

**Village of Tolono Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
August 18, 2020**

The Village of Tolono Board of Trustees ("Board") met on August 18, 2020. President Robert Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:34pm. Roll call found the following trustees present: Vicki Buffo(video), Ryan Perry, Jared Ping, Jared Robbins and Terrence Stuber. Also present was Clerk Brandy Dalton, Public Works Superintendent Matt Graven and Police Chief Justin Levingston.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Stuber gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dee Cooley was present to ask about the roads that have been redone and if they will continue to be uneven. She was told that they still need to come back and sweep the roads to get the excess gravel off of the roads. She also asked about the stop sign at Leda and Clifford Streets because nobody stops, and they all drive too fast. She is concerned that a child is going to get hit.

Dan Grady discussed his opposition to lowering the speed limit through the Village as a whole. He believes that the key is to change behavior not the speed limit. People will run stop signs and will speed no matter what the limit is unless you change that behavior.

Marsha Gates discussed the problem with people running the stop signs at the intersection of Main and Elizabeth Streets and speeding on Main Street.

REPORTS

Public Works:

Motion by Ping, second by Perry to approve up to \$6,200 for tree removal. Roll call: Buffo, yes; Perry, yes; Ping, yes; Robbins, yes; Stuber, yes. Motion passed.

-Digging started today for the East Street lift Station. East Street from Washington Street to Walnut Street will be closed for around 3 weeks.

-The air burner should arrive late this week or early next week. They are going to offload it at Martin Equipment.

-The ditch on the 600-700 block of Austin Street was jetted this afternoon. After Public Works moved the rocks in the ditch, they found a concrete culvert under the driveway.

-Graven explained the IEPA violation form for total trihalomethanes that everyone received in the mail. Dalton explained the need for information such as birthdate and driver's license number on the customer update form. Dalton also explained that the reason the date on the letter was a week before anyone received it is because the office staff had to print all 1300 copies, print all of the envelopes, hand fold and stuff the letters into the envelopes, and seal and stamp all of the 1300 envelopes before they could go in the mail.

Police Department:

-Chief Levingston said that some of the tasers and taser cameras have gone bad and can't be repaired. The department is down to 2 working tasers, one of which is 8 years old and the other is just a little newer. He received a quote from Axon for 4 new tasers at \$2,880 per year for 5 years. Motion by Robbins, second by Stuber to approve up to 5 tasers at \$18,300 pending the ability to get a service contract to go past the warranty. Roll call: Buffo, yes; Perry, yes; Ping, yes; Robbins, yes; Stuber, yes. Motion passed.

-Trustee Robbins commended Levingston for working weekends and nights. He also said that people need to police your neighbors.

-Levingston had a meeting with Metcad to switch over to the Tyler System. We don't have the GPS systems in the squad cars that the system requires. Metcad is buying the antennas, but the Village has to pay to have them installed, which will be around \$100 per car.

-Levingston said he has been stopping golf carts and educating the drivers.

Motion by Stuber, second by Buffo to enter into executive session at 7:42pm for the limited purpose of discussing the hiring, performance, compensation and/or employment of one or more Village employees 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Roll call: Buffo, yes; Perry, yes; Ping, yes; Robbins, yes; Stuber, yes. Motion passed.

The Board returned to open session at 8:00pm.

Motion by Ping, second by Stuber to hire John Brown as Deputy Chief starting out as part-time at the part-time hourly rate until September 1 when he becomes full-time at an annual salary of \$58,000. Roll call: Buffo, yes; Perry, yes; Ping, yes; Robbins, yes; Stuber, yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Ping, second by Robbins to hire Michael Bohlen as a part-time officer beginning September 15 at the part-time hourly rate until the start date of PTI when he will become full-time at the rate stated in the Teamsters Local Union 26 collective bargaining unit. Roll call: Buffo, yes; Perry, yes; Ping, yes; Robbins, yes; Stuber, yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Ping, second by Perry to hire Chrissy Garcia as a part-time officer effective immediately. Roll call: Buffo, yes; Perry, yes; Ping, yes; Robbins, yes; Stuber, yes. Motion passed.

Treasurer:

Motion by Perry, second by Ping to approve the bills as presented. Roll call: Buffo, yes; Perry, yes; Ping, yes; Robbins, yes; Stuber, yes. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Motion by Perry, second by Robbins to approve the minutes of the regular session meetings, held August 4 and 6, 2020. Motion passed.

Motion by Perry, second by Stuber to approve the minutes of the executive session meetings, held July 21 and August 4, 2020. Roll call: Buffo, abstain; Perry, yes; Ping, yes; Robbins, yes; Stuber, yes. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Robbins, second by Perry to approve Ordinance 2020-O-15, amending the employee policy manual with the stated change to section 3.6.2 that part-time employees cannot work more than 999 hours annually based on their hire date. Roll call: Buffo, yes; Perry, yes; Ping, yes; Robbins, yes; Stuber, yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Robbins, second by Stuber to approve Ordinance 2020-O-16, amending the Electronic Technology Use Policy. Roll call: Buffo, abstain; Perry, yes; Ping, yes; Robbins, yes; Stuber, yes. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Perry, second by Ping to approve Ordinance 2020-O-17, amending Class P of the Liquor License Ordinance. Roll call: Buffo, yes; Perry, yes; Ping, yes; Robbins, yes; Stuber, abstain. Motion passed.

Motion by Perry, second by Buffo to authorize the Board President to select one of the three bids as presented to refinance the 2012 G.O. Bonds dependent upon his determination of the best terms. Roll call: Buffo, yes; Perry, yes; Ping, yes; Robbins, yes; Stuber, yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Ping, second by Perry to approve the pay estimate for Illiana Construction in the amount of \$189,078.60 for the MFT roadwork completed to date. Roll call: Buffo, yes; Perry, yes; Ping, yes; Robbins, yes; Stuber, yes. Motion passed.

NUISANCE FILE

The property at 206-210 West Reynolds Street is in the process of going to court to get a judgement for demolition. After demolition is complete, the Village can file a lien against the property and foreclose on the lien. The way it is written, the Village lien comes before any tax or mortgage lien.

MISCELLANEOUS

Attorney Marc Miller will discuss with Justin Brunner to start the process to get a warrant to get into the property at 108 East Main Street to get into the building to change the water meter out.

Motion by Perry, second by Ping to approve the Special Event Permit for the Loose Cobra from 4-11pm on August 22, 2020 subject to compliance with the governor's emergency order. Roll call: Buffo, yes; Perry, yes; Ping, yes; Robbins, yes; Stuber, yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Ping, second by Stuber to adjourn the meeting at 8:43pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brandy Dalton, RMC, CMC
Village Clerk

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