

**Village of Tolono Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
November 21 2023**

The Village of Tolono Board of Trustees (“Board”) met on November 21, 2023 in the Police Station, located at 205 E. Main St., Tolono, IL. President Rob Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. Roll call found the following trustees present: Daniel Grady, Ann Jack Haluzak, Jacob Naas, Jared Robbins and Terrence Stuber. Also present were Clerk Brandy Dalton, Police Chief Justin Levingston, and Public Works Interim Superintendent Todd Heath.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Elaine Young was present to discuss her concerns about the Downtown Improvement Project. She doesn’t want to see changes to the directional parking or trees removed. She would like to see pavement instead of gravel in front of the Church and would like a marked handicap spot.

REPORTS

Engineers – Larry Johnson gave a status report for the shared use path and the downtown project.

Public Works – Todd Heath said that they are working on getting the new speed limits signs up and getting caught up on leaves. The clutch is slipping on the leaf vac. One dump truck is waiting on a part. The dump truck that was overhauled wouldn’t start and has a cracked frame. Christmas decorations will be going up after Thanksgiving.

Police Department – Justin Levingston said that the bathroom remodel is almost done. Officer Welch will be starting by himself tomorrow, and Officer Wachala is finishing some training and will be on the road soon. They need to buy another license for body cams at \$16.50 per month.

Clerk/Treasurer – Brandy Dalton said that she is not certain when the auditors will be done, as it is already late. She and President Murphy met with Busey Bank today to discuss interest rates for accounts and CD’s. They will come up with a plan to send to us.

Board Members – Trustee Grady said that Janet Cler at the Library had contacted him to inform the Village that the cameras have been installed and the coverage is amazing. They are willing to give access to the Tolono Police Dept.

Park Board – Rena Hahn was present to ask the Board to come to the next Park Board meeting to discuss with the Park Board the benefits of the Village taking over the Park District or the Park District’s best interest if they keep it. She also discussed the email she sent to the Board with ideas of what could be done at the detention pond next to the sewer plant.

CONSENT AGENDA

Brandy Dalton read the items to be voted on: A. minutes of the November 7, 2023 regular session board meeting; B. minutes of the November 7, 2023 executive session board meeting C. bills/warrants as presented; D. November 10, 2023 payroll; E. budget vs actual report; F. appoint Todd Heath as Interim Public Works Superintendent with \$2 per hour wage increase.

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

OLD BUSINESS

The Village Purchasing Policy is being tabled for the time being.

The Board will look over Ordinance 2023-O-20 revising Title III of the Village of Tolono Municipal Code more and discuss it at the next meeting. President Murphy would like to see 3 minutes per person for public comments and add something about removing people from the Planning and Zoning Board.

Clerk Dalton and Police Chief Livingston are still working on Chapter 130 of the Municipal Code. When they are almost complete, they will bring it to the Board for input.

Dalton asked for Board input as to what they want changed for the nuisance ordinance regarding trash cans and dumpsters, as well as inoperable and abandoned vehicles. Grady said that there are multiple places in the Code that discusses abandoned vehicles and they all need to be combined into 1 place. He would like to see the language say something about exempting trash totes at the road temporarily for emptying. He also need commercial dumpsters should be fenced and go through an inspection and permitting process.

Motion by Grady, second by Haluzak to move \$5,000,000 from the money market account to Illinois Funds. Roll call: Grady, aye; Haluzak, aye; Naas, abstain; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Grady, second by Stuber to approve payment of \$57,000 to the Tolono Fire Protection District for the purchase of the new ESDA truck. Roll call: Grady, aye; Haluzak, abstain; Naas, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Grady, second by Haluzak to approve employee one-time wage adjustments of \$300 for full-time employees and \$150 for part-time employees to be paid on the last payroll in December. Roll call: Grady, aye; Haluzak, aye; Naas, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

Marc Miller discussed the annexation process and re-zoning process for a parcel on South Bourne. Miller also discussed the Tax Levy Ordinance and his proposal for the coming year. The Board decided they would like to see the Ordinance with the 4.5% proposed by Miller, as well as a 3% option to compare.

After much discussion about the options for radar speed signs, the item was tabled until the next meeting. Clerk Dalton will compile all of the information for all 3 companies and send as one file to the Board to look over before the next meeting.

Motion by Stuber, second by Naas to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm. Motion passed via voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brandy Dalton, RMC, MMC
Village Clerk

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Village Board

Approved at the meeting of the Village of Tolono Board on December 5, 2023

ATTEST:

Brandy Dalton, RMC, MMC
Village Clerk

Robert Murphy
Village President