

VILLAGE OF TOLONO, ILLINOIS  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. Present were President Stuber and Trustees Adair, Goad, Buffo, Grady, Robbins and Swigart. Absent was Clerk Dalton. Minutes were taken by Attorney Marc Miller.

The President lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation. The floor was opened to public comment. Kimberly Moore would like to be annexed. Dee Cooly has concerns about a neighborhood nuisance property. Reg Ankrom gave a presentation on electrical aggregation for the Village confirming that Ameren will announce its rates late this month. The Village will have two months to find another company or else it will stay with Ameren for twelve months.

There was a presentation by Gwen Crawford from the Economic Development group regarding TIF. There was an explanation about removal of properties from the TIF by elected officials. There has been some discussion regarding a new TIF District tied to the development of a new residential subdivision. More information is available at [tifillinois.com](http://tifillinois.com). The President explained that he has been discussing expansion of the sewer plant with American Water. Right now there is no extra plant capacity. American Water has plans for a new sewer plant. Gwen summarized the updated TIF grant application process and the creation of a Residential TIF Grant Program. Engineer Larry Johnson updated the Village on bid openings through IDOT on June 6<sup>th</sup>, meaning approval at the second meeting in June unless there is a special meeting.

Superintendent Todd Heath confirmed that they have a roof leak at the shop.

Chief Justin Levingston indicated that there is a good part-time candidate who could start around August. He explained that Mahomet is getting taser 7 instead of taser 10. He recommends the taser 7, which is half the price and would not require retraining. He will email ordinance revisions to the Board. There was consensus that the Chief should acquire the taser 7s. Trustee Swigart brought up the desire to pursue state grants. He will coordinate a meeting with the state and Mark Adair. Kennedy will also participate.

There was no office report.

Trustee Robbins has identified 66 addresses where Ameren can install 89 free street lights with the intention of installing in early June. There need to be poles in place. The Village will pay for power (about \$6.00 per light per month).

The Moores discussed a desire to annex 3.2 acres to the Village. They will submit a written request. The Board will vote on it at the next meeting.

There was a motion by Trustee Grady to approve the consent agenda as presented comprised of the minutes of the May 6, 2025 regular session meeting, the May 6, 2025 executive session

minutes, bill/warrants as presented, the May 9, 2025 payroll, and to approve the budget vs. actual report as presented. There was a second by Trustee Buffo. Roll call vote: Adair—yes; Buffo—yes; Grady—yes; Goad—yes; Robbins—yes; and Swigart—yes. The motion carried.

There was consensus to remove the community Center and electric scooter items from the agenda. The President reported that he will be issuing a Class P liquor license to Kesar Nandan LLC.

There was a brief discussion of grocery and sales tax increases.

The board discussed various parent responsibility ordinances. There would be responsibility by parents for their children's damages and fires. There was consensus for flat fine amounts that progressively increases with each successive violation. Trustee Robbins will edit a draft ordinance to send to the Village Attorney later.

The Board reviewed the possible creation of a community support fund with a portion of interest income being set aside to support local community members in need. There was consensus to also deposit cell tower rent into a fund for helping fund nuisance.

Todd Heath presented information on a new side-by-side for the Public Works Department.

The Board reviewed the audit proposals. Trustee Robbins made a motion to approve hiring Gilbert, Metzger & Madigan LLP (GMM) as presented for a 3 year term for the village auditor with a second by Trustee Grady. Roll call vote: Adair—yes; Buffo—yes; Grady—yes; Goad—yes; Robbins—yes; and Swigart—yes. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Trustee Buffo to enter into Executive Session for the limited purposes of discussing the hiring performance and/or employment of specific village employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1), the acquisition of land pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5), the appointment of a Village Treasurer pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (3) with a second by Trustee Grady. Roll call vote: Adair—yes; Buffo—yes; Grady—yes; Goad—yes; Robbins—yes; and Swigart—yes. The motion carried.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. The Board returned to open session at 10:15 p.m.

President Stuber appointed Heather Manint Treasurer. Trustee Goad moved to approve with a second by Trustee Grady. All ayes, the motion was approved.

Trustee Robbins moved to adjourn with a second by Trustee Buffo. All ayes. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.