

**Village of Tolono Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
January 6, 2026**

The Village of Tolono Board of Trustees (“Board”) met on January 6, 2026 in the Police Station, located at 205 E. Main St., Tolono, IL. Trustee Jared Robbins called the meeting to order at 6:30pm in the absence of Village President Terrence Stuber. 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, Police Chief Justin Levingston, and Treasurer Heather Manint.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. A member of the gallery gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bobby Kolakowski said he is against a new TIF District, and he doesn’t want to live in a big town.

Casey Wilson is against a new TIF District and discussed how TIF I was not used according to the TIF Plan.

Susan Plackett gave her reasons why she is against a new TIF District and stated the reasons why people don’t trust the Village Board.

Doug Stierwalt said nobody he has talked to is in favor of a new TIF District and asked if a property owner can request to be taken out of the TIF District.

Christine Breen doesn’t want a new TIF District and has questions about data centers.

Jeff Holt discussed how part of the TIF I money was supposed to be used for the overpass and why that didn’t happen. He also discussed why money was redirected from the original plan.

REPORTS

Planning and Zoning Board – Nate Harden explained that Norfolk Southern and Union Pacific are supposed to merge. It could take up to 2 years, but Tolono’s East/West railroad traffic will increase by 20-40% and trains will be up to 16,000 feet long. The Decatur yard will be used at 100% capacity.

Police Department – Chief Levingston said that last month was slower than normal.

Office – Clerk Dalton said the office has been working on End of Year and Beginning of Year reporting.

Treasurer – Treasurer Manint said that we will be migrating Quickbooks from the desktop version to the online version this month.

Retail Strategies – Trustee Robbins said the park benches came in today for the downtown area and will be placed soon.

CONSENT AGENDA

Clerk Dalton read the items to be voted on: A. minutes of the December 16, 2025 regular session board meeting; B. minutes of the December 16, 2025 executive session board

meeting; C. bills/warrants as presented; D. December 19, 2025 and January 2, 2026 payrolls; 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

Trustee Buffo said she will email some stuff to the Board regarding the vision and mission statements for the next meeting.

Motion by Buffo, second by Goad to approve Ordinance 2026-O-1, an ordinance amending Chapter 111 “transient merchants, solicitors and mobile food vendors” of the Tolono Municipal Code. Roll call: Adair, aye; Buffo, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Goad said he did his second ride along with the Police Department. He believes Officer Ruggieri is a true asset to the department and works well with other agencies.

Trustee Grady gave everyone a United States 250 challenge coin. He said they’re approximately \$3 each and there is a 5-7 week lead time.

Trustee Buffo asked about the snow route plan.

Trustee Swigart said that if a food truck doesn’t have a permit, they should be fined.

Motion by Buffo, second by Grady to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm. Motion passed via voice vote.

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

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