

**Village of Tolono Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
March 16, 2021**

The Village of Tolono Board of Trustees ("Board") met on March 16, 2021 with some members present at the meeting room in the Police Station, located at 205 E. Main St., Tolono, IL and some members present via video/audio. 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 Ping, Jared Robbins, and Terrence Stuber. Also present was Clerk Brandy Dalton, Public Works Superintendent Scott Arbuckle and Police Chief Justin Levingston.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Roger and Kyle Hayden were present to discuss the upgrade to the storm sirens to move them over to a digital system so they can be set off remotely. It will be put in the budget.

Janet Cler presented her TIF application and estimates to the Board to replace the carpeting in the Library. The carpet is the original carpet from when the Library was built in 1999. This will be placed on the agenda for the next Board meeting. She also said she has been working with Scott on the drainage issue and snow plowing.

**REPORTS**

**Engineering** – Trustee Perry said we are having issues with Donohue & Assoc. He has talked to Larry Johnson of Fehr Graham. Larry was our engineer during drainage upgrades when he worked at Foth. Larry spoke to the Board giving references they could check, as well as assuring them he won't charge any more than the current engineering contract with Donohue.

**Public Works** – Brush pick up has begun. There have been 4 dates added for Spring leaf clean up. The buildings at 206-210 W Reynolds St are down, hauled off and the ground reworked. The new skid steer is in and being used. Arbuckle introduced Connor Block, who was interviewed for Public Works. He has experience with most of the equipment and wants to get his water and sewer operator licenses.

**Police Department** – It has been busy lately. The unmarked squad car was backed into and is waiting to be repaired. Michael Bohlen starts PTI May 9, and it will cost \$6000.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Clerk Dalton read the items to be voted on: A. regular session minutes for March 2, 2021; B. February 2021 bank statements and reconciliations; C. bills/warrants as presented D. 2021-0305 Payroll; E. water and sewer usage and billed report; F. sewer credits. Bills and warrants was moved from the consent agenda to New Business. Motion by Perry, second by Ping to approve the Consent Agenda as modified. Roll call: Buffo, aye; Perry, aye; Ping, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Approval of Ordinance 2021-O-1 an Annexation Agreement for 315 Woodworth Drive and discussion/approval of the open seat on the Planning and Zoning Board will be removed from the agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Robbins, second by Buffo to approve all bills and warrants, except for Donohue. Roll call: Buffo, aye; Perry, aye; Ping, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Perry, second by Ping to approve hiring Fehr Graham to replace Donohue as the Village's engineering firm. Roll call: Buffo, nay; Perry, aye; Ping, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stuber, second by Buffo to enter into executive session for the limited purpose of discussing the hiring, performance, compensation and/or employment of one or more Village Employees 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

The Board returned to open session at 7:42pm.

Motion by Perry, second by Robbins to approve hire Connor Block as the new Public Works employee with a rate of pay of \$19 per hour beginning on March 29, 2021, and a rate increase after the 6-month evaluation. Roll call: Buffo, left the meeting; Perry, aye; Ping, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stuber, second by Ping to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm. Roll call: Buffo, left the meeting; Perry, aye; Ping, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brandy Dalton, RMC, CMC  
Village Clerk

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