

**Village of Tolono Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
May 5, 2026**

The Village of Tolono Board of Trustees (“Board”) met on May 5, 2026 in the Police Station, located at 205 E. Main St., Tolono, IL. Village President Terrence Stuber called the meeting to order at 6:32pm. Roll call found the following trustees present Mark Adair, Craig Goad, Dan Grady, Sean Manuel, Jared Robbins, and Tom Swigart. Also present was Clerk Brandy Dalton, Public Works Superintendent John Myers, Treasurer Heather Manint, and Police Chief Justin Levingston.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Lamendola spoke about an issue behind his neighbor at 112 Bryce Lane. He said the rainwater runs through there and is eroding the ground and her fence posts are exposed. He showed the Board pictures he had taken. There was discussion regarding who’s property it is. It will be looked into.

REPORTS

Community Events – President Stuber said the library will be having a block party on August 1.

Fun Days – Brian Booher said that the drone show is taken care of so far for Friday night. There was a request for larger fireworks in the fireworks show.

Engineering – Larry Johnson discussed some of the expenses for the Downtown Plaza, but is working on putting together estimates. Trustee Robbins said that he had met with Gary Mitchell regarding the Plaza, and he is okay with 10 parking spaces at the back of the Plaza. He also wants his mural redone.

Public Works – Superintendent Myers said that he burned the brush while it was being picked up Monday, and he was able to keep up with it. He would like to take the old air burner out to the township while they burn all of the brush we hauled out there. There has been discussions about moving the burn box out there, but that would take more time when picking up brush. They did interviews for the laborer position and there are 2 applicants they are interested in. He and Matt will be in safety training all day on May 12.

Police Department – Chief Levingston said that he went to a Cub Scout meeting last week and talked about safety. He had a call today where the suspect was resisting, and a Champaign County deputy got bit.

Office – Clerk Dalton said the draft budget is in Teams for the Board to look over. We need to schedule budget meetings soon. Golf Cart stickers from last year are now expired. There was an after-hours registration today from 4-6pm, and even with the rain 7 golf carts were registered.

Treasurer – Treasurer Manint had nothing.

Retail Strategies – Trustee Robbins said there is nothing to report. The next Core Team call will be May 7.

CONSENT AGENDA

Clerk Dalton read the items to be voted on: A. minutes of the April 21, 2026 regular session board meeting; B. bills/warrants as presented; C. April 24, 2026 payroll; D. budget vs actual report.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Robbins said he needs to know what everyone wants to see in the Downtown Plaza so he can start getting prices.

Trustee Grady discussed the ICC Codes. He sent the Board an email with Savoy's codes. He suggests we wait until Savoy adopts their new codes before we adopt anything. He met with the Village of Savoy, and they are willing to do our new construction and reconstruction but don't want to do nuisance or property maintenance. Savoy does not have a property maintenance code, but we can adopt one as a stand alone code.

Motion by Robbins, second by Adair to approve Ordinance 2026-O-12, amendments to the food truck ordinance. Roll call: Adair, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Manuel, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Robbins, second by Goad to approve Ordinance 2026-O-13, approving the Tolono Fire Protection District TIF Intergovernmental Agreement. Roll call: Adair, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Manuel, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, nay. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Goad, second by Adair to approve Resolution 2026-R-1, regarding President Pro-Tem. Roll call: Adair, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Manuel, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

There was discussion regarding the surface between the road and the building at Smoke & Shine. The owners have paid for gravel twice of the last 4 ½ years and they have been paying to have it plowed, but the property is not theirs. They would like a more permanent surface. They have someone coming out to give them a quote for concrete. The Village will get a quote for asphalt, and there will be more discussion after we receive quotes.

Jess Robbins said she met with the Special Programs Assistance Committee with IDOT today regarding the ITEP grant, and the score went down compared to the last cycle. The major issues were the lack of details for the underpass, the PDR is not signed, and the estimated cost on the engineering portion is not matching the application. They also think this is too big of a project for Tolono to handle. The business support we have is a plus on our side though. They suggested not applying this year while we work on getting more involvement with the railroad and local IDOT. They think our focus should be calming down the Walnut Street intersection and the path from the Oaks to Unity West.

Motion by Robbins, second by Swigart to approve the Tolono Fun Days Special Event Permit and waive the fee. Roll call: Adair, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Manuel, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Adair, second by Manuel to approve authorizing Fehr Graham to prepare a preliminary project budget estimate for inclusion in the proposed TIF II Plan by the end of May. Roll call: Adair, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Manuel, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

There was discussion to hire a survey service of Village agricultural property of the west side of town. The Board decided they would get quotes for the service before they vote.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Robbins said that we didn't get the recycling grant we applied for, but we need recycling. We also need to decide what grants we want to apply for.

Trustee Swigart asked if we are going to have a clean-up ay this year. It will be put on the agenda to discuss at the next meeting.

Trustee Goad said that Holdin A Cone was at the school last night and was very busy.

Motion by Grady, second by Adair at 9:33pm to enter into executive session 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)). Adair, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Manuel, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

The Board returned to regular session on a motion made by Robbins, second by Grady at 10:11pm. Roll call: Adair, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Manuel, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Robbins, second by Grady to adjourn the meeting at 10:12pm. Motion passed via voice vote.

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

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