

VILLAGE OF TOLONO
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2016

The Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Tolono was held on February 2, 2016 and was called to order at 6:30 pm. Present were Board President Jeff Holt, Trustee Rena Anderson, Trustee Rob Murphy, Trustee Ryan Perry, Trustee Mike Golish, Trustee Jacquie Miller and Trustee Terrence Stuber. Clerk Dixie Phillips was absent.

The President led the Board and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board heard comments from the public. Brian Booher appeared and gave a presentation concerning Tolono Fun Day. President Holt explained that \$6,000.00 had been appropriated for the Fun Day. The Board polled itself and indicated support for funding \$8,000.00 for the 2016 Fun Day. The item will be on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Bill Dawkins gave an update on Public Works. The Village is being offered an opportunity to purchase a rebuilt "hot box" from the Township for use in patching Village roadways. The cost would be \$15,000.00. The Board polled itself and indicated support for the purchase. The Board would like to consider it as an agenda item for the next meeting.

REPORTS

Engineer Anthony Jansen gave the engineering report. He provided an update on the 800 N. Culvert project. There is an original estimate of \$20,000.00 from the engineers. The only bid so far is for about \$26,000 +/- . The engineer is securing another bid from a contractor in Shumway plus at least one other contractor and will have more information for the next meeting.

He handed out an updated drainage map based on the original 1995 map. It shows the existing problem areas as they relate to the remaining areas to complete since the creation of the plan. He will provide the Village a larger version in a frame to hang on the Village wall.

There is an IEPA 5 year permit that needs to be applied for. There was a motion by Trustee Golish to approve hiring Farnsworth group for \$4,300.00 to prepare and file a permit application for the General 5-year Pesticide Permit Renewal Application on behalf of the Village and for the Village President to sign the contract as presented. There was a second by Trustee Stuber.

Roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast approving the motion:

Rena Anderson - Yes
Rob Murphy - Yes

Mike Golish – Yes
Ryan Perry – Yes

Jacque Miller - Yes
Terrence Stuber - Yes

The discussion then turned to the demolition of the old firehouse at 205 E. Main. The President handed out copies of a letter addressed to the Village Board dated January 1, 2016 from William Kirby indicating the belief that the old firehouse is historical. Building official Tony Battaglia explained that he is preparing a summary of what the State and Federal government require to place properties on the historical registry. He estimates that after submission of all of the materials needed for the application, the estimated decision time frame is 6 to 12 months. It appears that the original structure is gone.

Trustee Anderson explained that in her research she believes that the location of the existing structure is not the location of the original fire house. Larry Kearns volunteered with the Fire Department for 30 years and served as Chief for 15. He gave a summary of the history and explained that he believes that the historical events referenced by Mr. Kirby have more to do with the land than with the structure. He is supportive of the removal of the building and its proposed use as a Police Department. The President explained his preference that the Board digest the information and with further discussion at another time.

Zoning Administrator Randy Bachert gave a report and explained that he has a list of properties that have been sent letters concerning permit concerns. He intends to meet with the Village Attorney who will send follow-up letters. After those letters, he will update the Board on the status of the properties and secure further direction on how to proceed.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was discussion about finding a truck route in the Village. There are concerns about roadway safety particularly for children. There was support for a reduced speed limit of 20 miles per hour for the entire Village except for Route 45 with an education campaign by the Police Department. The issue will be on the agenda for next meeting.

There was a motion by Trustee Perry to approve the Custodial job description as presented. Second by Trustee Anderson. The motion carried.

The Board then reviewed the proposed job description for the position "Administrative Clerk." Trustee Anderson has been working on the description and will continue to do so. It was confirmed that the search for a permanent Treasurer continues.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was discussion about the need for sales tax reporting from the Illinois Department of Revenue to the Village. There was a motion by Trustee Golish to approve A Resolution Authorizing a Request for Information from the Illinois Department of Revenue as presented being 2016-R-1. There was a second by Trustee Perry. The motion carried.

Trustee Stuber brought up concerns that citizens contacted him about involving what the Village will do with the leaves collected by the new leaf vacuum. Trustee Golish explained that the Village of Mahomet has had the same equipment for about 5 years. The thought is that Tolono staff will talk to Mahomet staff to see how they are dealing with it. The President indicated a willingness to contact Mahomet and to contact farmers who might accept it.

There were no sewer credits.

Motion by Trustee Perry to approve paying the bills and warrants as presented. Second by Trustee Murphy. Roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

Rena Anderson - Yes
Rob Murphy - Yes

Mike Golish – Yes
Ryan Perry – Yes

Jacquie Miller - Yes
Terrence Stuber - Yes

Motion by Trustee Perry to adjourn. Second by Trustee Stuber. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.