

**Village of Tolono Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
January 20, 2026**

The Village of Tolono Board of Trustees (“Board”) met on January 20, 2026 in the Police Station, located at 205 E. Main St., Tolono, IL. Village President Terrence Stuber called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. 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 John Myers, and Treasurer Heather Manint.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Casey Wilson is against a new TIF District and gave a presentation of how the money has been spent in TIF I.

Susan Plackett said that there is a lack of transparency with this Board.

REPORTS

Planning and Zoning Board – Jeanene Edmison said that the P&Z Board conditionally approved the variance application for Premier Cooperative to waive subdivision requirements on a parcel just west of the Village limits.

Public Works – Superintendent Myers said the Christmas lights are down, plow blades have been ordered, there is kind of a snow route plan but nothing in writing, and they will not be going out until 2” of snowfall after doing some research and talking to other entities. Trustee Buffo gave a deadline of January 30 to put a map and plan in writing to get to the Board and Clerk Dalton. Dalton will post to social media by February 2.

Office – Clerk Dalton said the office has been working on End of Year and Beginning of Year reporting. There has also been a lot of FOIA requests.

Treasurer – Treasurer Manint said that the December Treasurer’s Report will be on the next agenda, but it is done.

Retail Strategies – Trustee Robbins said the park benches came in, and they need to find placement for them. The Core Team has a call on Thursday.

CONSENT AGENDA

Clerk Dalton read the items to be voted on: A. minutes of the January 6, 2026 regular session board meeting; B. bills/warrants as presented; C. January 16, 2026 payroll; D. budget vs actual report; E. December 2025 bank statements and reconciliations; F. Ordinance 2026-O-2, tax abatement ordinance.

Motion by Adair, second by Robbins 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 talked about the vision and mission statements.

Trustee Grady said that he has done nothing more with the nuisance ordinance because President Stuber said that the Planning and Zoning Board should handle it.

Trustee Grady said that he had submitted the nuisance letter changes he thinks needs to be done, but we need an appeals process.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed the expiration date of golf cart permits. They will now expire April 30. The 2025 permits will be good until April 30, 2026. Going forward permits will be valid May 1 through April 30.

The Board did not approve Ordinance 2026-O-3 to set a public hearing date for the proposed TIF District II because it was set for the meeting room at the Police Department 1 hour before the next regular Board meeting, and that will not be enough space or time for the public hearing.

Motion by Robbins, second by Adair to approve Ordinance 2026-O-4, Rocket Fluff and Fold Redevelopment Agreement for \$30,000. Roll call: Adair, aye; Buffo, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Adair, second by Swigart to approve the variance application for Premier Cooperative to waive subdivision regulations to split a parcel of land. Motion passed via voice vote.

Motion by Adair, second by Swigart to approve the appointment of Del Boyle to the Planning and Zoning Board. Roll call: Adair, aye; Buffo, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, nay; Robbins, nay; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Swigart said he is working on a cash rent farm lease for the land the Village purchased.

Trustee Adair said that Gary Mitchell is heading a downtown are clean-up day for exterior of properties and needs volunteers on Saturday March 7.

Trustee Grady said that he would like to get an updated cost estimate for making the gravel parking lot into a green space.

Motion by Goad, second by Buffo to enter into executive session at 8:17pm 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 open session at 8:59pm on a motion made by Grady, seconded by Buffo. Roll call: Adair, aye; Buffo, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Robbins, second by Grady to adjourn the meeting at 8:59pm. Motion passed via voice vote.

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

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