

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
VILLAGE OF TOLONO BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
July 5, 2016**

A meeting of the Village of Tolono Board of Trustees (“Board”) was held on Tuesday, July 5, 2016. Trustees present: Mike Golish, Jacquie Miller, Rob Murphy, Ryan Perry, and Terrence Stuber; Trustee Rena Anderson was absent. Others present were Zoning Board of Appeals (“ZBA”) Administrator Randy Bachert, Architect Scott Burge, President Jeff Holt, Engineer Anthony Jansen, Attorney Marc Miller, and Clerk Dixie Phillips.

President Holt led the Board and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Eddie Gregg of Lu & Denny’s requested two Special Event Permits for: (1) August 13, 2016 for their 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary party beginning at 5 p.m. and ending around midnight, and (2) August 27, 2016 for the Annual Unity Golf Outing beginning at 7 p.m. and ending at midnight. Trustee Stuber said he had received several complaints about noise level and its length of time. He suggested that the music end at 11 p.m. A straw poll was taken to approve the special permits and Trustee Stuber said he had no further comment until the permits are presented at the next Board meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPT:** President Holt said the new vacuum was received and that the Village jetted Mr. Donberger’s catch basin and culverts, and that the jetting went well. He also reported that all maintenance employees had a chance to operate the new truck-vacuum. President Holt advised the Board that an attachment to jet through curves in pipes was needed for the vacuum at a cost of approximately \$2,000. Review and approval of the new attachment is to be on the next agenda.

**REPORTS:** Engineer Jansen reported that he, Randy Bachert and Dale Shipley discussed the seeding; Mr. Shipley will re-grade the ditch and seed the first part of August. It was suggested that when Mr. Shipley seeds he use an erosion control blanket for better results. An estimate for that cost will be presented for review and possible approval at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Jansen reported on the issue of the west side drainage stating that until the inlets are cleaned, DJ Stewart cannot televise the pipes. Mr. Jansen reported that they are hoping the Village can get the inlets cleaned before the next Board meeting.

Mr. Jansen distributed a document entitled Alley Conditions showing six alleys in town that have been discussed. Attorney Miller advised the Board that it had the prerogative concerning the use/definition of alleys.

Prior to the discussion on the old fire station and the new police department, President Holt thanked the Board for reconsidering Ordinance 2016-11. Trustee Golish made a motion with a second by Trustee Perry to approve Ordinance No. 2016-11 entitled An Ordinance Providing for and Approving the Third Amendment to the Tolono TIF District Redevelopment Project Area, Plan & Projects. A roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

Rena Anderson – Absent      Mike Golish – Yes      Jacquie Miller – Yes

Rob Murphy – Yes

Ryan Perry – Yes

Terrence Stuber – Abstained

Mr. Jansen reported that they are still looking into the resolution for the water situation at 603 W Holden Street and that he had spoken to several of the residents.

Architect Scott Burge reported that he had spoken to Steve Muser before tonight's meeting and that Mr. Muser said he was ready to start demolition of the old fire station on July 14, 2016. He also reported that, if it was okay with the Board, Mr. Muser would start removing trees and putting a fence around the perimeter and other preliminary actions until the utilities are disconnected. President Holt said that disconnecting the utilities was expedited but that the Village is still waiting on the disconnect date.

Mr. Burge distributed new plans for the police station, (no parking spaces are included in the plan, allowing only street parking), including a timetable and an updated budget. Trustee Stuber asked President Holt to explain how the new police station will be paid. President Holt said that the project will be paid with projected dollars from TIF, and that dollars have to be allocated between now and end of TIF because if they are not, then those dollars go back and the Village will no longer have access to the money. President Holt relayed various areas where the TIF money had been spent and that it was spread throughout the Village.

Trustee Stuber said he is not against the project but that his only concern is that he believes the Village is doing the project out of order because the residents have not been asked if they want a new police station; that some people on the Board say the original price tag was too high but those same people increased the budget. He also stated that the Village still has drainage issues in the TIF District and residents have said that drainage is the No. 1 issue so why not have all of the drainage fixed before spending projected dollars. President Holt said he has people wanting it and feels comfortable with going ahead with the project and that drainage is still being fixed.

