

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 2, 2013**

A meeting of the Village of Tolono Board of Trustees (“Board”) was held on Tuesday, July 2, 2013. Trustees present: Mike Golish, Greg Kingston, Ryan Perry, and Tom Reese. Trustee Kent Plackett was absent. Others present were Larry Johnson of Foth, John McBride of ERH Enterprises, Attorney Marc Miller, Mayor Jeff Holt, and Clerk Dixie Phillips. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Holt and roll call taken.

Appointment of Trustee:

Beth Hewing, a nine-year resident of the Village of Tolono, was sworn in by Clerk Phillips to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Ted Myhre.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Kingston made a motion, seconded by Mr. Perry, to approve the regular June 18, 2013 minutes, as amended – Mr. Golish was not present at the meeting.

Reports:

Mike Woodworth advised the Board that the new mower had been delivered but because of the rain there’s been no mowing. He also said he checked the sled hill and is trying to fix the ruts. He also stated that the brush pile badly needed burning.

Mayor Holt advised the Board that neon-like green T-shirts were ordered for the maintenance crew and that he had given them permission to order chains saws and pumps as a result of the last rain. He also said that the crew is creating a list of parts and equipment needed to establish a well-equipped maintenance department for the Village.

Mr. Johnson advised the Board that an e-mail had been sent to BJ Thomey of Feutz Contractors, Inc. advising Mr. Thomey that the Board had approved the HMA paving on Benham & Calhoun Streets, as well as an extension to July 5, 2013. Mr. Thomey replied that due to heavy rains and wet roadway conditions, Feutz Contractors requested an extension to July 12, 2013. The extension was granted.

Denny Davis presented a proposed drawing of the downtown parking lot with ADA ramp requirements and the elevation of the parking lot. Mr. Johnson presented a drawing, including a Program Construction Cost Estimate for the Main Street and Parking Spaces for the lot at a cost of approximately \$30,000 with gravel lot and \$35,000 for oil and chip. Mr. Kingston said that he had a hard time doing anything with the parking lot because it’s more important that the Village needs new businesses in the downtown area. Further discussion and voting was tabled.

Adding an ADA parking space in front of the library was discussed, along with the striping that needs to be done in town. Mr. Reese will work with Russell Curry to determine where striping needed to be done and report back to the Board.

Regarding the drainage problem on South Third and Fourth Streets, Mr. Johnson advised the Board that a wale at Marshall and Benham Streets with an improved ditch would cost approximately \$20,000. Following discussion, Mr. Johnson said he would contact DJ Stewart to obtain a cost estimate on doing part of the work and to present the proposed estimate at the next meeting.

Mr. McBride advised the Board that even with the terrible rains, the Village was still in compliance at the sewer plant. He also reiterated that Elizabeth and Condit lift stations continue to get diapers and wipes flushed into them. The trustees discussed various ways to control it but came up with nothing because finding out who's doing it would probably be impossible.

Mr. McBride also said he would find out what they use at the sewer plant to control algae and let the Board know because that should control the moss at the sled hill area. Mr. Golish asked whether or not it would be feasible to get landscaping bids with drawings to landscape the area. No decision was made.

Old Business:

Because the homeowners have complete use and access to the alley at 208 N. Calhoun Street, the Board decided to take no action taken on the vacation of it. Mayor Holt will advise Jeremy and Rhonda Sharp and let them know if the tree is the problem the Village will have it removed.

On the issue of the Opt-Out Program for electricity, Trustees Perry, Reese and Kingston voted against it because people can do it themselves. Trustee Golish said that if the Village opted for the program, it would eliminate fly-by-night suppliers and since the residents voted for it, he feels the Village should take the program. It was decided that Attorney Miller would contact the representatives and try to schedule a special meeting or a continued meeting in August or September for them to come back and explain it to those who did not hear the last presentation. Mr. Miller will report back to the Board when it's arranged.

After reviewing the FS bills for gas, Trustee Perry asked if each vehicle had its own credit card to allow better tracking of who is purchasing gas for which vehicle and department. Trustee Perry will check into it and Trustee Reese said he believe they did but he would check with Russell.

Pay Bills:

Mr. Perry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Golish, to pay the non-TIF bills. A roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

Mike Golish – Yes
Ryan Perry – Yes

Beth Hewing – Yes
Kent Plackett – Absent

Greg Kingston - Yes
Tom Reese – Yes

Mr. Perry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kingston, to pay the TIF bills. A roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

Mike Golish – Yes
Ryan Perry – Yes

Beth Hewing – Abstain
Kent Plackett – Absent

Greg Kingston - Yes
Tom Reese – Yes

Executive Session:

At 8:45 p.m. Mr. Golish made a motion, seconded by Mr. Perry to enter into Executive Session for the limited purposes of considering compensation of one or more Village employees. A roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

Mike Golish – Yes
Ryan Perry – Yes

Beth Hewing – Yes
Kent Plackett – Absent

Greg Kingston - Yes
Tom Reese – Yes

At 9:10.m. Mr. Golish made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reese to leave Executive Session. A roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

Mike Golish – Yes
Ryan Perry – Yes

Beth Hewing – Yes
Kent Plackett – Absent

Greg Kingston - Yes
Tom Reese – Yes

New Business:

Mr. Golish made a motion, seconded by Mr. Perry, to give a 2.2% cost of living raise of for non-bargaining unit employees who were employed as of May 1, 2013 and make it retroactive to employees as of May 1, 2013. A roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

Mike Golish – Yes
Ryan Perry – Yes

Beth Hewing – Yes
Kent Plackett – Absent

Greg Kingston - Yes
Tom Reese – Yes

A Special Permit application was presented to the Board from Brian and Nicole Graham, owners of the Last Chance Saloon at 102 N. Long Street, to have a band on the beer garden patio on Friday, July 5, 2013, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Following discussion, Mr. Golish made a motion, seconded by Mr. Perry, to allow the special permit providing there would be no alcohol sold outside and that a fence would be erected to keep people in and alcohol inside the premises.

Curfew for children was also discussed but no action taken.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Reese made a motion, seconded by Mr. Golish, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dixie L. Phillips, Clerk