

**Village of Tolono Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
September 3, 2024**

The Village of Tolono Board of Trustees ("Board") met on September 3, 2024 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 Vicki Buffo, Dan Grady, Ann Jack Haluzak, Jacob Naas, and Terrence Stuber. Trustee Jared Robbins was absent. 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

Gary Mitchell said the meeting of the downtown improvement group meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm at 108 E Main Street. Trustee Stuber said that it is a passionate group of people that have heart for this town.

REPORTS

Board Members – Trustee Buffo discussed an email she sent to the Village Board regarding employee policy on holidays, sick and vacation time. Buffo also wants the Board to discuss a new Community Center and to set a goal to make some decisions and start brainstorming ideas.

CONSENT AGENDA

Brandy Dalton read the items to be voted on: A. minutes of the August 20, 2024 regular session board meeting; B. bills/warrants as presented; C. August 30, 2024 payroll; D. budget vs actual report; E. funding the Giving Garden with an initial \$1000 paid up front and an additional \$2000 as needed for additional costs to be reimbursed.

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

Trustee Buffo left the meeting at 6:45pm.

REPORTS

Police Department – Chief Levingston said that the fire alarm system upgrade has been done, in car cameras came in and will hopefully be installed soon. Trustee Stuber asked Levingston if we are fully staffed and if the new squad cars got ordered. Levingston said that the squad cars have been ordered. We have 4 full-time officers and have 5 full-time officers budgeted.

Office – Brandy Dalton said the auditors are back in the office. They finally received information from the prior auditors that they have been waiting on to really dig into the audit. Trustee Stuber asked Dalton why the election information wasn't posted until 10 days after packets were available to be picked up. Dalton said the notice was posted

on the door at Village Hall ahead of time. She posted it on the website and Facebook after Stuber asked for it to be.

Grants – Jess Robbins was present via remotely to give an update on the ITEP and RCP Grants for the shared use pedestrian path along Route 45. The applications are due September 30. Larry Johnson wants to do another Public Forum. We have only received about a half dozen surveys. After researching more, the RCP grant is going to be too difficult for a small municipality to get, especially with such a short time period, so she is going to put all of her efforts into the ITEP grant. She spoke to CN Railroad and got some answers to questions she had regarding the Holden Street traffic light.

Board Members – Trustee Ann Jack Haluzak will not be at the next meeting. Trustee Stuber said he and Trustee Grady will have Building Official stuff ready for the next meeting. President Murphy said that Thursday, September 5 from 5-8pm there will be a Farmer's Market in the old IGA parking lot.

OLD BUSINESS

President Murphy said that we are tabling the salt shed roof again. He had Todd Heath reach out to the township to see if we can store our salt out there and just tear down the salt shed.

Motion by Grady, second by Stuber to adjourn the meeting at 7:03pm. Motion passed via voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brandy Dalton, RMC, CMC, MMC
Village Clerk

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