

**Village of Tolono Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
August 16, 2022**

The Village of Tolono Board of Trustees (“Board”) met on August 16, 2022 in the Police Station, located at 205 E. Main St., Tolono, IL. President Rob Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Roll call found the following trustees present: Vicki Buffo, Ann Jack Haluzak, and Kyle Hayden. Also present was Clerk Brandy Dalton and Police Chief Justin Levingston. Trustee Jared Robbins arrived at 6:36pm, and Trustee Terrence Stuber arrived at 7:35pm.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Gary Mitchell discussed the downtown redevelopment, saying Royce and Brinkmeyer are planning to acquire as much of the block as possible and develop as businesses on first floor and residential on second floor.

Jessica Robbins discussed her work on the Safe Routes to School Grant, as well as the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant for a bike/walk path along Route 45 from County Road 600 North to Savoy. She has been working with Larry Johnson and Mike Hansen at Fehr Graham. She will continue on to apply for the grant, and there will be a special meeting on August 23, 2022 at 6:30pm for public input.

**REPORTS**

***Engineering*** – Larry Johnson and Mike Hansen spoke more about the ITEP Grant. Johnson also discussed the engineering for the road on County Road 1000 East between County Road 800 North and Austin Street. He also said he finished with the final draft of the zoning map.

***Public Works*** – President Murphy said that the high school kids went back to school this week, but he is working with Connor to do some weekend mowing with the kids.

***Police Department*** – Chief Levingston said that the meeting went good last week. There were about 20 people present and 19 online. He hopes to do them quarterly. He has completed the Management of Small Departments training at the University of Louisville. He has talked with the new resource officer at the schools. The background check is almost done on one part-time applicant so that he can hire that person.

***Planning and Zoning Board*** – Del Boyle said that the zoning map is done and ready to be approved. There are some ordinance book discrepancies regarding fences, solar panels, and better guidelines for building permits that the P&Z Board is working on to bring to the Board for approval. They have also developed a new survey for the downtown development to mail out. Tom Swigart spoke to the Board because he would like to be appointed to the P&Z Board because he wants to get involved in what’s going on as a business owner and homeowner.

***Park Board*** – Brian Reedy said that the Park District has been awarded an OSLAD Grant for West Side Park. They are hoping to get started on utilities in the fall and the building in the spring. They will be requesting a minimum of \$100,000 from the Village, but it will probably be more like \$200,000. Scott Remole said the Park Board meets with their lawyer on September 12, and they would like to hold a joint Board meeting after that. A meeting of both the Village Board and the Park Board was set for September 29 at 6:30pm. Kyle Hayden will see if the Fire Station will be available for the meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Vicki Buffo asked that A. minutes of the August 2, 2022 Regular Session Board meeting be removed from the consent agenda.

Clerk Dalton read the items to be voted on: B. bills/warrants as presented C. 2022-0805 Payroll; D. water and sewer usage and billed report; E. July 2022 bank statements and reconciliations; F. Special Event Permit(s); G. sewer credit adjustment(s).

Motion by Buffo, second by Robbins to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll call: Buffo, aye; Haluzak, aye; Hayden, abstain; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The stop sign ordinance was tabled.

The water and sewer rate increase that was supposed to go into effect on May 1, 2022 and was put off while it was decided if the water and sewer systems would be sold was tabled.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Buffo, second by Hayden to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2022 regular session board meeting as amended. Roll call: Buffo, aye; Haluzak, aye; Hayden, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Buffo, second by Haluzak to approve the increase of the number of full-time police officers to five. Roll call: Buffo, aye; Haluzak, aye; Hayden, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Buffo, second by Haluzak to accept the appointment of Tom Swigart to the Planning and Zoning Board. Roll call: Buffo, aye; Haluzak, aye; Hayden, abstain; Robbins, aye; Stuber, abstain. Motion passed.

The Board would like to talk to TIF Grant applicants before they approve their applications. The Board also set a deadline of the end of October to finalize guidelines for TIF loans and grants.

Motion by Stuber, second by Buffo at 8:08pm 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). Roll call: Buffo, aye; Haluzak, aye; Hayden, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

The Board returned to open session at 8:23pm.

Motion by Robbins, second by Stuber to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm. Motion passed via voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brandy Dalton, RMC, CMC  
Village Clerk

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Village Board