

Village of Tolono Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
June 3, 2025

The Village of Tolono Board of Trustees ("Board") met on June 3, 2025 in the Police Station, located at 205 E. Main St., Tolono, IL. Village President Terrence Stuber called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. Roll call found the following trustees present Mark Adair, Vicki Buffo, Craig Goad, Dan Grady, Jared Robbins, and Tom Swigart. Also present were Clerk Brandy Dalton, Public Works Superintendent Todd Heath, and Police Chief Justin Livingston.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Keisha Grady discussed the issues she is aware of with the group of kids in town causing problems.

Dee Cooley thanked the Board for the property at 708 N Clifford Street being mowed. She still is not happy with the vegetation.

REPORTS

Engineers – Larry Johnson said that the annual MS4 Stormwater Repost was submitted, and he will need a signed agreement for the annexation plat for the Moore's property. Bid opening for MFT work will be Thursday 6/5/25 at 10am at Fehr-Graham's office. The bid will need to be voted on at the next meeting.

Public Works – Superintendent Heath said that the main shop needs a same repair in the roof which will cost around \$2600. He was told to get it fixed. There was discussion if the village wants to pay for mosquito granules again for the grass at the parks for fun day. Heath was told to check with the park board to make sure they are OK with it. There was discussion regarding the roof on the shed at the sewer plant and the cost of repairs being around \$56,000. Heath was told to bring his ideas for the plans of the updated shed at Village Hall to the next meeting. Trustee Swigart asked the Board to approve a paint striper for public works in the amount of \$5600. The board agreed. Heath said public works was at Westside Park cleaning up summer for the trees in the woods. Trustee Robbins said that Public Works got the lights up on Central Ave. at the crosswalk, and they look really nice.

Police Department – chief Livingston said may was the busiest month and a long time with 228 calls, 101 of which he responded to. New tasers were ordered. They went with the Taser 7 versus the Taser 10. The part time officer has agreed to be the Taser training officer, so he will be attending training for that. President Stuber said that he received a message about a job well done from the Police Department.

Office – Clerk Dalton said that anyone that has not responded to the e-mail about helping on clean-up day, please do so. Once you have done your MMA training, please send a copy of your certificate to the office. We have signed an engagement letter with the audit firm that was approved at the last meeting. Once they get some information from the prior audit firm and get some prep work done, they will set up a date to do the onsite work at Village Hall.

Board Members – Trustee Robbins gave an update on Retail Strategies planning. Trustee Goad gave an update about a new potential coffee truck coming to town. There was discussion about visibility with food trucks parking at Rocket Motors, and vehicles parked on the grass at Illinois Automotive Wholesalers. There was discussion regarding branches that have been laying on a property for a while, as well as the nuisance ordinance. Trustee Buffo and President Stuber will be working on the employee evaluation form together.

Fun Day – The circus will be here June 7. Fun Days is coming up at the end of the month, and there will be a meeting this Thursday if anybody wants to help.

CONSENT AGENDA

Clerk Dalton read the items to be voted on: A. minutes of the May 20, 2025 regular session board meeting; B. minutes of the May 20, 2025 executive session board meetings C. bills/warrants as presented; D. May 23, 2025 payroll; E. budget vs actual report.

Motion by Grady, second by Buffo to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll call: Adair, aye; Buffo, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of a new TIF District and the grocery and sales tax increase were tabled.

Trustee Robbins will contact Fiv11 Motorsports to tell him we still need the breakout for the work to be done to proceed with the TIF Grant application.

There was discussion regarding a parental responsibility ordinance, and some changes were made to wording and fines.

The creation of a residential TIF Grant program and a CommUNITY Support fund will be brought to the Board on July 15, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Buffo, second by Swigart to approve ordinance 2025-O-12, an ordinance providing for and approving the 9th amendment to the Tolono TIF District redevelopment project area plan and projects. Roll call: Adair, abstain; Buffo, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Buffo, second by Adair to approve Resolution 2025-R-2, a proposed TIF District II GAM Properties LLC redevelopment project Inducement Resolution. Roll call: Adair, aye; Buffo, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, nay; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Robbins, second by Adair to approve ordinance 2025-O-13, an ordinance annexing a 3.21 +/- acre tract at the corner of North Central Ave. and East River Rd. in the Village of Tolono. Roll call: Adair, aye; Buffo, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Buffo, second by Adair to approve ordinance 2025-O-14, an ordinance amending Chapter 31 of the Tolono Municipal Code to change the pay of the President,

Clerk, and Treasurer. Roll call: Adair, aye; Buffo, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, nay; Robbins, nay; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

There was discussion regarding the income from the cell tower agreement. At one point it was to be used to pay for IMRF. Clerk Dalton will see if she can find anything in writing on this.

Motion by Swigart, second by Goad to approve posting a fifth full-time Police Officer for two weeks. Roll call: Adair, aye; Buffo, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, nay; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

A straw poll was taken to agree to the TIF application for Earth Analog Properties LLC in the amount of \$15,974, instead of the \$13,577 he asked for in his application. This will be sent to Gwen Crawford at the Economic Development Group to put into an ordinance to be voted on at the next meeting.

Motion by Buffo, second by Swigart to approve the special event permit for the loose cobra on July 5, 2025. Roll call: Adair, aye; Buffo, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Buffo, second by Swigart to enter into Executive Session at 9:20pm 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: Adair, aye; Buffo, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:20pm.

Motion by Grady, second by Goad to adjourn the meeting at 10:22pm. Motion passed via voice vote.

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

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