

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 16, 2014**

A meeting of the Village of Tolono Board of Trustees ("Board") was held on Tuesday, September 16, 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, Engineer Larry Johnson, Denny Davis and Roger Hayden from the Tolono Fire District ("TFD"), 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 – Joshua Blackburn, 517 W Bourne St, applied for a building permit to put up a chain link fence. Mr. Battaglia said that Mr. Blackburn needs a variance because of the building materials. Following a discussion on the issues, the Trustees took a star poll and as a group decided they would waive the variance.

Public Works Department – None

Reports

Mr. Johnson reported on the status of the new TIF and water main mappings and said that the new detention basin and the water treatment plant are not in the Village. Mr. Johnson will contact Attorney Miller to begin the paperwork to annex those two parcels.

Trustee Perry reported that he met with Greg Cook and was told that the Village needed to come up with a dollar amount, pick areas wanting crack sealant, and let them start filling. The minimum about to start is \$5,000. It was said that the curve at DeerPath and Walnut is the most critical area at this time and that perhaps the Village could do a section each year. It was also mentioned that the Village maintenance employees could fill and chip the smaller cracks. Mr. Davis said he believed Savoy had a machine to do that so Trustee Perry will contact Savoy.

Mayor Holt reported that Gwen Crawford working on options for the TFD regarding TIF monies. Mr. Hayden provided a TIF Application Cost Projection from the final bid for estimates. The Board will support the sidewalk portion and discuss the other times at a later time.

Minutes:

Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Erwin to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion passed.

Old Business:

A letter was sent to the property owners at Washington/Bourn Streets for ordinance violation.

Nothing was reported on the issue of a camera for the office.

Trustee Golish reported that he had checked a few towns for leaf-burning ordinances and that a lot of small villages have restricted burning. He also reported that equipment for handling leaves runs between \$35,000 and \$130,000. Trustees Golish and Perry do not feel a ban is necessary but does favor restricted hours; Trustee Erwin is not in favor or restricted hours but does feel other alternatives are needed. Mr. Johnson advised the Board that Champaign has their residents put the leaves in bags and then the City picks them up but the Village's problem is there is nowhere to take them after the bagged leaves are picked up.

Trustee Kingston said that he had seen the property at 412 N Calhoun St and that he felt there was plenty of room to put the shed in the back yard and have access to the shed, as did the remaining Trustees. Mayor Holt will have Mr. Battaglia and Mr. Miller get together and send a letter to the property owner. It was also discussed that the Village needs to get some restrictions in place in the zoning ordinance because sheds and other outside buildings are being placed on skids that should not be. Mr. Battaglia will check into the zoning regulations and get back to the Board.

New Business:

Trustee Golish made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry to hire Ansel Glink as Special Counsel to assist the Village in matters of zonings. A roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

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| Beth Erwin – Yes | Mike Golish – Yes | Beth Hewing – Absent |
| Greg Kingston – No | Ryan Perry – Yes | Kent Plackett – Absent |

It was decided that a standing opportunity for address zoning use and regulations and/or ordinance in absence of a Board of Appeals be placed on the next agenda. Mr. Miller will get the correct language to the Clerk.

Trustee Golish will check on getting devices put on water software for adding information to the water bills either in color or bold print and report back to the Board

Executive Session:

Trustee Golish made a motion, seconded by Trustee Erwin to enter into Executive Session at 8:24 p.m. A roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

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

Trustee Golish made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry to return to open Session at 8:49 p.m. A roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

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

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Erwin to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dixie L. Phillips, Clerk