

**Village of Tolono Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
December 20, 2022**

The Village of Tolono Board of Trustees (“Board”) met on December 20, 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, Kyle Hayden, Jared Robbins, and Terrence Stuber. Also present was Clerk Brandy Dalton, and Police Chief Justin Levingston.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Mitchell spoke about the Downtown (Main & Holden) Project. Royce & Brinkmeyer has backed out and they are looking at other options.

REPORTS

Police Department – Chief Levingston said that the new squad car is here and ready to go. Decals will be on it in the next couple of weeks. They had donations of furniture and Christmas gifts for a family in need, and those have been delivered.

Clerk/Treasurer – Brandy Dalton said that there will only be 2 candidates for the 4 open seats in the April election. Dalton also explained the statement of the TIF Fund account.

Board Members – Trustee Haluzak gave a shout out to Trustee Hayden who heads up the Hero tree. This year there were 100 kids on the Hero Tree and all 100 received gifts.

CONSENT AGENDA

Clerk Dalton read the items to be voted on: A. minutes of the December 6, 2022 regular session board meeting; B. minutes of the December 6, 2022 executive session board meeting; C. bills/warrants as presented D. 2022-1209 payroll; E. water and sewer usage and billed report; F. budget vs actual report; G. hiring Todd Heath for the vacancy in the Public Works Department; H. one-time employee pay adjustments as presented; I. Clerk’s attendance at IIMC Annual Conference in May 2023, including flying vs driving.

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

OLD BUSINESS

The Board discussed the Vision and Mission Statements. It was agreed that it was good and did not need to be changed. Trustee Buffo said that our next steps are to get it out to the public through the website, Facebook page, the Mayor’s message, and message from Board members, as well as starting to utilize it in everything we do.

NEW BUSINESS

There was much discussion regarding the TIF Grant Application for the Tolono Park Board for \$300,000 for the West Side Park updates. While the Board, as well as some of those in the audience believe it is a good project and needed, they are hesitant because they do not believe the Park Board has a good handle on their money yet and have not had an audit. There are still a lot of unanswered questions. The Board tabled this item for discussion at future meetings.

Motion by Hayden, second by Haluzak to approve the waiver of water/sewer bills for The Giving Place located at 113 North Bourne Street. Roll call: Buffo, aye; Haluzak, aye; Hayden, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

Planning and Zoning Chairman, Del Boyle gave a presentation showing the Downtown Project he has been working on. He worked with engineer Larry Johnson to come up with preliminary cost estimates. Engineering would take 8-12 months to complete, and construction would take 1-2 years. He asked for the Board to budget \$1.2-\$1.4 million for the project.

Motion by Stuber, second by Hayden to enter into executive session at 7:54pm for the limited purpose of discussing the hiring, performance, compensation, and/or employment of one or more Village employee (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and acquisition of land (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5). Roll call: Buffo, aye; Haluzak, aye; Hayden, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

The Board returned to open session at 8:07pm,

Motion by Robbins, second by Hayden to approve a promotion for Officer McCracken to Sergeant effective immediately with an increase in pay of \$2 per hour. Roll call: Haluzak, aye; Hayden, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Hayden, second by Stuber to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm. Motion passed via voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brandy Dalton, RMC, CMC
Village Clerk

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