

**Village of Tolono Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
October 1, 2024**

The Village of Tolono Board of Trustees ("Board") met on October 1, 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 arrived at 6:39pm. Also present were Clerk Brandy Dalton, Public Works Superintendent Todd Heath, and Public Works Laborer John Myers.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Mitchell said the group that meets at 108 E Main Street is not opposed to the Village Board, they meet the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm and all are welcome. They named themselves the Tolono Community Development Group.

Jess Robbins is concerned about safety after receiving an email from the Junior High regarding scooter safety. She had previously discussed a collaboration with the Village and school district regarding safety and still thinks it would be a good idea.

Travis Givens introduced himself as the new Library Director at the Tolono Township Library.

REPORTS

Engineers – Larry Johnson said that Duce Construction got the crossing lights installed for the Central Avenue crossing. He also told the Board a cost estimate for the ITEP Grant he previously gave them was increased by \$15,000 to allow for a placeholder for lighting. He informed the Board that we already have an ordinance in place with fines for stormwater contamination.

Public Works – Todd Heath said IL American Water will have the lift station done and closed up by the end of the year. He would like to take all of his employees to the IPWMAN Conference in Bloomington October 22 and 23. The generators have been installed and are ready to go at the Police Department and Village Hall. Heath and Myers discussed the nozzle for the vac truck they purchased as well as other equipment they need for the storm sewer maintenance. Heath asked if it was ok to put the new dump truck in the Unity Homecoming parade October 11 and what to do about candy. He was told the office would take care of getting candy.

Office – Brandy Dalton said the audit is still ongoing, and the auditors have filed an extension but are unsure if they will need to use the extension. They got behind waiting on information they needed from the prior auditors.

Fun Day Committee – Brian Booher said that there will be a Halloween Parade on October 27. Line up will start at the sewer plant and end at East Side Park, where the Girl Scouts will host Trunk-Or-Treat and a concession stand for donations to be given to

the Giving Place. The Fun Day Committee meets the Third Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at the Police Station.

Board Members – Trustee Grady said he talked to a consultant for Downtown Redevelopment after the IML Conference. They did a presentation and call with him giving him some information for Tolono and a proposal for service, which he has forwarded to everyone by email.

Trustee Stuber said that he attended his first IML Conference and believes that every Board member should attend at least once for the good of the Village. You receive valuable information and contacts.

Trustee Haluzak said the Fire Department will host an Open House October 12 at the main station 3-6pm.

Trustee Buffo asked if anyone had gotten back to John & Bunny Moore after the last meeting regarding the nuisance property. President Murphy said that it is being worked on by the nuisance attorney, and there was a miscommunication with prior office staff and the attorney that the property was taken care of when it was not so it had been dropped. Clerk Dalton said that the attorney sent out notice to the property owner and renters today. President Murphy said he has talked to Sergeant McCracken about knocking on doors and talking to residents about their nuisance violations like a prior officer we had. Trustee Grady asked if we had any way to help people without the resources to take care of their nuisances.

President Murphy said Tolono will be hosting the January CIMOA meeting again. He asked Travis Givens about being a speaker.

CONSENT AGENDA

Brandy Dalton read the items to be voted on: A. minutes of the September 17, 2024 regular session board meeting; B. minutes of September 17, 2024 executive session board meeting; C. bills/warrants as presented; D. September 27, 2024 payroll; E. budget vs actual report.

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

OLD BUSINESS

There was no new information for the discussion of Building Official job description.

President Murphy said that St. Joe is building a new community building, and there was information regarding it at the CIMOA meeting last week. Clerk Dalton will send that information out to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Stuber, second by Haluzak to approve Resolution 2024-R-3, supporting IL Senate Bill 3963 to protect the Mahomet Aquifer. Motion passed via voice vote.

Clerk Dalton is working with American Legal Publishing to get the correct animal control ordinance into the codification. They did not take out the wording domestic fowl.

Motion by Haluzak, second by Buffo to adjourn the meeting at 7:23pm. Motion passed via voice vote.

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

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