

VILLAGE OF TOLONO
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 16, 2016

(1) The meeting was convened at 6:30 p.m. in the Tolono Village Hall by Mayor Jeff Holt.

(2) Roll Call was taken and present were Mayor Holt, Trustee Anderson, Trustee Golish, Trustee Stuber, Trustee Miller, Trustee Perry and Trustee Murphy. Guests were Village Attorney Paul Hendren in the absence of Village Attorney Marc R. Miller. Greg Douglas of the CPA firm Martin Hood & Associates, Police Chief Raney, Officer Livingston, Special Counsel Glenn Stanko, Building Official Tony Battaglia, Andrew Larson, Unit 7 Superintendent, guests from Farnsworth Group, Inc., Anthony Jansen, Village Engineer, and various other guests.

(3) The Pledge of Allegiance with conducted by Mayor Holt.

(4) Public Comments

1. Carl Hayden of Farnsworth reviewed the status of a west side drainage and the status of the water quality and flushing at 603 Holden and draining investigation at Illinois Foundation Seeds, Inc. ("IFSI") which problem had been resolved with the assistance of Tolono Township workers, for which the Village was most appreciative. He also reviewed the status of the demolition of the old fire station.

2. Andrew Larson, Superintendent of Unit 7 Schools reviewed the status of the new cell tower proposal from TERRA-Parallel and distributed some photographs and diagrams of the proposed cell tower. Several Trustees expressed their support for the cell tower. No Trustee spoke in opposition.

3. Guest: Vernon Kirby of Mike's Ice Cream, whose office is in Bloomington, Illinois, explained that he was a driver of an ice cream truck and requested operation in Tolono. His company has ice cream trucks operating in Champaign, Urbana, Savoy, and several other area municipalities. He wanted a license or permission to operate in Tolono. This issue was not on the Agenda so no decision could be made. On 8/20/2016 he was advised to complete an application and, in the meantime, the Village would investigate its ordinances and requirements for food trucks, including this ice cream truck.

4. Tucker Short asked again whether or not his proposed off road vehicle, similar to a "gator" could be licensed and used in Tolono. Trustee Golish said that the term utility terrain vehicle appeared not to be defined in our ordinance or the state statute. Trustee Golish will review this matter with Village Attorney Marc Miller and will report back.

5. Eddie Gregg, the owner of Lou and Denny's a Restaurant/Bar, in Tolono complained that Trustee Stuber had been posting negative comments on his email and soliciting citizens to furnish comments or replies about Mr. Gregg and his business. Trustee Stuber explained that he did not

intend to criticize Mr. Gregg but to simply ask for any comments regarding his business and loud band music. Mr. Gregg thought Trustee Stuber's actions were inappropriate, Trustee Stuber disagreed.

6. Mayor Holt reported that the leaf vacuum machine should be here next week.

Mayor Holt called a ten-minute recess from 7:20 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

VI. Reports

A. Engineers Scott Burge and Anthony Jansen of Farnsworth, explained the status of the police station project, responded to questions from Trustees, and asked the Trustees what interior floor they preferred: wood, painted concrete or epoxy. They chose with epoxy. The Engineers also reported on matter listed on the agenda

B. There was no zoning report or building report.

C. Police chief Raney gave a brief report for July 2016 and answered question from Trustees.

VII. Approval of August 2, 2016 minutes. Trustee Perry moved that the August 2, 2016 minutes be approved and Trustee Miller seconded. All Trustees voted Aye and the minutes were approved.

VIII. Old Business

A. Mayor Holt had explained that Suzanne Stadel had accepted the Village Hall cleaning position at the rate of \$25.00 per hour for approximately 4 hours per week.

B. Illinois Foundation Seeds request for reimbursement for Park District taxes on ISFI's property be refunded/abated.

C. The Trustees understood Village Attorney Marc Miller's earlier opinion that the refund from the Tolono Park District to Illinois Foundation Seeds was an issue between the Tolono Park District and Illinois Foundation Seeds, and the Village of Tolono had no obligation or authority to make such payments under the 2004 Annexation Agreement between Illinois Foundation Seeds and the Village of Tolono. Mayor Holt will contact Marc Miller and report back to the Trustees. This request was tabled.

IX. New Business

A. CPA Greg Douglas, of Martin Hood and Associates, the Village accountants explained that Leslie Lindy, who had recently been hired to review financial statements had worked for Mr.

Douglas and Mr. Douglas was familiar with her qualifications and excellent work performance for various public employers.

B. Trustee Ryan Perry presented a multi-page list of residents whose water bills were delinquent. The Trustees discussed the problem and agreed that the steps should be taken to collect these unpaid balances after the Village verified that appropriate notices had been sent and that the account was right for appropriate collection action. The list was reviewed by the Trustees, but no names of apparent delinquent customers were revealed.

C. Trustee Ryan Perry moved that the Trustees approve the form letter entitled "A Water and Sewer Department Extension of Payment Agreement" for customers who are delinquent. Trustee Perry requested that said notice/form be approved. Trustee Murphy seconded the motion. All Trustees voted Aye on a roll call vote and said motion was approved.

D. Ryan Perry presented a proposal for the installation of security system for informational purposes. The Trustees reviewed and discussed this proposal but took no action.

X. Payment of Bills was approved.

XI. Tickler Files/Nuisance property List was discussed.

Chief Raney summarized the Tickler files and nuisance property list presented to the Trustees. Trustees discussed list and agreed that the list would be reviewed and what the next step would be. That Chief Raney would make a priority list of the properties that are the worst.

XII. Miscellaneous

A. Trustee Stuber read a Notice of Public Hearing for the Village of Tolono Tax Increment Taxing District annual public hearing for 6pm on September 20, 2016, at the Tolono Village Hall.

B. Trustee Rena Anderson explained that she may be ineligible to serve as a Trustee because she was moving out of the Village. Village Attorney Hendren asked her some questions, including where she actually lived. She said she still lived in Tolono but was in the process of moving. Attorney Hendren told her that if she still lived in Tolono she could continue service as a Tolono Trustee. She stated that she would continue her service as such Trustee until she moved out of Tolono.

C. Mayor Holt declared a 10-minute recess at 8:30 p.m. and the meeting was reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

D. Trustee Golish made a motion that the Board go into executive session to discuss the hiring performance, compensation and/or employment of one or more specific Village employees.

E. Trustee Golish made such a motion, Trustee Perry seconded the Motion, a roll call vote was taken and each of the six Trustees voted Aye. The Board asked that Village Attorney Hendren, Special Legal Counsel Stanko, Chief Raney, Police Officer Livingston and CPA Greg Douglas all be present during said executive session. Board adjourned into closed session at 8:45 pm.

[SEE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES]

Trustee Murphy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Trustee Stuber seconded the motion. All votes Aye.

Motion carried and Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Dated: August 16, 2016

Paul C. Hendren
Acting Village Clerk