

**VILLAGE OF TOLONO
TOLONO, ILLINOIS
JANUARY 7, 2014 MINUTES**

The Board President called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Attorney Krchak called roll. Present were President Holt, Trustee Erwin, Trustee Kingston, Trustee Golish, Trustee Perry, Trustee Hewing. Absent was Trustee Plackett.

There were no comments from the public.

There was a report from Public Works by Mr. Woodworth. He suggested that the Board consider vacating certain streets after a two inch snowfall. Due to heavy snow over the weekend, the difficulties that the snowplow drivers have with cars parked on the streets was evident. Keeping access to residential mailboxes was particularly difficult. Mr. Woodworth also commented about the Village's policy toward leaf burning. He suggested the Board consider asking residents to bag leaves and allowing Public Works to pick up the leaves, brush and yard waste and conduct a controlled burn at a remote site.

Engineer Larry Johnson stated that with the severe weather, there were no complaints about flooding. The engineers are preparing plans to start work on Main and Washington Streets in the spring.

An annual report from Jacob Kline was received regarding the TIF. The report states that all requirements for the TIF have been met.

There was no report from the police.

There was a report from the Treasurer requesting that there be a transfer from Sales and Income Tax to Police in the sum of \$32,000.00, Streets and Alleys in the sum of \$35,500.00. Motion made by Trustee Golish and seconded by Trustee Erwin to make the transfers as requested. Upon a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of the meetings for December 3, 2013 and December 17, 2013 were approved by the Board with a minor correction on page two of the minutes from December 3. There was a typo in the last sentence on page two. "ath4e" should have read simply, "The."

There was discussion of using TIF funds to build a new fire station. The Fire District reported that there is an issue with per capita income in Tolono regarding whether the Village is entitled to a grant based on per capita income. There was a suggestion that if the entire Fire District were used as a measurement as opposed to the Village limits, the adjusted per capita income would allow for the grant. Further investigation is necessary.

There was a discussion of vacating a portion of Galloway Street. The suggestion was that the Village Attorney, Marc Miller, was to research the issue regarding whether a portion of this street had already been vacated. No action was taken.

There was a discussion about abandoning Village computers. The issue is whether the information on the hard drive can be purged without rendering the equipment worthless. The decision was that the computers would not be abandoned at this time.

Trustee Golish gave a report regarding the website. The initial phase of the website will be deployed in the very near future. This will provide basic information regarding Village government in Tolono. There was a discussion as to whether additional information such as announcements from civic and non-profit organizations could be included. There was also a discussion as to whether recordings of the Village Board meetings could be available on the website. Trustee Golish said those improvements will be considered for future development.

The Board discussed a major modification to the Zoning Ordinance. It was decided that a special meeting of the Board would be scheduled for March. This meeting would consider a major revision to the Zoning Ordinance.

The Board considered a proposal from Martin, Hood & Friese to perform the annual audit. A motion was made by Trustee Erwin and seconded by Trustee Perry to authorize the President to execute the agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion to authorize Ameren to continue to provide service to the Village in the form of Village Ordinance No. 2014-01. Motion was made by Trustee Golish and seconded by Trustee Erwin to pass the ordinance. This motion passed unanimously.

The Village's bills for the month of December, 2014 were discussed. There were some issues regarding the purchase of salt and the exchange of salt between the Township and the Village. President Holt will follow up with the salt provider to determine the validity of the charges to the Village and make adjustments as necessary. There was a motion to pay all the bills with the exception of the salt bills and to approve the President to complete the inquiry into the salt bills and make payment as he sees fit. Motion by Trustee Hewing and seconded by Trustee Kingston passed unanimously.

There was discussion of the Tolono Wastewater Maintenance Agreement extension. A spelling error in the title of the proposed agreement was noted. The Board had previously considered this agreement at the December 17, 2013 meeting and had authorized the Village Board President to execute said agreement. The typographical error will be corrected.

A motion was made by Trustee Erwin and seconded by Trustee Perry to enter into Executive Session for the limited purpose of discussing the performance of one or more Village employees. On roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:53 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:55 p.m. Motion by Trustee Golish to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Erwin. The motion carried. The Board adjourned at 9:10 p.m.