

**Village of Tolono Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
August 1, 2023**

The Village of Tolono Board of Trustees (“Board”) met on August 1, 2023 in the Police Station, located at 205 E. Main St., Tolono, IL. Trustee Terrence Stuber called the meeting to order at 6:30pm in the absence of President Rob Murphy. Roll call found the following trustees present: Daniel Grady, Ann Jack Haluzak, Jacob Naas, and Terrence Stuber. Trustee Jared Robbins arrived late. Also present was Clerk Brandy Dalton, Public Works Superintendent Connor Block and Police Chief Justin Levingston.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Meharry and Steve and Patricia Garrett were present to discuss the possible subdivision and annexation of Meharry’s property on the east side of South Bourne Street, north of the house that sits just north of the Sewer Plant. The northern most 2 acres of the 8-acre tract would be divided and sold to the Garretts to build a home on.

Bill Dawkins discussed the nuisance letter he received for a pool in his back yard with no water in it because he is missing part of his fence. Taylor Dawkins feels like his dad is being picked on because he has complained to the Village. Bill also discussed the flag on Route 45 near Casey’s General Store that he has called about numerous times to be fixed. Taylor also discussed the need for the entrance at the Police Station to be an electric entry.

Gary Mitchell gave an update on his properties at 102 and 108 East Main Street. He had a good meeting with a prospective business for the 108 building. He has also talked to a commercial realtor about the properties.

REPORTS

Engineers – Larry Johnson said that the MFT roadwork is complete. He also said that he has the work order ready to help Jess Robbins with the Safe Routes to School Grant.

Public Works – Connor Block said that they will be burning the brush pile this week. He also said the MFT project areas will be swept for loose gravel once it has had time to settle. Gary Mitchell commended Connor’s work as Mitchell had brought up the wooden benches around town that need repaired, and they are already being worked on. Brian Booher said that Connor came out at 1am Saturday to take care of a tree that fell in the middle of Condit and waited for Ameren.

Police Department – Justin Levingston said that the new body cameras are in, but it will be probably another month before they are on the streets while they get everything set up for them. He also said the 2 new squad cars have been ordered but have not been started being built yet. Trustee Stuber said that a resident had filed a report for stolen tools and asked Levingston if he could get a copy of it from Champaign County. Trustee Haluzak said she appreciated Sergeant McCracken’s assistance provided to the Tolono Fire Protection District today on a call.

Clerk/Treasurer – Brandy Dalton said that Fiscal Year 2023 audit will begin next week. She has not had time to look into moving the money from the sale of the water and sewer systems due to audit prep and vacation time.

Board Members – Trustee Stuber asked that residents be mindful of things going on in their neighborhoods and parents need to be mindful of their children’s whereabouts and behaviors. There have been misbehaviors late at night by kids.

Park Board – Trustee Stuber send an email to the Park Board. He believes they might not have received sealed bids, and may need to re-do the bidding process. Rena Hahn said that the parks are being vandalized. Kids are breaking light bulbs, climbing into the rafters of the pavilions and urinating on the light fixtures, climbing onto the concession stand roof that is already about to fall in, tables are being destroyed, and bathrooms are constantly being vandalized.

CONSENT AGENDA

Brandy Dalton read the items to be voted on: A. minutes of the July 18, 2023 regular session board meeting; B. bills/warrants as presented; C. July 21 2023 payroll; D. water and sewer usage and billed report; E. budget vs actual report.

Motion by Haluzak, second by Stuber to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll call: Grady, aye; Haluzak, aye; Naas, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Naas, second by Grady to approve the work order from Fehr Graham for assistance on the Safe Routes to School. Roll call: Grady, aye; Haluzak, aye; Naas, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Stuber, second by Haluzak to approve Ordinance 2023-O-14, a TIF District Redevelopment Agreement with Mitchell Plumbing & Contracting. Roll call: Grady, aye; Haluzak, aye; Naas, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Motion by Grady, second by Naas to approve the Smoke & Shine special event permit on August 5th to additionally include the serving of alcohol in the enclosed area described in the application, conditioned on the serving area being fenced consistent with the existing liquor ordinance. Roll call: Grady, aye; Haluzak, aye; Naas, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

The Board discussed the recycling situation. ABC Recycling's truck is still broken down. Trustee Stuber had a discussion with another company. Gary Mitchell gave Clerk Dalton the name and number of another company to inquire with.

There was a discussion about the numerous amounts of underage drivers on golf carts and how dangerously they are driving.

Motion by Haluzak, second by 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)). Roll call: Grady, aye; Haluzak, aye; Naas, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

The Board returned to open session at 8:23pm, with Trustee Jared Robbins also in attendance.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Brandy Dalton, RMC, MMC
Village Clerk