

**Village of Tolono Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
February 4, 2025**

The Village of Tolono Board of Trustees ("Board") met on February 4, 2025 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, and Jared Robbins. Trustees Terrence Stuber arrived at 6:33pm. Also present was Clerk Brandy Dalton, Public Works Superintendent Todd Heath, and Police Chief Justin Levingston.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

John Moore asked when the lift station at the corner of Marshall and Elizabeth Streets will be finished and when the road will be fixed where the water main break was at Bourne and Broadway Streets. He also asked about the survey put out by Retail Strategies because it doesn't pertain to Tolono. He also asked when financials would be updated on the website because the last thing on there was from 2021.

Lorrie Eckstein presented a TIF grant application to the Board for Absolute Plaza at 107 N Watson Street to do some remodeling.

Gary Mitchell said that the Community Development Group meeting held Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 6:30pm was well attended, and people tried to watch online but it was hard to hear. The Route 45 Corridor clean-up was a big topic.

**REPORTS**

***Engineering*** – Larry Johnson talked about the Right Of Way on Route 45 from Reynolds Street to Holden Street. After much discussion, Johnson will contact IDOT to see if they have information as to their ROW versus Village ROW for that block. If it is the Village ROW, we could deed it to the property owners adjacent to Watson Street.

***Public Works*** – Heath said that they have been cleaning rocks out of Right of Ways from the snow plows and Christmas lights have been taken down with the exception of one that will be up until the ground hardens. Trustee Stuber asked how they are preparing for the weather tomorrow. Heath replied that the salt trucks are loaded.

***Police Department*** – Levingston said that evidence inventory has been done and reorganized. Equipment for the new squads was delivered last week, and he should be able to pick up the squads hopefully this week.

***Office*** – Dalton said that the audit is done and in Board packets. She is working on budgets, so if anyone has anything to add please let her know sooner rather than later.

***Board Members*** – Trustee Robbins brought up the building on the Southeast corner of the Route 45 and Walnut Street intersection because it looks bad there. Gary Mitchell said that Illini FS does not want people parking there, and they would probably let us throw some paint on the building. President Murphy said that when there are big fires the Fire Department should call out the Public Works to bring barricades, block road, etc so that Fire Departments can focus on putting the fire out. Trustee Haluzak said that Heath brought out sand last weekend and Champaign County blocked roads, but she will relay

the information. Trustee Robbins thinks that we should go around town and pick up stuff for residents during Clean-Up Day. Robbins also said that there will be a meeting with Retail Strategies March 25.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Clerk Dalton read the items to be voted on: A. minutes of the January 21, 2025 regular session board meeting; B. bills/warrants as presented; C. January 31, 2025 payroll; D. budget vs actual report; E. resignation of Jacob Naas from the Board of Trustees.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Board discussed Employee Policy Manual changes. Section 4.1.1 and 4.1.2 Police Sergeant is at 10% above next lowest paid officer, and Public Works Lead is 5% above next lowest paid laborer. It will remain the way it is. Clerk Dalton will prepare the ordinance form for approval at the next meeting.

Mindy Walker and her realtor Christian Dozer were present to discuss the creation of a new TIF District on the west side of town to add in the Woodworth farm land that is up for sale. She would like to sell to a developer. The Board asked Walker questions and will talk about it some more.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Buffo, second by Robbins to approve Resolution 2025-R-1, approving the IPWMAN Mutual Aid Agreement. Roll call: Buffo, aye; Grady, aye; Haluzak, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stuber, second by Buffo to enter into Executive Session at 7:56pm for the limited purpose of discussing the hiring, performance, compensation and/or employment of one or more specific Village employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)). Roll call: Buffo, aye; Grady, aye; Haluzak, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:16pm.

Motion by Robbins, second by Buffo to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm. Motion passed via voice vote.

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

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