

**Village of Tolono Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
March 18, 2025**

The Village of Tolono Board of Trustees ("Board") met on March 18, 2025 in the Police Station, located at 205 E. Main St., Tolono, IL. Trustee Terrence Stuber called the meeting to order at 6:30pm in the absence of President Rob Murphy. Roll call found the following trustees present Vicki Buffo, Dan Grady, Ann Jack Haluzak, Jared Robbins, and Terrence Stuber. Also present was Clerk Brandy Dalton, Public Works Superintendent Todd Heath, and Police Chief Justin Levingston.

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

Public Comments

Jeff Hahn and Diane Ducey were present to discuss Tolono Fun Day events and request \$15,000 for fireworks, \$5,000 for Extreme sports sponsorship, and \$300 to pay for porta pots for the carnival.

REPORTS

Engineering – Larry Johnson discussed the annual MS4 report and the annual MFT road maintenance program. The Board will budget \$250,000 for the MFT program this year.

Public Works – Heath talked about the roadwork that he would like to put in the MFT project this year. Dalton told him there is currently \$248,447.26 in the MFT Fund and we receive around \$12,000 each month. He also presented the Board with information on the box truck he would like to purchase with the sewer camera in it.

Police Department – Levingston said that the cameras have been installed in the new squads. He said that if the Board approves selling the truck and caprice to Georgetown, they will be here tomorrow to pick them up.

Office – Dalton said that her main focus is getting the budget done, and we need to have a budget meeting. A meeting was scheduled for March 24 at 6pm. She also said that they have been working on getting the website updated. Trustee Stuber asked how many FOIA requests are received each month, and Dalton said maybe 1, sometimes none.

Board Members – Haluzak said that when there is a burn ban in effect, it also means no controlled burns. Robbins reminded everyone of the Retail Strategies Stakeholder meeting March 25 at 6pm at the Township building.

Fun Day Committee – Brian Booher said that he may ask the office to print carnival flyers like they did before.

CONSENT AGENDA

Clerk Dalton read the items to be voted on: A. minutes of the March 4, 2025 regular session board meeting; B. minutes of the February 18, 2025 executive session board meetings C. bills/warrants as presented; D. March 14, 2025 payroll; E. budget vs actual report; F. bid from Georgetown, IL for \$30,000 to purchase 2 squad cars; G. Ordinance 2025-O-6, approving a TIF Agreement with Absolute Plaza; H. Fehr Graham work order #24 in the amount of \$5000 for the annual MS4 report.

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

OLD BUSINESS

The Community Center will be discussed during the budget meeting.

We are not at a point of being ready for developing a new TIF District at the moment.

Grady said there is pushback on the Absolute Plaza parking lot idea from the owner of the old carwash building. He would be taxed on property that he can't improve but would have to maintain.

Dalton emailed the contact for the cellular tower agreement after the last meeting regarding the incorrect town name on the letter and has not heard back from him yet.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Grady, second by Haluzak to approve the purchase of a 2012 box truck and sewer camera from Coe Equipment in the amount of \$81,025.80. Roll call: Buffo, aye; Grady, aye; Haluzak, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

Roger Hayden was present on behalf of the Tolono Fire Protection District to discuss the remaining TIF money owed to them by the Village. They would like to pay their mortgage off early, and they only have around \$215,000 left to pay. Motion by Robbins, second by Grady to pay the TFPD the remaining \$100,000 left to pay in the agreement. Roll call: Buffo, aye; Grady, aye; Haluzak, abstain; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

The Board discussed food trucks extensively. They will all think about what they would like to see in a revised ordinance.

Trustee Grady discussed the need for something to be done with electric scooters before a child is hurt or killed.

Motion by Haluzak, second by Buffo to enter into Executive Session at 8:30pm 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)), and acquisition of land (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5)). Roll call: Buffo, aye; Grady, aye; Haluzak, aye; Robbins, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:10pm.

Motion by Haluzak, second by Buffo to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm. Motion passed via voice vote.

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

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