

**VILLAGE OF TOLONO  
PLANNING & ZONING BOARD  
December 13th, 2023**

The Village of Tolono Planning & Zoning Board met on December 13th, 2023, in the public meeting room at the Tolono Police Department, located at 205 E. Main St., Tolono, IL. Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:04PM. Roll call found the following members present: Kennedy Potempa, Jamie Snodgrass, Nate Harden, and Sean Talbott.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

**REPORTS, COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Snodgrass printed an updated Village of Tolono Zoning Map for ease of use during P&Z discussions. Emails were sent by Potempa to Village of Tolono's attorney, Marc Miller, regarding future annexing discussions; awaiting response and documentation for discussion slated for February 2024. Talbott recommended the Village Board discuss the Marshall and Third intersection in southeast Tolono as there have been more accidents than normal occurring around there lately due to reckless driving; he suggested the possible addition of a 2-way or 4-way stop sign at that intersection to reduce the number of accidents. Harden spoke with Doug Maxwell about an update/change of plans; he will no longer be building a shed on his property and getting an approval, but he let us know his nephew may be planning to build a shop soon and will need an approval in the future. Harden also spoke to Rich Michaela (spelling?) about roughly 15 acres of land that he had surveyed; there was a 5 acre and 10.19 acre split to which he bought the 10.19 acre portion. Rich inquired if he would need a waiver or an approval if he were to build a storage facility on the plot, which we recommended asking for an approval; however, build plans are still pending, so he will get on the agenda a bit further in the future when there is more concrete information.

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES** – Motion by Harden, seconded by Snodgrass. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS** – No updates on filling open vacancies on the P&Z board. As for streetlights, Harden put together a comprehensive and up-to-date list as follows. Intersections in Tolono that do not have streetlights, but 2023 Survey requested: 1000E & 700N, Cory & Vine, Cory & Strong, Long & Deerpath, Long & Linden, Daggy & Benham, Daggy & S. Vorcey, Jackson & Fourth, Fourth & Broadway, Holden & First, Clifford & River, and Austin St (curving around to 1000E). Intersections in Tolono whose streetlights are burnt out or malfunctioning: Windstone & James, and 2 lights on the east side of Holden & Long. Other streetlight issues to note: Pamela does not have a streetlight at the end of it like Phillip, Austin St dead ends at the highway on the east end and there is no streetlight, a light is at the east end of Maple but not the west end, no streetlights at the dead end of Sharon, Barbara, or Meadow Lane, and the intersection of Holden, Main, Calhoun, and Great Western has a streetlight but it is insufficient to light the multiple streets that converge there, so more are recommended.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Potempa started a discussion of possible grants for the Village of Tolono to pursue. Discussed a community cleanup grant that could cover costs of railroad (Union Pacific curve) cleanup or general community cleanup as well as putting a fence around the woodburning area in town. Discussed a grant that would provide free/gifted bird-watching, train-watching, or neighborhood watch signs. Grant discussions will continue for some time as we work through the eligibility of the Village of

Tolono, different grant application openings/deadlines, and general plans/written elements needed in order to apply for some grants.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motion by Snodgrass, seconded by Talbott to adjourn the meeting at 6:47PM. Roll call: Snodgrass, aye; Kennedy, aye. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kennedy Potempa  
P&Z Board Member