

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 16, 2010**

A meeting of the Village of Tolono ("Village") Board of Trustees ("Trustees") was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2009. The following Trustees were present: Vickie Foley arrived at 6:38 p.m., Mike Golish, and Jeff Holt. Steve Bonner, Jeff Revell, and Jim Snodgrass were absent. Others present were: Planning Commissioner Frank Norton, Attorney Marc Miller, Mayor Plackett, Steve Wegman, Sr. Engineer at the Illinois American Water Company, and Clerk Dixie Phillips. Mayor Plackett called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

The first order of business was the reading and approval of the minutes for the March 2, 2010 meeting of the Trustees. Following a motion made by Trustee Golish and seconded by Trustee Holt, the minutes were approved as presented.

Public Comments:

The room was filled with ministers from the local churches, residents and bar and/or restaurant owners to discuss the revisions to the Village Liquor Ordinance. Therefore, public comments were held later during the discussion on the revisions to the ordinance.

Reports:

Planning Commissioner Frank Norton recommended that the Trustees authorize the Mayor to write a letter to the Champaign County Planning and Zoning to say that the Village has no objection to the creation of a parcel 75' x 100' at the southeast corner of the intersection of CR 600N (Route 17) and CR900E (Sadorus Road), which is within Tolono's ETJ, to be owned by the Illinois American Water Company, a public utility, and will be used for a pump station. Following discussion and input from Mr. Wegman on shared costs and other issues, Trustee Foley made a motion, seconded by Trustee Golish to authorize Mayor Plackett to send the letter to the Champaign County Planning & Zoning Board. Motion passed.

Attorney Miller reported that he, Larry Johnson and Jeff Holt had met with Jeff Little, the tenant farmer of one of the parcels the Village has not get received an easement to cross. He said it was of little value and that he will contact the attorney for the landowner tomorrow and/or send a letter to him. Trustee Holt reported that Trustee Snodgrass had talked to Roger Miller at the grain elevator and will report on that at the next meeting. Dave Hansen reminded Mr. Miller that the attorney should know that it is actually replacing the tile that was damaged.

Kevin Shipley asked about drainage in the north end and Paul Moore, Jr. asked about drainage on Main Street. Trustee Holt said that there had been a public meeting and everyone was welcomed. He said the Village got suggestions from that meeting and is working on fixing the drainage problems in a priority manner.

Following review of the Treasurer's Report, Trustee Golish made a motion and Trustee Foley seconded it to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed.

The Police Report was presented but no comments made.

There was no report from Public Works.

Trustee Golish said that the income had not changed significantly and the State is four months behind in paying income taxes to the Village.

Old Business:

Dan Noel asked about the status of the Leda Street issue because it's connected to his Redevelopment Agreement. He was told that the documents are in the hands of Mike Birtcher's attorney and that Mr. Miller had called Mr. Birtcher and left a voice-mail message and that Mr. Miller will call the attorney for Mr. Birtcher. Trustee Holt said he would contact Mr. Birtcher.

Mayor Plackett said he had spoken to the office staff about the necessity for caller identification on all phones and had not received any real answers. He also said he spoke to Chief Rainey who said that the Police Department definitely needed caller id.

Clerk Phillips was asked to get prices on complete packages, including the necessary software, for laptops and bring them to the next meeting.

New Business:

Mr. Miller prepared a draft of a resolution allowing automatic payment of re-occurring Village expenses and presented it to the Trustees. Following discussion on the resolution, Trustee Golish made a motion, seconded by Trustee Foley to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Payment of Re-occurring Expenses as edited. Motion passed. The final copy will be presented at the next meeting for signature by Mayor Plackett and Clerk Phillips.

The request from the Fun Day Committee ("Committee") for a temporary liquor license for the festival on June 25-26, 2010 was tabled awaiting further information from the Committee.

Review of Liquor Ordinance – Section 4

Trustee Golish had prepared a draft of Section 4 of the Liquor Ordinance for all to review. Ministers from local churches in town, business owners and other individuals voiced their opinions concerning changes to be made or not made to the current ordinance. After a lengthy discussion, the Trustee Foley advised the group that everything has been and will be discussed again and that the Trustees want to clear up the gray areas in the current ordinance. The age of people allowed in bars, the time they're allowed in, and opening and closing times on Sundays were the main points of discussion, along with the direction and character of the Village being decided. Mayor Plackett thanked everyone for coming and said he would send a letter to the bar/restaurant owners when the next meeting would be held discussing the ordinance.

Mayor Plackett said that when a bar sells that it should not be assumed the liquor license will continue. The Trustees also discussed fencing for beer gardens and noise issues.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Foley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Holt. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dixie L. Phillips, Clerk