Trustee Perry asked if the plans could be flipped for future add-ons. Mr. Burge said some adjustments could be made. Trustee Murphy wants to wait to get updated numbers and Trustee Perry wants to let Trustee Anderson have a chance to weigh in on the new design. Trustee Murphy said he would like to hear from the Police Department since they have not seen the new design and President Holt said they had been invited to the Board meeting.

Mr. Bachert, ZBA Administrator, Reported that he had received calls about someone having a POD container in their driveway for over two months. He also reported that the ZBA had a couple of things to discuss in an upcoming meeting but at this time had nothing to report to the Board.

**MINUTES:** Trustee Perry made a motion with a second by Trustee Miller to approve the June 21, 2016 regular meeting minutes and the June 28, 2016 special meeting minutes with corrections; motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The hiring of Village personnel is still being discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee Golish stated that the appropriation was 2.5% higher than last year and that the water and sewer fund had dropped 3.2 % from last year. Trustee Golish made a motion

with a second by Trustee Stuber to approve Ordinance No. 2016-12 entitled Annual Appropriation Ordinance. A roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

Rena Anderson – Absent	Mike Golish – Yes	Jacquie Miller – Yes
Rob Murphy – Yes	Ryan Perry – Yes	Terrence Stuber – Yes

President Holt related that he and Mr. Miller had met with the auditors and that they will probably begin tomorrow, July 6, 2016, and be at the Village Hall approximately a week.

Adam Munds was not present; therefore, his request for a Special Event Permit was deferred to the next meeting.

The Board decided to wait for a decision on the Illinois Foundation Seeds, Inc.’s (“IFSI”) drainage issue until the tax abatement agreement is checked because the Village is not getting tax revenue; therefore the matter was deferred to the next meeting.

The Board requested an estimate from Gibbs Carpet Service for plank flooring only because President Holt reminded the Board that they had decided not to carpet the conference room because Board meetings will be held in the new police station once it’s completed.

Mr. Miller distributed a memo dated July 5, 2016 relaying his information from his meeting with a consultant concerning the water rate increase. He said the ICC will decide the water rate from Illinois American Water Company and listed options that the Village can take. The Board decided to take no action at this time. Mr. Miller advised the Board that he did not have a copy of the agreement with the water company but did request a copy. He also said that he sent an FOIA to find out when the rates will be increased.

No sewer credits were presented.

**PAY BILLS:** Trustee Golish made a motion with a second by Trustee Stuber to pay the bills and warrants presented except for the IFSI tax refund for \$6,090.10 until the annexation agreement is reviewed. A roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

Rena Anderson – Absent	Mike Golish – Yes	Jacquie Miller – Yes
Rob Murphy – Yes	Ryan Perry – Yes	Terrence Stuber – Yes

**TICKLER FILE:** The Tickler File was discussed and the Clerk will present an updated copy at the next meeting.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Trustee Stuber had a question about the feral cats as to when trapping will begin so that he can put it on the website to notify residents. President Holt said it was already started and if an owner is known the cat will be returned. President Holt said he had spoken to Chief Raney who told him that he had spoken to Mr. Olden and another resident concerning the feral cats. Trustee Stuber will put a notice on the website that if someone has lost a cat to call Chief Raney.

Trustee Stuber said he would like to make a link to the agenda, to the packets, and to the approved bills on the website. Trustee Murphy suggested that bills be received by e-mail by the

Trustees a couple days ahead of a meeting in order to review them. President Holt said it sounded like a good idea and will notify the office.

The Board took a break at 8:50 p.m.

At 8:58 p.m. Trustee Perry made a motion with a second by Trustee Stuber to enter into Executive Session for the limited purpose of discussing the hiring, performance, compensation and/or employment of one or more Village employees. A roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

Rena Anderson – Absent	Mike Golish – Yes	Jacquie Miller – Yes
Rob Murphy – Yes	Ryan Perry – Yes	Terrence Stuber – Yes

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Trustee Murphy made a motion with a second by Trustee Perry to return to the regular meeting at 9:31 p.m. A roll call vote was taken and the following votes were cast passing the motion:

Rena Anderson – Absent	Mike Golish – Yes	Jacquie Miller – Yes
Rob Murphy – Yes	Ryan Perry – Yes	Terrence Stuber – Yes

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Perry made a motion with a second by Trustee Murphy to adjourn; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dixie L. Phillips, Village Clerk

Date approved: July 19, 2016