

Village of Tolono Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
December 5, 2023

The Village of Tolono Board of Trustees (“Board”) met on December 5, 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, Jacob Naas, and Jared Robbins. Trustee Terrence Stuber arrived late. Also present were Clerk Brandy Dalton, and Public Works Interim Superintendent Todd Heath.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Mitchell discussed the Downtown Improvement Project, wanting an update and timeline and giving his ideas for the parking lot, wanting someone from the Village to be with the engineers to oversee construction project so that the costs don’t go overbudget, and a definition of what kind of businesses we are looking for. He also said he has a contact for Ameren for street lights. He also stated his concern about a downtown business causing very loud noises. He wanted to know what business is going into the building south of Monical’s that sold and said that the Village should limit the amount of gambling machines.

Janet Cler from the Tolono Public Library presented the Board with the invoices and paperwork for the Intergovernmental Agreement for TIF Funds for cameras. She said the cameras are amazing quality, and she would like to meet with Chief Levingston.

Jerry Warnes was present to present the Board a map and discuss the parcels of land in Linshar Fields that he and John Maggio would like to give to the Village.

REPORTS

Public Works – Todd Heath got a quote for the clutch for the leaf vac, and it will be going in to get fixed soon. The new street speed limit signs are up, with the exception of Shipley Park. He just had to replace 2 of the tires on one of the trucks because there were 2 different sizes on the dual axle. He would like to get the other 2 replaced as well. President Murphy told him to go ahead and get the other 2 replaced.

Clerk/Treasurer – Brandy Dalton said that she is not certain when the auditors will be done, as it is already late. She has turned in the application for Illinois Funds and is waiting to hear back from them to move the money over. She is starting to work on budget worksheets, and is still working on Chapter 130 of the ordinances.

Board Members – Trustee Robbins appreciates messages and invites everyone to come to meetings, and greeted everyone Happy Holidays. Trustee Haluzak said that the Tolono Community Christmas and tree lighting will be Saturday, and Santa will be at the Fire Station Sunday.

CONSENT AGENDA

Brandy Dalton read the items to be voted on: A. minutes of the November 21, 2023 regular session board meeting; B. minutes of the November 14 & 28, 2023 special board meetings C. bills/warrants as presented; D. November 24, 2023 payroll; E. budget vs actual report; F. November 2023 bank statements and reconciliations; G. transfer of additional funds less \$2,000,000 reserves to Illinois Funds; H. Ordinance 2023-O-24 annual bond abatement ordinance; I. Ordinance 2023-O-26 disposal of surplus property.

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 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.

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

Motion by Robbins, second by Grady to purchase a quantity of 2 TC600 speed signs from RadarSigns, not to exceed \$9,000. Roll call: Grady, aye; Haluzak, aye; Naas, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

The annexation of parcel 29-26-35-200-026 into the Village is going to go to the Planning and Zoning Board because of zoning changes.

NEW BUSINESS

-Motion by Grady to pass an annual tax levy with no increase over the prior year. Motion failed for lack of second.

-Motion by Haluzak to pass an annual tax levy with a 3% increase over the prior year. Motion failed for lack of second.

-Motion by Robbins, second by Haluzak to pass an annual tax levy with a 4.5% increase over the prior year. Roll call: Grady, nay; Haluzak, aye; Naas, nay; Robbins, aye; Stuber, nay. Motion failed.

-Motion by Grady, second by Stuber to approve the revised tax levy ordinance as presented by Marc Miller with no increase over the prior year. Roll call: Grady, aye; Haluzak, aye; Naas, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Robbins, second by Grady to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm. Motion passed via voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brandy Dalton, RMC, MMC
Village Clerk

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