

**Village of Tolono Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
March 3, 2026**

The Village of Tolono Board of Trustees (“Board”) met on March 3, 2026 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, Craig Goad, Dan Grady, Jared Robbins, and Tom Swigart. Also present were Clerk Brandy Dalton, Public Works Superintendent John Myers, Police Chief Justin Levingston, and Treasurer Heather Manint.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Mitchell spoke about the Village’s parking lot on Main Street. He said the downtown businesses don’t have a problem with a green space. They just want to keep part of it as parking.

REPORTS

Community Events – Diane Ducey Anderson said the Unity High School A Cappella event is March 6 at 6:30pm.

Park Board – Bree Ocasio said that there is progress being made. The new metal roof is on the big pavilion, concession stand, and bathrooms. The lights are in and will be installed. The ballfields will be redone in March.

Fun Day – Several members of the committee were present to give their ideas for a bigger and more inclusive event for the America 250 year and ask for more money from the Village to help with the increased costs. Possibilities include a drone show, 25/8 Xtreme both days, bigger petting zoo, more music with a stage. There was a straw poll of the Board to donate \$70,000 to the 2026 Fun Day celebration. President Stuber said he would like to see the parade led by veterans.

Planning and Zoning Board – President Stuber said Del Boyle is sick. He has been working on drawings for the downtown green space but will be emailing Jared Robbins.

Engineering – Larry Johnson said we will need to have a stormwater public meeting and training for our MS4 report.

Public Works – John Myers said that he would like to see the ordinance for brush pick up to be changed from March through November to April through October due to having to remove ice and snow equipment from trucks to be able to do brush pickup. He also discussed a proposal from White Roofing for repairing the roof on the salt shed. He was told to have the work done since he has money in his budget to do so. Trustee Robbins thanked Myers for helping the Park District with the bucket truck over the weekend, and said they need to get lids for the garbage cans that were placed downtown. Trustee Adair said there are 2 holes on the Route 45 apron of Walnut Street by Casey’s that need to be fixed. Meyers will check them out. Trustee Goad said the benches need bolted down. There was one in the middle of Main Street when he came home from work one night.

Police Department – Justin Levingston said thank you for the new office chairs. He said that he talked to a Lieutenant at the Sheriff’s Office that said they don’t normally write Ordinance Violations but will send Levingston reports when they deal with something so

Tolono Police Department can write the Ordinance Violation. Trustee Robbins said the letter to parents needs revision.

Office – Clerk Dalton said she started working on the ordinance for the changes to the Planning and Zoning Board and has been working with Marc and Gavin on it. The FOIA requests have started coming in again from Chambana Sun. The Department Heads have been given their budget worksheets to get started on.

Treasurer – Treasurer Manint said payroll was ran in Quickbooks online with some glitches. We still need to set up geo fencing and clocking.

Retail Strategies – Trustee Robbins said the Core Team will have a call this week. The last meeting had to be rescheduled. Trustee Grady met with an artist to do window paintings for America 250. 15 windows will cost approximately \$4700. It was discussed to talk to art classes at the high school, Parkland, and the University of Illinois to paint murals on buildings.

CONSENT AGENDA

Clerk Dalton read the items to be voted on: A. minutes of the February 17, 2026 regular session board meeting; B. minutes of the February 17, 2026 executive session board meeting; C. bills/warrants as presented; D. February 27, 2026 payroll; E. budget vs actual report.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Robbins said he sent his drawings to Del. Brian helped him get into them. Robbins also talked with Matt Talbott about possibly using his lot for parking. There is someone in his studio that could make concrete benches. It isn't a regular green space like other parks. It is a social recreation plaza.

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Marc Miller said the Planning and Zoning Board ordinance amendment will have to go to the Planning and Zoning Board and then back here because there will have to be a public hearing with the proper posting since it will include a change to the Zoning Ordinance.

Motion by Robbins, second by Grady to approve Ordinance 2026-O-9, approving and Intergovernmental Agreement with the Tolono Park Board for TIF Funds in the amount of \$228,426 for new lighting at West Side Park. Roll call: Adair, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Goad, second by Adair to solicit bids for the work to change the front door at Village Hall. Roll call: Adair, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the work order with Fehr Graham authorizing them to prepare the 2026 MS4 Annual Report and conduct training for the Public Works employees on the new 2027 permit requirements at a price not to exceed \$5500. Roll call: Adair, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Robbins, second by Grady to deny the creation of a new liquor license for Kesari Nanand LLC. Roll call: Adair, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Goad congratulated the Unity wrestlers for making it to state. He said that he went to a Fire Department meeting and plans to have 1 on 1 meetings with business owners.

President Stuber discussed filling the vacant seat on the Board, and he emailed the Board information on the only person that has shown interest.

Motion by Robbins, second by Goad to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm. Motion passed via voice vote.

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

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