

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 2, 2014**

A meeting of the Village of Tolono Board of Trustees (“Board”) was held on Tuesday, September 2, 2014. Trustees present: Beth Erwin, Mike Golish, Greg Kingston, and Ryan Perry; Trustees Beth Hewing and Kent Plackett were absent. Others present were Mayor Jeff Holt, Attorney Marc Miller, Clerk Dixie Phillips, Tim LaRocque from Farnsworth, Tony Battaglia, Village Building Inspector, and Denny Davis and Roger Hayden, representing the Tolono Fire District (“TFD”).

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 – Dave Galbreath advised the Board that Ameren had replaced the bulb on his street and the high voltage light on top of the light pole allowing him to produce the annual Christmas light show on Washington Street was gone. He also said he would be unable to do the show this year. Mayor Holt said he would have Russell Curry call Ameren to see what happened, to see if it can be replaced, and get back to him.

A representative from C-U Under Construction for Janice Taylor advised the Board that construction of a 23’ x 12’ shed had begun on her property and it had been stopped. He presented a drawing of the property and shed where Ms. Taylor wanted the shed built. Mr. Battaglia advised the Board that the setback requirements had not been followed and there had been no building permit prior to construction. He also said that a public hearing needed to be held for a variance on the zoning ordinance. Mr. Miller said he would get the ad published for a hearing on October 7, 2014.

Public Works Department – None

Reports

Mr. LaRocque advised the Board there was one bid received from Micro Servicing for \$111,670.90, approximately \$30,000 over the estimate of the engineers for the 2014 MFT project. Trustee Golish made a motion, seconded by Trustee Erwin, to reject all bids for the 2014 Tolono MFT project street per the 09/02/2014 bid request, effective at the end of the bid project period. A roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

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

Mr. LaRocque will have Greg Cook get in touch with Trustee Perry to discuss and review using TIF or general fund monies and perhaps not involving the State.

Mr. LaRocque also reported that Larry Johnson said he had no word on the soil borings.

Mr. Davis reported that the footings are formed for the new fire station and that the detention pond had been scraped out. Mayor Holt said that he had spoken to Gwen Crawford about the TIF application from the TFD and that she will be sending options possibly for the next Board meeting. The new fire station building is projected to be started October 15, 2014 with completion near the end of December 2014.

Minutes:

Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Erwin to approve the August 19, 2014 with minor corrections: page 1, last paragraph add a period after Mr.; page 2, paragraph 1 change retention to detention and bond to pond. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The Village of Tolono, IL Employee Manual was discussed and suggestions made. Trustee Golish made a motion, seconded by Trustee Erwin to accept the Employee Manual with corrections. Motion passed.

Building Inspector Battaglia reported that he had reviewed all the details concerning the new building permit submitted Rob Murphy and issued a building permit.

Trustee Golish made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kingston, to approve the preliminary audit report from Martin, Hood, Friese & Associates. Motion passed.

On the topic of the status of letters to homeowners: Mayor Holt said that Larry Kearns voiced his concerns about property on Washington Street. A discussion followed and Mayor Holt will e-mail Mr. Miller the name of the owner of property and authorize him to expedite the matter. Mayor Holt also advised the Board that he had talked to the TFD about the bus on city property and was told that it would be moved within 30 days. Mayor Holt also said that he had spoken to the owner of the property on Great Western Avenue and that the vehicles would be moved in 30 days.

On the issue of the camera for the office: Mayor Holt will discuss it with Officer Murphy who is attempting to procure them for the Village.

New Business:

Trustee Perry said that he felt it was time for the Village to take action about the leaf burning problem suggesting burning could be done on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays and Wednesdays at particular times. Mayor Holt said he wanted to talk to the schools about the burning at the city dump because it's been reported the smoke goes directly into their buildings. The topic will be put on the agenda for discussion.

Because of a conflict with Mr. Miller's office, the topic of retaining outside counsel to assist the building inspector in matters beyond his scope concerning the state's specific codes was discussed. Mr. Miller can still assist where a conflict would not exist. The matter will be put on the agenda for the next meeting. It's important that Mr. Battaglia has legal authority to do his job and that it not be strictly for the zoning ordinances. Mr. Battaglia will check with the proper authorities and get back to the Board.

Pay Bills:

Trustee Golish made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry to pay the bills, with clarification on the Illini FS, the ERH, and the Ameren bills. A roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

Beth Erwin – Yes

Mike Golish – Yes

Beth Hewing – Absent

Greg Kingston – Yes

Ryan Perry – Yes

Kent Plackett – Absent

Executive Session: None

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Golish made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dixie L. Phillips, Clerk