VILLAGE OF THOMASBORO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023

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, November 6, 2023, Trustee Anthony Grilo 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: Trustee Jeff Robertson, Trustee Anthony Grilo, Trustee Dustin Hill, Trustee Cale Coffin, and Trustee Mickey Wilson

The following member was absent: Mayor Tyler Evans

The following representatives of Village departments were also present: Chad Polsky, Public Works Superintendent, Mike Martinez, Chief of Police, Deanna Zehr, Office Manager, and Tana Ward, Village Clerk

Grant Update

Seth Flach of Milano & Grunloh Engineers presented an update on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application. He stated that Village had met the threshold for the required income surveys, and added that a Public Hearing would need to be held in January to finalize the application.

The Public Hearing will occur on January 8, 2024 at 6:45pm prior to the monthly Board Meeting at Village Hall.

Trustee Wilson made a motion to authorize Mr. Albers to approve \$1,200.00 for expediting the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) permit that would be needed for the CDBG application. Trustee Coffin seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Wilson, Coffin, Robertson, Grilo, Hill

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

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 Robertson seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Robertson, Grilo, Hill, Wilson

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

Discussion / Approval of Minutes

Trustee Coffin moved to approve the November 6, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

Police Department

Chief Martinez provided his monthly report.

Public Works

Mr. Polsky provided the monthly Public Works report.

New Business

Trustee Coffin made a motion to approve the 2024 Tax Levy with the changes suggested by Auditor Neal Kuester of Feller & Kuester CPA, LLC. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Robertson, Grilo, Hill, Wilson

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

Trustee Coffin made a motion to forgive the \$11,883.00 Trash Deficit suggested by Auditor Neal Kuester of Feller & Kuester CPA, LLC. Trustee Hill seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Coffin, Robertson, Grilo, Hill, Wilson

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

Trustee Coffin made a motion to approve the 2024 Board Meeting as presented by the Village Clerk. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

Trustee Robertson made a motion to authorize and approve a Village Staff Appreciation Holiday Dinner on December 22, 2023 at 7:00pm at Toro Loco in Urbana hosted by the Village Board.

In addition, Trustee Wilson made a motion to authorize and approve a \$100.00 bonus for full-time Village Staff, and a \$50.00 bonus for part-time Village Staff. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEA: Wilson, Coffin, Robertson, Grilo, Hill

NAY: None

The motion carried 5-0

Trustee Hill introduced Ryan Wild, who is the new Code Enforcement Officer for the Village.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Zehr provided the monthly Treasurer's report on behalf of Mr. Albers.

Committee Report

Trustee Coffin reported that the Veteran's Banners had been taken down on November 12, 2023 for the season. Trustee Hill added that Billy Hough had assisted with the project.

Public Comment

Trustee Grilo opened up the public comment portion of the meeting per the Open Meetings Act.

Dallas Johnson stated that the Social Media post made from Trustee Coffin was a bad reflection on the community and was a poor decision. She suggested that this should not have been made from the Village Facebook page.

Shelly White added that instead of money being used for individuals to collect surveys door-to-door this could have been used for something that would benefit the entire Village such as leaf pick-up like the Village of Rantoul.

Trustee Grilo added that due to the size of the Village it was difficult to dispose of leaf and brush. This is the reason that the Village continues to allow leaf burning twice weekly on Wednesday and Saturdays.

Jessica Morrey stated that the Social Media post was difficult for a lot of individuals in the Village based on their circumstances. She added that kindness and patience goes a long way. Many individuals were concerned

about providing their income and address on the surveys due to possible fraud.

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.

Trustee Grilo adjourned the meeting at 7:31pm.

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 December 4, 2023 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Tana Ward Village Clerk