

VILLAGE OF TOLONO
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 6, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Board President Jeff Holt, Trustee Beth Erwin, Trustee Mike Golish, Trustee Beth Hewing, Trustee Greg Kingston, and Trustee Ryan Perry. Absent were Trustee Kent Plackett and Clerk Dixie Phillips.

The Board President, Trustees and public joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board heard comments from the public.

There was a presentation about a request for a Special Event Permit for Jess Miller/Lu & Denny's at the Launch Pad. Motion by Trustee Perry to approve the request as presented. Second by Trustee Hewing. The motion carried. There was consensus that the fee should be waived.

There was discussion about some changes to the Personnel Manual. Mr. Stanko had some recommendations. These are under advisement and will come back to the Board.

There was consensus that the Board will revisit the purchase of road repair equipment to ratify the approval and clarify the funding of the purchase at the next regular meeting.

The Board then discussed vehicles being used by the Public Works Department. Trustee Golish is hoping that Mike can put together a spreadsheet summarizing the status of the various vehicles.

Engineer Larry Johnson gave a presentation on the status of the North Calhoun Street Storm Sewer project. There was discussion about proposals for financing secured by Tom Jacob's office. The proposals are based on a project budget of \$1 million. Trustee Golish indicated that he would like to see financial projections for a \$1.7 million project. The Jacob office staff will be at the next regular Board meeting.

Mr. Johnson gave a report on a bridge located at 800 N 1/2 mile west of U.S. 45. There was a recommendation to close the bridge. The Board President ordered the bridge to be closed. The Village has the choice of repairing the bridge or keeping it closed. Between existing and incoming MFT funds, he estimates that there would be about \$280,000 available to spend on the project. He believes that would be adequate to replace it. There was discussion about using a box culvert or multiple culverts as an alternative to building a new bridge. Mr. Johnson hopes to look at outside funding to lower the cost to the Village. The work can be done fairly quickly but approval from the State would take a while and delay the build out.

Trustee Golish motioned to have the Village Engineer explore funding and design options to replace the bridge. There was a second by Trustee Perry. Roll call vote: Trustee Erwin- Yes. Trustee Golish-Yes. Trustee Hewing-Yes. Trustee Greg – Yes.

Denny Davis requested support for \$69,000.00 of additional funding for the Tolono Fire District to pay for the drainage retention. Trustee Kingston explained that he would like the Fire District to be given direction as to whether or not there was support. In order to move the matter forward, Trustee Kingston motioned to provide the funding as requested. Second by Trustee Golish. Roll call vote: Trustee Erwin- yes. Trustee Golish-No. Trustee Hewing-Yes. Trustee Kingston-No. Trustee Perry-No. The motion failed.

There was a presentation by Tony Battaliga, the Building Official, about ongoing permit issues. There was discussion about filling the Zoning Board of Appeals (“ZBA”). Trustees are to give leads to the Board President. There was consensus that the ZBA be compensated at a rate of \$25.00 per member per meeting.

There was a motion by Trustee Perry to approve the Village Board Minutes of December 16, 2014. Second by Trustee Erwin. The motion was approved.

There was discussion about doing more advertising for a Village Treasurer and about how to handle applications. There was consensus that if there are just a few applications that the entire Board will review them in Executive Session.

There was discussion about security cameras for the office. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed a request for a sewer credit. There was a motion by Trustee Perry to approve a credit for \$24.10 for Karen Gonzalez at 406 Mabry Court. Second by Trustee Golish. Roll call vote: Trustee Erwin-Yes. Trustee Golish-Yes. Trustee Hewing-Yes. Trustee Kingston-Yes. Trustee Perry-Yes. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Trustee Perry to approve the bills and warrants as presented. Second by Trustee Golish. Roll call vote: Trustee Erwin-Yes. Trustee Golish-Yes. Trustee Hewing-Yes. Trustee Kingston-Yes. Trustee Perry-Yes. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Trustee Golish to enter into Executive Session for the limited purpose discussing the performance, compensation and/or employment of one or more Village Employees. There was a second by Trustee Perry. Roll call vote: Trustee Erwin- Yes. Trustee Golish-Yes. Trustee Hewing-Yes. Trustee Kingston-Yes. Trustee Perry-Yes. The motion carried.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:17 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 8:48 p.m.

There was consensus that consideration of the purchase of a truck be on the next agenda.

There was a motion by Trustee Golish to adjourn with a second by Trustee Hewing. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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