

VILLAGE OF TOLONO, ILLINOIS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING

October 5, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. Present were President Murphy, Trustee Buffo, Trustee Jack Haluzak, Trustee Robbins, Trustee Hayden, Trustee Perry, and Trustee Terrance Stuber. Absent was Clerk Dalton. Minutes were taken by Attorney Marc Miller.

President Murphy led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Stuber led those present in a voluntary invocation.

President Murphy then opened the floor to public comment. Kent Plackett explained that for the sale of 105 E. Daggy, his preference is to see a single residence built. John Moore expressed his agreement with this. Mr. Plackett explained that if the lot was properly subdivided into two lots with two single family homes being constructed, he would be ok with it as long as it follows existing ordinance.

Mr. Moore expressed his support for having animal control.

Mike Golish stated that he has spoken to the Police Chief regarding an update on the death of his cat.

Kennedy Potempa spoke about an incident in which she had a run in with a pitbull in July of 2021 while on a walk. The dog would not let her pass on the sidewalk and was very intimidating.

Engineer Larry Johnson from Fehr-Graham gave an update on the sewer project design. Due to general inflation, the engineers have relooked at the facilities in order to reuse more than was originally proposed. Budget costs are up 15%. Sewer rates were premised on no loan forgiveness but there may be 15% later which would then be a wash.

Superintendent Scott Arbuckle gave an update on public works. There has been an effort to perform some road repairs prior to winter.

The board then discussed an issue regarding the locator requesting location fees for locations that either did not take place and/or were in error. Staff will assemble a damage list, records of calls/no calls/no shows/bad reads, and other material. It will then be reviewed by the Village litigation counsel.

The board then discussed equipment that is needed by the Village.

Police Chief Justin Levingston stated that it was a busy week with a number of calls and an uptick in DUI claims.

There was a motion by Trustee Buffo to approve the consent agenda as presented except for 9/21/21 executive session minutes and September 2021 bank statements. There was a second by Trustee Hayden. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Buffo-Aye, Trustee Perry-Aye, Trustee Jack Haluzak-Aye, Trustee Hayden-Aye, Trustee Robbins-Aye, and Trustee Stuber-Aye. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Trustee Buffo to approve An Ordinance Authorizing a Request for Proposal for Portions of Blocks 8 & 9 of Block 18 of Larmon & Marshall, Tolono, IL. There was a second by Trustee Stuber. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Buffo-Aye, Trustee Perry-Aye, Trustee Jack Haluzak-Aye, Trustee Hayden-Aye, Trustee Robbins-Aye, and Trustee Stuber-Aye. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Trustee Buffo to approve an Ordinance Authorizing a Request for Proposal for 105 E. Daggy Street, Tolono, Illinois. There was a second by Trustee Stuber. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Buffo-Aye, Trustee Perry-Aye, Trustee Jack Haluzak-Aye, Trustee Hayden-Aye, Trustee Robbins-Aye, and Trustee Stuber-Aye. The motion carried.

There was discussion regarding animal control. The Board would like a formal contract proposal to consider prior to approval. The board was in agreement to table this matter.

There was discussion about the new sewer plant and the possibility of the sale of the water and sewer system or sewer system only. There was agreement that the engineering plans on the new plat should continue. The Board is also in agreement to proceed with a request for proposal on a sale and also proceed with hiring a consultant to move forward. The Board hopes to possibly approve both or discuss both at the October 19th meeting.

There was discussion about the Village assuming management of the sewer plant, needed equipment and manpower.

There was a motion by Trustee Stuber to enter into Executive Session 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)). There was a second by Trustee Buffo. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Buffo-Aye, Trustee Perry-Aye, Trustee Jack Haluzak-Aye, Trustee Hayden-Aye, Trustee Robbins-Aye, and Trustee Stuber-Aye. The motion carried. The Board took a break at 8:06 pm.

The Board returned to open session at 8:48 p.m.

There was a motion by Trustee Stuber to give Scott Arbuckle an increase of 5% retroactive to July 11, 2021. There was a second by Trustee Buffo. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Buffo-Aye, Trustee Perry-Aye, Trustee Jack Haluzak-Aye, Trustee Hayden-Aye, Trustee Robbins-Aye, and Trustee Stuber-Aye. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Trustee Robbins to adjourn. There was a second by Trustee Perry. All present voted Aye. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.