeting towards oil and chip for the south side of the Village, and along with Thomas Street. The Village received one bid from Evergreen Roadworks out of Urbana, IL. The bid opening occurred, and it was for a total of \$70,500.00 for the entire scope of the project. Trustee Grilo stated that the Village had placed asphalt on the south side of town and on Thomas Street, so it would be preferred to fill the cracks and seal coat it. Mr. Flach added that the quote would be different, and that he would bring back an IDOT MFT Amendment to the July Board Meeting.

Mr. Flach also reported that there is specialized funding released from the IL Department of Transportation for a variety of projects, which would include

the Commercial Drive Reconstruction. MG Engineers have added this project as a potential project for funding at a total of \$2 Million.

Waste Hauler Contract Discussion

Eric Shangraw of GFL Environmental Inc. reported that his company would like to obtain the contract as the Village single source provider. He stated that under the Freedom of Information Act he was able to receive a copy of the current Thomasboro contract with Republic Services, and that GFL would be able to come in under their proposed amounts. He also stated that they could continue to service the Village weekly, with Recycling pickups every other week. He added that a change would be with bulk pickups which would occur curbside once annually, and that glass would not be included with the recycling. Mayor Robertson stated that he was in favor of the curbside pickups, and this was preferred for residents.

Trustee Grilo stated that the issue with the prior contract proposal was the disposal of hazardous waste at the Clinton landfill, which could potentially infect the Mahomet Aquifer. (The Mahomet Aquifer is the primary source of water to the Village.) Mr. Shangraw stated that the company had been sold to a Canadian company with the same players, but with a larger reach. He added that a new transfer station was planned for the Village of Rantoul, and should be constructed shortly. With this addition, GFL should be able to tackle all service needs for their 86 current municipalities in IL plus the additional contracts coming on board. Trustee Coffin questioned if the billing would need to change from the current set-up with the new system. Mrs. Zehr stated that it would be the same as it is currently with the check just going to the new company.

Presentation / Approval of Bills

Following a review of the monthly bills, Trustee Coffin moved to authorize and approve the payment of the current bills as presented on the financial report along with those anticipated. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Grilo, Martin, Wilson

NAY: None

The motion carried 4-0

Discussion / Approval of Minutes

Trustee Coffin moved to approve the May 5, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes and the May 15, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

New Business

Mayor Robertson shared that since he is retired, he would like to be the primary individual to sign the Village checks.

Trustee Grilo moved to approve adding Mayor Robertson as the primary bank signatory for the Village accounts. Trustee Coffin seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Grilo, Martin, Wilson, Coffin

NAY: None

The motion carried 4-0

Mayor Robertson stated that he has retained a secondary Law Firm to tackle the ongoing Code violations, and that he had approached Justin Brunner of Thomas Mamer about sending out letters. To date, the firm has sent 25 letters out to the offenders, with 17 having complied.

Trustee Grilo moved to approve adding Justin Brunner of Thomas Mamer LLP as a secondary Law Firm to address Village Code Enforcement action items. Trustee Coffin seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Grilo, Martin, Wilson, Coffin

NAY: None

The motion carried 4-0

Unfinished Business

Trustee Grilo reported that the Village had implemented a new utility billing software (MuniLink) in 2024. With this implementation, a \$1,000.00 bonus was offered to staff if the system was in place prior to the increase from EJ Water Cooperative in August 2024. Staff was able to work with EJ Water Cooperative to freeze the increase during the implementation due to the unforeseen delays, and the system was in place by October 2024.

Trustee Grilo moved to authorize and approve the \$1,000.00 bonus to Leon Albers, Chad Polsky, and Deanna Zehr. Trustee Coffin seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Grilo, Martin, Wilson, Mayor Robertson

NAY: None

PRESENT: Coffin

The motion carried 4-0-1

Police Department

Chief Martinez responded to a local Domestic Violence call-for-service, and had transported the victim to the hospital for evaluation during the time of the Board Meeting. He had provided his monthly report in advance.

Trustee Coffin moved to authorize and approve a wage increase to \$26.00 per hour for Chief Martinez retroactive to May 5, 2025. Trustee Martin seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Grilo, Martin, Wilson

NAY: None

The motion carried 4-0

Public Works

Mr. Polsky provided the monthly Public Works report.

Mr. Polsky stated that running boards would be need to be equipped on the new Public Works vehicle.

Trustee Grilo moved to authorize and approve adding running boards to the new Village truck from Trucks Deluxe for the amount not-to-exceed \$525.00. Trustee Coffin seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Grilo, Martin, Wilson, Coffin

NAY: None

The motion carried 4-0

Mr. Polsky reported on the Tank Mixer for the Stand Pipe. He added that installing one would cost approximately \$35,000.00 to \$40,000.00 every ten to twelve years. He suggested that the Village defer the funding at this time, stating that by flushing out the hydrants more frequently and adding chlorinators, the Village should obtain the IL Environmental Protection Agency desired numbers.

