

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
VILLAGE OF TOLONO BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
April 21, 2015**

A meeting of the Village of Tolono Board of Trustees (“Board”) was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015. Trustees present: Beth Erwin, Beth Hewing, Greg Kingston, and Ryan Perry; Trustees absent: Mike Golish and Kent Plackett were absent. Others present were Building Official Tony Battaglia, Mayor Jeff Holt, Engineers Larry Johnson and Tim LaRocque, Attorney Marc Miller, Randy Bachert, Dave Bass, Mark Miller and Clerk Dixie Phillips.

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

**Public Comments:**

Randy Bachert, Administrator of the Zoning Board of Appeals (“ZBA”) introduced Dave Bass for approval of appointment to the ZBA by Mayor Holt. Trustee Erwin made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hewing to approve the appointment of Mr. Bass to the ZBA; motion carried.

**Public Works Department**

Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Erwin to purchase approve an agreement with Sprint for a GPS system for the village vehicles for \$310/month with a start-up fee of \$100. A roll call vote was taken (Attorney Miller said that Mayor Holt should also vote) and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

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

Trustee Perry also reported that with the GPS system a maintenance report would be received for each vehicle.

Trustee Ryan reported there was nothing new on the purchase of a new truck and that the training for the total patch machine would be held on April 22, 2015 here at the Village unless inclement weather delayed the training.

**Reports:**

Following comments concerning standing water by the townhouses, Mr. Johnson reported that from his research, it appears that each owner was responsible for their own backyards that re-grading could be done because the trees that were planted are blocking the way to the inlet, and also a new inlet could be installed on the other side of the trees to allow the water to drain at a cost of approximately \$1,000 to \$2,000. Angela Anderson and Kathy Reeves said that the problem has been going on for eight years even before the trees were planted. A straw vote was taken to see if the Board wanted Mr. Johnson to pursue resolution of this matter and all Trustees voted yes. Trustee Hewing will oversee the project since she lives in those townhouses.

Mr. Johnson also reported that notice will be given to the residents to keep them apprised of the work, which started today, on the North Calhoun Sewer Extension Project. He also said that a Public Hearing will be held Thursday, April 23, 2015, at 7:15 p.m. at the Village Town Hall. The Board allowed Mr. Johnson some latitude in taking care of some of the conflicts that could arise, such as “potholing” repairs in order to save time.

Mr. Johnson also reported on the Pesotum Slough Drainage District’s (“PSDD”) request that the Board allow them to connect into the Village’s drainage lines at their expense. Mr. Johnson said that the request has more to do with IDOT than the Village. Mayor Holt said he agreed to allow them to connect to the Village’s drainage system if the Board agreed. The PSDD will be asked if they would share in the expenses of any repairs to the 27” drain pipe in the event something would happen. No decision was made.

Mr. Johnson reported that IDOT and the Two-mile Slough Draining District needs to sign off on the preliminary plans for the replacing the culver on 800 North proposed culvert replacement within the next two weeks in order for bidding to be let and to proceed with work beginning and completed by late summer or early fall.

Concerning Deer Path retention pond, Randy Miller of the ZBA will present the costs to the Board.

Concerning the drainage problem at the Presbyterian Church, Mr. Johnson also reported he had spoken with Jeff Fisher and Jim Wilson and that a back-flow needs to be put in on the church’s draining because the 8” line is not enough to fix the drainage problem. He also reported that manholes should be installed at each intersection. No decision was made.

Following discussion on the MFT project and questions answered by Mr. LaRocque, Trustee Kingston made a motion, seconded by Trustee Erwin to approve **BLR 05520 Maintenance Engineering; BLR 14230 Resolution for Maintenance of Streets; BLR 14231 Municipal Estimate of Maintenance Costs, and BLR 14232 Municipal Maintenance Operations.** A roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

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

Mr. LaRocque will investigate the cost to repair Walnut Street and report back to the Board.

Mr. Bachert reported that DJ Stewart wanted to put a billboard across from the Dollar General and said that it would require a major variance issue because of the traffic flow at that intersection. The recommendation of the ZBA is not to allow the billboard and the Board agreed with their decision. Mr. Bachert also reported that there was land in the north end of town that has a buyer but it also needed a variance. That issue will be discussed among the ZBA.

The March 2015 Police Report showed a total of 142 calls for service with 28 written and oral warnings issued.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hewing to approve the April 7, 2015 minutes as presented; motion carried.

## **Old Business:**

Mayor Holt advised the Board that he is working on hiring a Treasurer with the help of a banker and Trustee Hewing.

Nothing to report on the camera for the Village dump.

Clerk Phillips will check with the office staff as to whether or not a letter has been sent to the property owners at 304 and 306 Linden Street.

Mayor Holt reported that Denny Davis told him the bus was removed from the Village property and Trustee Kingston reported that Assistant Chief, Chris Humer had gotten the bus removed. Concerning the old firetruck on Village property along Route 45, Mr. Miller will send Mr. Davis a letter.

Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Erwin to approve a \$6,000 donation to the Tolono Fund Day Committee. A roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

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

## **New Business:**

Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Erwin to approve and accept the increase by the Champaign County Animal Control Department for service fees. A roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

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

Mayor Holt suggested that Clean-up Day, July 13, 2015, be put on the water bills so the residents will be aware of it. Trustee Perry also suggested signs be made and put up at various locations in town. Electronic items to be recycled will also be looked into for the same day.

There were no sewer credits.

There was no special permit.

Trustee Kingston made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hewing to approve the payment of \$285 for rock at the new first station. A roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

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

Mr. Johnson reported that the drainage problem on the Village parking lot is started.

**Executive Session:**

At 8:20 p.m. Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hewing to enter into Executive Session for the limited purposes of discussing the performance, compensation and/or employment of one or more Village employees and/or review minutes from Executive Sessions. A roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

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

At 8:26 p.m. Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hewing to leave Executive Session and return to Regular Session. A roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

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

Compensation for the employees will be discussed at the next meeting of the Board.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Erwin made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dixie L. Phillips, Clerk