

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 1, 2014**

A meeting of the Village of Tolono Board of Trustees ("Board") was held on Tuesday, July 1, 2014. Trustees present: Beth Erwin, Mike Golish, Beth Hewing, Greg Kingston, and Ryan Perry; Trustee Kent Plackett was absent. Others present were Mayor Jeff Holt, Attorney Paul Cole, Clerk Dixie Phillips, Larry Johnson and Tim LaRocque from Foth, and Tony Battaglia, Village Building Inspector.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Holt and Clerk Phillips took roll call. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comments – Marlene Breen thanked the Village for drainage repair the Village has already finished. She also addressed the Board concerning the condition of the property at 710 E Benham. Mr. Cole will advise Marc Miller of the situation.

Teresa Pittinger explained her reasoning for the letter concerning the condition of the property at 311 N. Vorcey. Mayor Holt said he would have a letter sent to the homeowner and contact Ms. Pittinger with the results.

Matt Talbot asked the Board about the transfer of the liquor licenses to him and the adjacent property to the Dead Horse. Mr. Battaglia will check the ordinances for the possibility of joining the two properties and visit with Mr. Miller about the issue. Mr. Talbot will send Mr. Miller a copy of the drawing for the property.

Mr. Battaglia advised the Board that he had met with the Tolono Fire District representatives and presented his findings to the Board. He and Mr. Davis will get together to go over the marked-up preliminary plans and make sure due diligence is done. Mr. Davis advised the Board that he supports the findings of Mr. Battaglia.

Mr. Battaglia reported on his findings concerning the Nash signage on Route 45 and after reviewing IDOT's specifications he recommended the Board approve the application allowing the perpendicular signage. Trustee Golish made a motion, seconded by Trustee Erwin to approve the signage based on Mr. Battaglia's findings. Motion carried.

Public Works Department – None

Reports

Mr. LaRocque advised the Board of the reason for the revision made to the cost estimate from \$75,000 to \$85,000 and asked whether or not the Board wanted to reduce the program to keep it at \$75,000 or increase the appropriation amount. Trustee Perry suggested the Board increase

the appropriation to \$90,000 to cover any changes orders necessary to accept the recommendation of the engineers. Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Golish, to increase the amount to \$90,000 and to use TIF funds where appropriate. A roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

Beth Erwin – Yes
Greg Kingston – Yes

Mike Golish – Yes
Ryan Perry – Yes

Beth Hewing – Yes
Kent Plackett – Absent

Mr. LaRocque will have the documents ready for signature tomorrow.

Mr. Johnson explained the corrections and revisions made to the water map after visiting with D.J. Stewart. He also stated that the architect for the new fire station hired an engineering firm out of Decatur who will address specific issues, i.e. parking spaces, etc. Mr. Johnson also handed out a TIF analysis keeping the TIF revenue figures constant and advised the Board that the Village could afford the sewer plans. He will send his analysis to Gwen Crawford at Jacob Klein's office and ask her to come to the next Board meeting. Trustee Golish made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hewing to authorize the engineers to draw up the sewer design and to bring the engineers agreement and bidding documents for North Calhoun and bring them to the next meeting. Motion carried.

Clerk Phillips will check with Chief Rainey on the April 2014 Police Report.

Minutes:

Trustee Erwin wanted it noted that the minutes said: "Clerk Phillips advised the Board that the office staff notified her that letters to property owners who violated ordinances concerning condition of property and/or junk around were mailed." But, that, in fact, not all property owners had received a letter. Trustee Hewing made a motion, seconded by Trustee Erwin to approve the June 17, 2014 minutes with a statement made to the effect that all letters were not mailed. Motion carried. Trustee Erwin made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hewing to approve the June 19, 2014 minutes as presented.

Old Business:

The following items were continued to the next meeting:

- A. Review and/or approve construction of door between Village office and conference room
- B. Status of current and previous complaints for ordinance violations by property owners
- C. Review and/or approve purchase of camera w/out audio for office
- D. Report on hydrant rental
- E. Review and/or approve Employee – Ordinance Adopting Village Employee Policy Manual – Ordinance No. 2014-11
- F. Water issue by an electrical box

Trustee Golish made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hewing to adjust the pay scale of non-bargaining employees to 2.53% for the current fiscal year. A roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

Beth Erwin – Yes	Mike Golish – Yes	Beth Hewing – Yes
Greg Kingston – Yes	Ryan Perry – Yes	Kent Plackett – Absent

New Business:

There were no sewer credits.

The 2014-2015 appropriation ordinance will be reviewed and discussed as the next meeting.

Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Golish to approve the Special Permit for Adam Munds for the 2014 RC Fest on July 26, 2014, including waiving the \$50 permit fee. Motion carried.

Pay Bills:

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

Beth Erwin – Yes	Mike Golish – Yes	Beth Hewing – Yes
Greg Kingston – Yes	Ryan Perry – Yes	Kent Plackett – Absent

Trustee Perry told the Board that Bodine Electric was working on power to the fountains and should have them working within the month.

Mayor Holt brought to the attention of the Board members that the ponds needed protection around them for the safety of the children. A camera was suggested for the ponds but Trustee Perry advised the Board that Deer Path Subdivision was only allowed to put up signage. The matter will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Mayor Holt also advised the Board that he had heard complaints about there being no bleachers for people to sit on during the fireworks and that Damion Donberger had told him that there are regulations required for fireworks. He also applauded the members of the Fun Day Committee saying there were only seven people who pulled the event off.

Executive Session: Trustee Hewing made a motion, seconded by Trustee Golish to enter into Executive Session at 9:13 p.m. A roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

Beth Erwin – Yes	Mike Golish – Yes	Beth Hewing – Yes
Greg Kingston – Yes	Ryan Perry – Yes	Kent Plackett – Absent

Trustee Golish made a motion, seconded by Trustee Erwin to return to open Session at 9:54 p.m. A roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

Beth Erwin – Yes

Mike Golish – Yes

Beth Hewing – Yes

Greg Kingston – Yes

Ryan Perry – Yes

Kent Plackett – Absent

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Hewing made a motion, seconded by Trustee Erwin to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dixie L. Phillips, Clerk