

VILLAGE OF TOLONO, ILLINOIS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING

January 19, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were President Murphy, Trustee Buffo (via internet), Trustee Perry, Trustee Ping, and Trustee Robbins. Absent were Trustee Stuber and Clerk Dalton. Taking Minutes was Village Attorney Miller.

President Murphy led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Stuber arrived at 6:32 p.m.

President Murphy then opened the floor to public comment. Vicki Montgomery read a letter to the Village from past resident Mark Roberts who desires to establish a creative space in honor of his high school teacher Ms. Page. He is offering to donate \$100,000.00. Ms. Montgomery will deliver the letter to the Clerk who will distribute to the Board. The President spoke with Mr. Roberts and explained Mr. Roberts having some initial plans put together.

Scott Arbuckle was introduced as the new superintendent. He said that he's been working on equipment and making repairs to get things up and running. He reported that there was a fire at the brush pile yesterday and the back hoe rolled into the fire and damaged the back hoe. There were no injuries. It is a claim being turned into the Village insurance carrier. The President explained that there is a lot of deferred burning there that the Village is hoping to catch up this winter. Overtime, he is hoping that the amount of burning will be reduced and replaced by a mulching area.

Trustee Stuber gave an update on a meeting with Pavlov which potentially may install fiber optic in the Village. It is a local company with local crews and is one of the largest off campus fiber providers. The monthly charge is contemplated to be about \$70 a month. They are seeking an agreement with the Village to be able to install all of the fiber in one process versus a piece meal process. The Village is looking at ways to speed this along hopefully to get things installed possibly this year.

Wade Thweatt gave a presentation on behalf the Planning and Zoning Board. They held a special meeting to talk about the downtown and its redevelopment. Regional Planning and MSA have both expressed interest in providing consulting for the downtown. They are recommending using MSA. Wade introduced Mike A. Buziky, PE from MSA who handed out some plans put together for other communities. There is a written proposal to prepare a strategic plan at a cost of \$8,500.00. There was discussion about potential planning techniques for use in the downtown and route 45.

Trustee Ping made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented including approval of the January 5, 2021 regular session minutes, bills and warrants as presented, 2021-0108 payroll, water/sewer usage/billed report, approval of contractor's 2<sup>nd</sup> and final payment and accompanying lien waivers for the East Street Lift Station, and approval of the bank reconciliations for December 2020 as presented with a second by Trustee Stuber. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Buffo-Aye, Trustee Perry-Aye, Trustee Ping-Aye, Trustee Robbins-Aye, and Trustee Stuber-Aye. The motion carried.

There was additional discussion about the reduction in speed ordinance. It will be discussed at a future meeting. There was no action taken on the annexation agreement for 1154 CR 800N anticipating it would be acted on at a future meeting.

There was a motion by Trustee Ping to approve the Donohue Task Order No. 8 for GIS Mapping in the amount of \$9,500.00. There was a second by Trustee Roll Call Vote: Trustee Buffo-Aye, Trustee Perry-Aye, Trustee Ping-Aye, Trustee Robbins-Aye, and Trustee Stuber-Aye. The motion carried.

Trustee Buffo motioned to adjourn with a second by Trustee Stuber. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Buffo-Aye, Trustee Perry-Aye, Trustee Ping-Aye, Trustee Robbins-Aye, and Trustee Stuber-Aye. The motion carried.

The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.