

**Village of Tolono Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
May 19, 2026**

The Village of Tolono Board of Trustees (“Board”) met on May 19, 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, Sean Manuel, Jared Robbins, and Tom Swigart. Also present was 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**

Dan Heller spoke of a storm sewer backup that flooded the basement at his property. Since it was the storm sewer that was plugged that caused the issue he would like the Village to pay the invoice. A straw pole showed that all Trustees are in favor. It will be voted on at the next meeting.

Jess Robbins said that we were not awarded the infrastructure portion of the Safe Routes To School Grant, but we were awarded \$50,000 for non-infrastructure.

Heather Harden read a statement of an incident regarding a Board member on May 6, 2026 at Casey’s.

Reg Ankrom from SIMEC announced that we entered into an agreement with Homefield Energy for electric aggregation for 17 months starting in July at 11.89 cents per kilowatt hour.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Board moved up the discussion of the parking surface at Smoke & Shine so the business owner could get back to the establishment as there was an event going on. Trustee Swigart suggested to deed the business the right of way, and they could apply for TIF funds to resurface it. This will be on the next agenda.

**REPORTS**

***Fun Days*** – Raffle tickets are \$10 to win \$2000, 5k sign-ups are open, and there are more food vendors.

***Engineering*** – Larry Johnson questioned if there was an answer from the library yet on the Loose Cobra drainage project. He discussed the storm sewer project.

***Public Works*** – Superintendent Myers said that he burned the brush while it was being picked up Monday and again was able to keep up with it. He said the flags are out, Graydin started Monday, Tyler is not accepting the job, and we need more and possibly better cameras at the dump. Trustee Adair said the stop sign on James Street needs fixed. Trustee Grady said in recognition of National Public Works Appreciation Week, he thanks our Public Works for all they do. Trustee Robbins asked if anyone has looked at the storm sewer issue on Bryce Lane. Marc Miller will take care of figuring out who’s property it is.

**Office** – Clerk Dalton said it has been busy in the office, golf cart registrations are due, and we need to schedule budget meetings so we can get it passed.

**Treasurer** – Treasurer Manint read the April 2026 monthly Treasurer’s Report and said that the audit should be able to be done 100% remotely this year.

**Retail Strategies** – Trustee Robbins said that they recommended media personalities through blogs and podcasts to get information into the hands of residents and getting ahead of negativity. Robbins also said we need to rebrand, and all Trustees should send him an email with 10 words they feel describes Tolono. Trustee Grady said we got a quote of \$4700 for 15 windows to be painted for America 250.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Clerk Dalton read the items to be voted on: A. minutes of the May 5, 2026 regular session board meeting; B. minutes of the May 5, 2026 executive session board meeting; C. bills/warrants as presented; D. May 8, 2026 payroll; E. April 2026 bank statements and reconciliations; F. April 2026 Treasurer’s Report. Motion by Robbins, second by Goad to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll call: Adair, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Manuel, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The meeting was opened to public hearing, comments, and discussion for the vacation of public right of way behind 213 W Austin St. With no comments heard, motion by Grady, second by Robbins to approve Ordinance 2026-O-15, vacating a public alley contiguous to and south of 213 W Austin Street. Roll call: Adair, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Manuel, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

The Board and engineer Larry Johnson discussed the development of the downtown plaza. Johnson estimates it will cost about \$125,000. Trustee Robbins said that he needs ideas of what everyone wants to see in the space so he can be getting prices for the budget.

Trustee Grady said he is working on the ICC Codes.

President Stuber said he is working with a surveyor to create what we need surveyed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Robbins, second by Manuel to approve Ordinance 2026-O-14, changing the fines for illegal dumping. Roll call: Adair, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Manuel, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

The Board decided not to do a clean-up day this year.

The liquor license for LJB Management was tabled because President Suber would like to talk with them first.

Motion by Grady, second by Manuel to approve hiring Graydin Cler as a full-time Public Works laborer. Adair, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Manuel, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Robbins, second by Manuel to approve Resolution 2026-R-2, REAL Housing Act support. Adair, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Manuel, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye; Stuber, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Manuel, second by Grady to approve the engineering amendment for the MS4 Annual Report preparation in the amount of \$3,000 due to the new reporting guidelines that cause much more work and paper trail. Adair, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Manuel, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Trustee Grady said regarding the executive modification that was made to the Employee Policy Manual, he thinks that take home squad cars should go away since it is just a nice job perk. It was discussed that the change was made because of the constitutionality of borrowing Village property, and take home cars are part of job readiness in case of an emergency.

Trustee Adair said that littering needs a higher fine. We would need an ordinance.

Trustee Swigart said that the last entry on the nuisance ordinance is back to the way it was last year, and a lot of time was spent on that last year. We need to get serious about the nuisance properties.

Motion by Grady, second by Robbins at 9:55pm 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)) and acquisition of land (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)). 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 10:14pm. Roll call: Adair, aye; Goad, aye; Grady, aye; Manuel, aye; Robbins, aye; Swigart, aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Robbins, second by Goad to adjourn the meeting at 10:15pm. Motion passed via voice vote.

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

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