

**Village of Tolono Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
April 7, 2026**

The Village of Tolono Board of Trustees (“Board”) met on April 7, 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, Craig Goad, Dan Grady, Jared Robbins, and Tom Swigart. Also present was Clerk Brandy Dalton.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorrie Eckstein discussed her issues with the food truck ordinance and the fact that the Village wouldn’t give her special treatment since Holdn-A-Cone is in a semi-permanent spot. She would like to be able to stay open until 10pm during the week because of baseball games letting out late at the park. She also doesn’t feel she should have to pay for a special food truck permit during Fun Days to be at her building. The Board will discuss the food truck ordinance at the next meeting.

REPORTS

Engineering – Larry Johnson said budget numbers were given to John for the 2026 MFT Program, and we need to decide if we are going to do work this year or wait until next year. The IEPA sent the NPDES storm sewer permit acceptance letter, and he needs to get a copy of it. He discussed the engineering proposal for the downtown plaza project.

Public Works – The Board discussed that the Public Works is getting behind on burning.

Office – Clerk Dalton said the FOIA requests from Chambana Sun have started again. She is still waiting on the budget from IT and the Police Department.

Retail Strategies – Trustee Robbins said the call summary from the Core Team meeting will make it to the Teams folder. It was a very good call where we spoke to the Director from Romulus, MI on how they did their downtown revitalization and plaza. President Stuber said that we can look at Tuscola as a comparison.

CONSENT AGENDA

Clerk Dalton read the items to be voted on: A. minutes of the March 24, 2026 regular session board meeting; B. minutes of the March 24, 2026 executive session board meeting; C. minutes of the April 2, 2026 special board meeting; D. bills/warrants as presented; E. March 27, 2026 payroll; F. budget vs actual report; G. February 2026 Treasurer’s Report.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Swigart, second by Adair to approve the Fehr Graham engineering agreement for the downtown plaza in the amount of \$25,000. Roll call: Adair, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

The Board discussed the ICC Codes. It was discussed that we should create an adopting ordinance specific to Tolono for vacant structures. Trustee Swigart said that that Trustee Grady owes Del Boyle an apology for his email. Jeanene Edmison asked if Village Board members should be coming to the Planning & Zoning Board meetings and telling them how to vote. She also said that Trustee Grady should come to the Planning & Zoning Board meeting and apologize for his email.

There was a discussion about the sponsorship for Rocket Brew. The email response from the Principal regarding coming to a meeting to explain the program indicated that they have enough sponsorships.

NEW BUSINESS

President Stuber stated that he would like to appoint Sean Manuel to the vacant Board seat. Motion by Swigart, second by Adair to appoint Sean Manuel to the seat. Roll call: Adair, aye; Goad, abstain; Grady, nay; Robbins, nay; Swigart, aye. Due to a tie vote, President Stuber voted aye. Motion passed, and Seal Manuel was sworn in and seated.

Motion by Robbins, second by Goad to approve the TIF application for Madeline Wilson Photography in the amount of \$9,800 for tuck pointing. Roll call: Adair, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Manuel, second by Adair to approve Ordinance 2026-O-10, approving the change to the November 3, 2026 meeting date. Roll call: Adair, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

The Board discussed the vacation of a Village easement behind the property at 213 W Austin St to the new owners of that property. All were in favor. Marc Miller will write up the ordinance for approval at a future meeting.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Goad welcomed Trustee Manuel to the Board and told him to dig deep and get involved.

Trustee Robbins said that we need to make a form for the Police Department to fill out and hand to parents of kids that violate the Parent Responsibility Ordinance.

Trustee Grady said that Smoke & Shine needs gravel in the parking area between the road and the building . When it rains heavily they have water coming into the building and that is our easement.

Trustee Adair welcomed Trustee Manuel to the Board.

Trustee Swigart said that we need to take care of the nuisance properties.

Motion by Grady, second by Adair to adjourn the meeting at 9:51pm. Motion passed via voice vote.

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

xc: File
Village Board