

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 17 2010**

A meeting of the Village of Tolono (“Village”) Board of Trustees (“Trustees”) was held on Tuesday, August 17, 2009. The following Trustees were present: Rena Anderson, Vickie Foley, Jeff Holt, Jeff Revell and Jim Snodgrass; Trustee Golish was absent. Others present were: Attorney Marc Miller, Mayor Plackett, Engineers Greg Cook and Larry Johnson, John McBride, Clerk Dixie Phillips, and Chief Raney. Mayor Plackett called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Public Comments:

No public comments at this time.

Approval of Minutes:

Following a motion made by Trustee Snodgrass and seconded by Trustee Revell, the minutes of the August 3, 2010 were approved as presented.

Reports:

Chief Raney reported that the new police officer, Ryan Rich, is doing well. He also said that the Police Department appears unified now and he hopes that that continues.

Engineer Johnson addressed the Board concerning the income possibly generated from cell phones and utilities if the tax was initiated. He said that the Village could possibly have revenue up to \$100,000 from cell phone tax. He also said that the Village could recognize 5% to 6% from each utility bill that is generated for Tolono. Following are some of the Trustees’ comments:

Trustee Anderson – cell – yes; utilities, no

Trustee Foley – no for both, the economy is already hitting the residents of Tolono hard and there are people out of work. She also said that the Board needs to consider the residents first.

Trustee Holt – cell – yes; utilities – no

Trustee Revell – cell – yes; utilities, no

Trustee Snodgrass – cell – yes; utilities, no

Mayor Plackett – cell – yes; utilities – no

Mayor Plackett asked Attorney Miller to come up with an ordinance to initiate the cell phone tax for review.

Engineer Johnson said that the easements signed are ready for recording and that the exhibit to each Easement is land-owner specific. Once the easements are all signed, then Attorney Miller can begin his negotiations with the Hutchins farm landowners.

Engineer Greg Cook reviewed the Engineer’s Final Payment Estimate and Request for Approval of Change in Plans with the Board. Following a motion made by Trustee Revell and Trustee Foley seconded to pay \$242,616.27 for the statement, roll call was taken and the vote follows:

Rena Anderson - Yes
Jeff Holt – Yes

Vickie Foley - Yes
Jeff Revell – Yes

Mike Golish - Absent
Jim Snodgrass – Yes

Engineer Cook presented the Trustees with a Resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Funds, which allows an application on behalf of the Village to the IDOT for an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program grant. Following discussion, Trustee Revell moved and Trustee Snodgrass seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2, roll call was taken and the vote follows:

Rena Anderson – Abstained
Jeff Holt – Abstained

Vickie Foley - Abstained
Jeff Revell – Yes

Mike Golish - Absent
Jim Snodgrass – Yes

The motion passed because abstaining was the same as a yes vote.

There was no July Treasurer’s Report so it was moved to the next meeting.

The auditors were unable to attend tonight’s meeting so that report was moved to the next meeting.

Old Business:

The Budget Review for 2010-2011 was moved to the next meeting.

New Business:

Craig M. Eckert, Mayor of Philo, addressed the Board concerning the possibility of the Village of Tolono accepting waste from Philo. He wanted to gauge the interest of the Village and said that Philo is willing to carry their fair share of the expense. Mr. Eckert will have David Phillippe, the engineer for the Village of Philo, contact Larry Johnson, one of Tolono’s engineers to discuss the proposed project.

Randy McFall, the owner to the dairy bar, advised the Board that the residents of Tolono and other towns have been great in supporting him and he is hoping to buy the land on which his business occupies and explore expansion for inside-seating because the State laws only allow two picnic tables outside. He said the residents of Tolono and other towns have been great in supporting him. He asked about whether or not there would be any TIF money since the land is in the TIF District. It was decided that he will speak with the EPA to make sure there’s no gas tanks underground where the old gas station was and then come back to the Board and, in the meantime, Mayor Plackett will speak with the TIF attorney.

Jacqueline Miller advised the Board that her cat had been killed by a coyote and that she is seeing them in the early morning and as early as 10 p.m. She and others are quite concerned about small children. At the request of the Mayor, Steve Beckman, owner of Anything Wild Animal Control addressed the Board concerning his resolution for the coyote problems in Tolono. He advised that rubber-jawed traps could be set and that they are checked every 24 hours. The traps do not kill the animal and the animals, upon capture are euthanized. The cost is per animal plus a daily trap fee, i.e. \$425 for the first animal caught and \$225 for each one captured thereafter. The Board will review and discuss, after which Mayor Plackett will contact him.

John McBride gave the Board his July Work Report. He told the Board that he had two blowers down that needed repaired, totaling approximately \$19,000 to \$20,000 each, and three that are 38 years old. Mr. McBride is quite concerned about losing the last blower but said he may be able to keep them running. Engineer Johnson told the Board that there is a new high speed turbo blower out now that pays for itself over a small amount of time. Mr. Johnson and Mr. McBride will check out the cost factor and report back to the Board at the next meeting. It was also suggested that notices be put up or other form of notifying residents to be careful of what goes down their toilets because rags, diapers, etc. are causing havoc with the sewer equipment.

Mayor Plackett advised the Board of a complaint concerning speed at the corner of Linden and Whitehead Streets. Chief Raney said that the Police Department has had no complaints and he does not see the necessity to have 4-way stop sign installed at that intersection but will check it out.

Following a motion by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Revell to place “Slow – Children at Play” signs around Shipley Park, the motion was unanimously approved.

A discussion concerning permits for new pools being installed was discussed and Mayor Plackett directed Attorney Miller to prepare an ordinance for review.

Following a review of the requests for sewer credits, Trustee Snodgrass moved and Trustee Revell seconded to allow the following sewer credits:

Jean Cross - \$46.93
Doug Stierwalt - \$15.61
Clark Woodworth - \$98.60

Mayor Plackett reported that the some of the drainage work was done on Main Street but that it cannot be jetted because it’s too long; therefore, a manhole or catch basin may have to be installed. He also said that a catch basin may have to be installed on the second of Broadway Street for the same reason.

Mayor Plackett reported that at the intersection of Walnut and James Streets the bushes have grown up and are obstructing the view. He will speak to the Deerpath homeowners’ association to see who is in charge of maintenance for that area.

Mayor Plackett also authorized the engineers to proceed with their analysis for the water increase that the Village is going to make.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Foley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Holt. The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dixie L. Phillips, Clerk