Mr. Polsky shared that the cost of a Salt Shed Storage Building would run approximately \$63,500.00, which is substantially higher than expected. He suggested that the Village reinforce the bay where the salt is currently kept.

Mr. Polsky reported on the Bartell Street row of trees that had been previously discussed. The trees are located on the property line, and were quoted for \$5,500.00 to remove the trees with the stumps being grinded down. Trustee Martin requested assurance that they were located on the easement to assure that future ramifications would not be an issue. Mayor Robertson stated that the property owner had the property surveyed when she purchased it, and that the trees were on the Village easement.

Trustee Wilson made a motion to approve up to \$6,500.00 for the removal of the Village-owned row of trees on Bartell Street from Marty Downing Tree Service. Trustee Coffin seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Wilson, Coffin, Grilo, Martin

NAY: None

The motion carried 4-0

Mr. Polsky reported on the Church Street storm sewer flooding issues. A quote was received from Fred's Underground for \$6,820.00, and an additional quote was quoted at \$10,000.00.

Trustee Grilo made a motion to approve \$7,000.00 for Fred's Underground. Trustee Martin seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Grilo, Martin, Wilson, President Robertson

NAY: Coffin

The motion carried 4-0

Village Treasurer's Report

The monthly Treasurer's report was provided from Mr. Albers with no additional items of note.

Emergency Services Disaster Agency

The ESDA report was provided by Director Ward. She added that five ESDA pagers were put into service in October 2005, and had not been utilized since July 2013. They were currently being billed at approximately \$65.00 per month, equating to \$800.00 annually from American Messaging. She recommended discontinuing that service, and redirecting those funds towards a weather station for the residents to have real-time local conditions that would be built into the Village website. No formal vote occurred, and the consensus of the Board was to see what obligation the Village had with the service provider.

Announcements

Mayor Robertson shared that he and Trustee Coffin had installed the Veteran's Banners over the Memorial Day weekend. Trustee Coffin added that the Program was now available for residents who had family that were not residing within the Village. He encouraged those interested to visit the link on the website or Facebook for more details.

Mayor Robertson shared that the Champaign County Hazardous Waste Collection Event would be held on August 9 at the Assembly Hall southwest parking lot. Pre-registration is required at hhwevent.simplybook.me.

Public Comment

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

Bill Kurth questioned if the Marty Downing Tree Service was bonded and insured for the Bartell Tree Removal Project. Trustee Grilo confirmed that they were.

Pat Aguirre reported that the southwest corner of North Church and Pearle Street has a large pile of brush that is attracting critters. Mayor Robertson stated that he is working on the Village Ordinance violations, and that he would stop by to give them a warning to remove it.

Esley Carter stated that he had reached out to the Mayor via phone about his “years of fraudulent water bills.” He stated that he had been requesting documentation of the water meter reads, but he was hung up on and the Police were dispatched. He added that the most recent bill included “a fictitious meter reading that has not occurred yet.” He stated that Mrs. Zehr reported that Mr. Polsky had read the meter on May 7 with a reading of 4184. Mr. Carter took a photo of the meter on May 27 with a reading of 4177. He added that he would not pay his utility bill until all of his money had been returned.

Mayor Robertson reported that Mr. Polsky had reached out to Mr. Carter on several occasions to replace the current water meter with a new auto-reporting meter. He added that two notices had also been mailed out to schedule a time for the replacement.

Trustee Grilo stated that he was on the Waterworks / Sewer Committee, and he would like to talk with Mr. Carter one-on-one to get up to speed on the situation to find a resolution.

Linda Hoben stated that her new secondary water meter was calcified. Mrs. Zehr stated that she had received a used one, and that the Village would replace it.

Gerdie Richardson questioned if it was permitted to live in a camper within the Village. Mayor Robertson stated that at this time there is not an Ordinance to prevent that from happening.

Gerdie Richardson reported that Jim Richardson wanted more details regarding the proposed J-Turn Intersection. Trustee Grilo provided a recap of the project, adding that Clark Street would be closed if the IL Department of Transportation moves forward with the project.

Past-President Tyler Evans questioned the Village sidewalk reimbursement policy voted on a few years prior. He reported that the TIA (Thomasboro Improvement Association) had approved funding and installing a crosswalk over Central to St. Elizabeth for a Safe Routes to School Project.

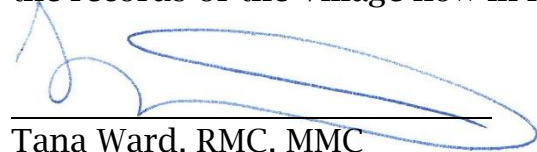
Adjournment

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

Mayor Robertson adjourned the meeting at 8:38pm.

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 2, 2025 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Tana Ward, RMC, MMC
Village Clerk