**Village of Tolono Board of Trustees**

**Regular Meeting**

**October 6, 2020**

The Village of Tolono Board of Trustees (“Board”) met on October 6, 2020. President Robert Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Roll call found the following trustees present: Vicki Buffo, Ryan Perry, Jared Ping, Jared Robbins and Terrence Stuber. Also present was Clerk Brandy Dalton and Police Chief Justin Levingston.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to Sections 10 and 20 of the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois, a public hearing was held regarding a plan to issue General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 not to exceed $4,300,000. The proceeds of the Bonds will refinance the Series 2012 General Obligation Bonds, Debt Certificates Series 2015 and Promissory Note Series 2017, and to pay certain costs of issuance of the Bonds. There were no written or verbal comments for or against the issuance of the Bonds.

**REPORTS**

**Engineers:**

-Terry Boyer from Donohue was present and informed the Board that he will be taking over for Tim Cowan who will be leaving Donohue.

-Boyer discussed the Wastewater Project Plan and the Water Project Plan. The IEPA SRF project plans have been submitted. They have received notification of receipt for the Wastewater application, but not the Water application. We can start moving forward with the loan applications and preliminary designs that need to be submitted in December. The final design will be done in April to July of 2021.

-The Rebuild IL Grant had 300-400 applications, so it’s taking them a while to get through them. They are expected to announce recipients by the end of 2020.

**Public Works:**

-They have not been able to find the tap on Main Street for the new modular home yet. We may have to hire someone to do it or start a new tap.

-The main on Calhoun has been dug up. It is open and ready to be tapped. President Murphy had the plumbing company that was working over there dig the main up since Mike Woodworth was by himself. It only cost around $100 and is now ready for IMCO to tap.

-We are waiting on a few more quotes for the sidewalk work.

-The air burner needs the clutch repaired. Matt ordered the parts and Brad will do the repair. We aren’t using the burner right now anyway, until the neighboring crops are out.

-Trustee Perry asked if we were going to have Fishers sign an agreement for the Benham ditch, like was discussed. He was informed it has already been signed.

**Police Department:**

-Chief Levingston would like to contract with Champaign County Animal Control again to pick up animals. Levingston said he isn’t trained which could lead to an animal or person getting hurt, and we don’t have the equipment and vehicle to transport. The Board told Levingston to bring back some numbers what it would cost to contract with Animal Control and to be trained and get the correct equipment.

**Treasurer:**

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

The Board discussed a sewer credit for 702 E. Walnut St. in the amount of $17.68. It was denied because there is no sewer charged on the account because it is a second meter.

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES**

Motion by Perry, second by Buffo to approve the minutes of the regular session meeting, held September 15, 2020. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no discussion from the Board to push back the water and sewer rate increase date. The rate increase will go into effect on the next bill starting September 15, 2020.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Buffo, second by Ping to approve Ordinance 2020-O-23, Authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed $4,300,000 for the purpose of refinancing certain outstanding obligations of the Village and paying for costs related thereto. Roll call: Buffo, yes; Perry, yes; Ping, yes; Robbins, yes; Stuber, no. Motion passed.

The Board discussed the new Article 2B of the Illinois Election Code, deeming November 3, 2020 as a state holiday and requiring government offices to be closed unless they are an election authority or are a polling place. Clerk Dalton explained that IML filed a lawsuit against the IL State Board of Elections to determine if the unfunded mandate to close government offices applies to municipalities. As of now, it is still in the court system and a hearing is set for next week. The Board decided to wait to act on this item until the next Board meeting and hopefully the IML will have some answers.

The Board discussed a recycling fee for people living outside of Village limits to be able to use the recycling bins at Village Hall. There were questions as to what fee would be reasonable and how we would enforce it. This item was tabled.

**NUISANCE FILE**

Trustee Robbins drove around town and looked at the properties on the list. He said almost all of the properties have had no change at all. He would like Chief Levingston to start taking pictures regularly of the properties, as well as each time a property is added, so we can compare. Robbins said he has no problems going door to door talking with the property owners, but he would like some kind off official Village badge or something so people would know he is legitimately on the Board.

Motion by Stuber, second by Buffo to enter Executive Session at 8:05pm for the limited purpose of discussing the hiring, performance, compensation and/or employment of one or more Village employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Roll call: Buffo, yes; Perry, yes; Ping, yes; Robbins, yes; Stuber, yes. Motion passed.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 8:34pm.

Motion by Ping, second by Robbins to approve a one-time pay adjustment in the amount of $150 for full-time employees and $75 for part-time employees with one year or more of service excluding contract employees to be paid the last payroll before Christmas in December 2020. Roll call: Buffo, yes; Perry, yes; Ping, yes; Robbins, yes; Stuber, yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Buffo, second by Ping to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Dalton, RMC, CMC

Village Clerk

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