

**Village of Tolono Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
October 20, 2020**

The Village of Tolono Board of Trustees ("Board") met on October 20, 2020. President Robert Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Roll call found the following trustees present: Vicki Buffo (via video), Ryan Perry, Jared Robbins and Terrence Stuber. Trustee Jared Ping was absent. Also present was Clerk Brandy Dalton, Public Works Superintendent Matthew Graven and Police Chief Justin Levingston.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mary Ellen Wuellner with the Champaign County Forest Preserve District was present to discuss their referendum on the ballot for the November 3, 2020 election. It would be an increase of \$0.15 per \$100 assessed value for maintenance and upkeep of the current forest preserves and buildings, with most of it being targeted for the oldest preserves.

**REPORTS**

**Public Works:**

- We will need to re-bid Phase 3 and 4 of the Water Main Replacement Project. It is in the works to be bid out the first part of 2021 with construction to start May 2021.
- Graven will talk to Terry Boyer at Donohue about adding Phase 3 & 4 into the IEPA loan and about adding to the loan to kill the 2" water line by Illini FS to only run the 6" water line.
- The East Street lift station is now operational. Everything seems to be working fine. The ammonia level is a little high, but we have been working with Donohue and ERH to get that adjusted.
- Graven has received quotes for mud jacking sidewalks, which was higher than budgeted for. He has only received 1 quote for sidewalk replacements. He is still waiting on a couple others. He will have the sidewalk replacement quotes amended to just the sidewalks that have been taken out for tree removals.
- County Road 900 North towards the west of Route 45 is going to have to have some work done to it. The road is terrible and the concrete trucks are up and down it every day.
- Graven gave his reasons as to why he needs another full-time person. It was talked about at great length, and President Murphy said he wants to hire a building official to take some of the work off of Graven's plate. Murphy also would like the building official to write ordinance violations. The Board also discussed looking into the Water Operator Certification process for Graven.

**Police Department:**

- The discussion of lowering the speed limits was talked about again. Chief Levingston is still working on the speed study. There was discussion of people speeding and running stop signs near the Junior High and High Schools.
- Chief Levingston has been helping with training at the High School, and he will be starting his online New Chief training tomorrow for 2 hours in the morning and 2 hours in the afternoon for 8 weeks.
- Levingston said Officer Garcia is almost done with her online 40-hour part-time officer training.

**Treasurer:**

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

Motion by Stuber, second by Robbins to accept the suggested payment proposal by the landlord of 208 W. Strong St., as well as continuing to pursue collection of the in arrears balance of \$904.40 from the former tenant, who has promised in writing to pay. Roll call: Buffo, yes; Perry, yes; Robbins, yes; Stuber, yes. Motion passed.

### **APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES**

Motion by Buffo, second by Stuber to approve the minutes of the regular session meeting, held October 6, 2020. Roll call: Buffo, yes; Perry, yes; Robbins, yes; Stuber, yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Robbins, second by Stuber to approve the minutes of the executive session meeting, held October 6, 2020. Roll call: Buffo, abstain; Perry, yes; Robbins, yes; Stuber, yes. Motion passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Motion by Robbins, second by Perry to accept the mud jacking proposal from Jack-A-Slab Construction, not to exceed \$13,250. Roll call: Buffo, yes; Perry, yes; Robbins, yes; Stuber, yes. Motion passed.

The Board discussed November 3, 2020 being given to the employees as a holiday because of the State Board of Elections mandate to close governmental offices for Election Day. The holiday was not granted.

There was discussion regarding an out-of-town recycling fee. Due to no way to enforce it, out-of-town people will not be allowed to use our recycling.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Murphy talked an MOU about life safety inspections in conjunction with the Tolono Fire Protection District. The MOU would consist of the Village giving TFPD money to go toward the increased expense of doing the inspections.

The Village has a judgement for demolition of the buildings at 206-210 W. Reynolds St. Graven will contact Bodine to get a quote for them to do the asbestos inspection before it is put out to bid.

The Building Official job description could not be found. It has now been re-written and will be posted to the website.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Burrito King food truck has a way to pay local sales tax. Clerk Dalton will contact the owner to get that set up.

Trustee Robbins asked about getting a streetlight on Mabry & Allison. A pole would have to be set and electricity ran to the pole.

Motion by Stuber, second by Buffo to enter Executive Session at 8:46pm 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; Robbins, yes; Stuber, yes. Motion passed.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 9:26pm. Motion by Perry, second by Buffo to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: Buffo, yes; Perry, yes; Robbins, yes; Stuber, yes. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brandy Dalton, RMC, CMC  
Village Clerk

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