

**Village of Tolono Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
June 6, 2023**

The Village of Tolono Board of Trustees (“Board”) met on June 6, 2023 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: Daniel Grady, Ann Jack Haluzak, Jared Robbins, and Terrence Stuber. Also present were Clerk Brandy Dalton and Police Chief Justin Levingston

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Swigart discussed his opinions on food trucks and the price they pay for permits. He believes they should have to give the Village a schedule of days they will be in town and pay \$20 for each day they are in town.

Gary Mitchell agrees with Swigart that \$20 per day for food trucks is fair. He also said he is moving forward with the remodel of 108 E Main Street and will have the debris all gone by Fun Day. He has offered the building to the Sundowners for the car show to use the restrooms and have some tables to sit at out of the sun.

Brian Booher said that Fund Days made about \$1800 from the circus, and he thanked the Village for all of their help.

Roberta Bleichner discussed the stray cat problem in her neighborhood. She was told to contact Champaign County Animal Control. She also thanked the Village for the flower boxes in downtown.

REPORTS

Engineers – Larry Johnson said that the MFT estimate came in higher than initially thought because of price increases and the lateness of the project. It was originally estimated at \$250,000 and came in at \$290,000. The annual MS4 report was done and submitted to the IEPA by June 1 for stormwater updates.

Police Department – Justin Levingston recognized Sergeant McCracken for 2 life-saving efforts. Levingston also said that the Police Department has been stopping and talking to people with no golf cart permits and talking to parents of kids under 16 that have been driving golf carts.

Clerk/Treasurer – Brandy Dalton said she was waiting on TIF numbers to complete the budget. She also said she learned a lot at the IIMC Annual Conference and has some things she would like to implement.

Board Members – Trustee Robbins said that there is a problem with solicitors not getting a permit or getting a permit for 1 day, but soliciting on a different day. He would like to see the ordinance changed that if a solicitor violates it, they can't be issued a permit again. Trustee Grady said that Darlene Schweighart asked that the Village Trustees be in the Fun Day Parade since the theme of 2023 Fun Day is “It Takes a Village.” Trustee Haluzak commended Sergeant McCracken for a job well done at saving 2 lives and said he will be recognized at the Fire Department.

Planning & Zoning Board – Mark Adair said 3 people have left the P&Z Board, asked the Village Board what the plans are for the P&Z Board and suggested combining the P&Z Board and the Village Board. Attorney Marc Miller stated that by law we have to have a Zoning Board of Appeals. Tom Swigart stated he was on the Planning & Zoning Board but resigned.

He thinks it was inconceivable to ask the past Chairman to resign. Swigart said the P&Z Board has not teeth to do anything.

CONSENT AGENDA

Brandy Dalton read the items to be voted on: A. minutes of the May 16, 2023 regular session board meeting; B. minutes of the May 16, 2023 executive session board meeting; C. bills/warrants as presented; D. May 26, 2023 payroll; E. water and sewer usage and billed report; F. budget vs actual report; G. May 2023 bank statements and reconciliations; H. sewer credit; I. resignation of Jeff Hahn from Planning & Zoning Board.

Motion by Haluzak, second by Stuber to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of items A & B to be removed. Roll call: Grady, aye; Haluzak, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

The Cooperative Management Agreement with the Tolono Park Board was tabled as we have not received anything back from the Park Board yet.

Motion by Robbins, second by Stuber to approve the Minor Subdivision Plat for WWTP Subdivision as presented and authorize the Village Board President and Village Attorney to execute it and approve minor changes to it. Roll call: Grady, aye; Haluzak, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

The Rise Broadband Fiber Agreement was tabled as we do not yet have the Ordinance to approve regulating right-of-way construction.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Robbins, second by Haluzak to approve the appointment of Jake Naas to the Village Board. Motion passed via voice vote. Clerk Dalton swore Naas in as Trustee, and he took his seat.

Motion by Grady, second by Stuber to approve the quote of \$10,020 from Pankau Masonry for the brick columns for the 2 Welcome signs. Roll call: Grady, aye; Haluzak, aye; Naas, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

The Ordinance regulating right-of-way construction was tabled as Attorney Marc Miller is not yet finished with it. Roll call: Grady, aye; Haluzak, aye; Naas, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Robbins, second by Haluzak to approve an ordinance regulating storm water discharge. Roll call: Grady, aye; Haluzak, aye; Naas, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

The Board discussed the TIF Application from Mitchell Plumbing and General Contracting. Trustee Stuber would like to revisit the guidelines that the Board passed in November. Mitchell will need to re-apply in July when the application period is open, and the Board will waive the application fee.

Motion by Robbins, second by Stuber to approve the bid of \$40,000 from the Potempa family for 206-210 W Reynolds Street. Roll call: Grady, aye; Haluzak, aye; Naas, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Robbins, second by Naas approving a resolution accepting the conveyance of a parcel of land bearing PIN 29-26-25-400-003. Roll call: Grady, aye; Haluzak, aye; Naas, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Trustee Stuber said he had a meeting with someone on the nuisance list and it was very productive. They came to solutions and made plans for priorities. Since the meeting, Stuber has been receiving emails from the property owner regarding progress. Stuber said he made it very clear that open lines of communication and progress are necessary.

There will be an informational meeting with Illinois American Water Company at the Main Fire Station 5pm-7:30pm Thursday, June 8 for residents to ask questions and gain information of what will happen after the sale of the water and wastewater systems.

The Village signed a contract with Homefield Energy for electric aggregation. At the time of the contract, their rate was cheaper than Ameren Illinois. Ameren has recently released their summer rate, which is less than Homefield Energy's rate. If you wish to stay with Ameren, you must call Homefield Energy to opt out of the electric aggregation program.

Motion by Stuber, second by Robbins to enter into Executive Session at 8:10pm 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: Grady, aye; Haluzak, aye; Naas, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

The Board returned to open session at 8:33pm.

Motion by Stuber, second by Robbins to change salaried police officers and the public works supervisor to hourly at 40 hours per week with overtime pay. Roll call: Grady, aye; Haluzak, aye; Naas, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Robbins, second by Stuber to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Motion passed via voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brandy Dalton, RMC, CMC
Village Clerk

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