

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 2, 2010**

A meeting of the Village of Tolono ("Village") Board of Trustees ("Trustees") was held on Tuesday, March 2, 2009, pursuant to notice. The following Trustees were present: Steve Bonner, Mike Golish, Jeff Holt, and Jim Snodgrass. Trustee Foley arrived at 6:40 p.m. and Trustee Jeff Revell was absent. Others present were: Mayor Plackett, Clerk Dixie Phillips and Engineers Larry Johnson and Jason Frericks of Foth. Mayor Plackett called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The first order of business was the reading and approval of the minutes for the February 2 and 16, 2010 meetings of the Trustees. Following motions made by Trustee Snodgrass and seconded by Trustee Holt, the minutes were approved as presented, respectively.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments at this time.

Reports:

Mr. Johnson reported that alternative easements were ready for review and that an alternative route may have to be used in order to get the southwest drainage project accomplished. Trustee Snodgrass will contact Roger Miller of Premier Grain to see if they would have a problem with the tile being routed on their land. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Miller will contact Jane Hutchins' attorney to see if an agreement can be worked out that would enable her to fully understand and sign the easement. Nothing further will be done until the Village is sure that all easements are signed.

Marcia Woodworth asked how the Trustees determined which drainage problems in town got fixed first and Trustee Holt said all problems are being researched and that the southwest drainage affects between 30 and 40 homes. Mayor Plackett said that a portion of the video of the sewer lines taken by DJ Stewart might be available for review Thursday evening if the new part for Mr. Stewart's machine is in by then, which will give the Trustee a better picture of some of the problems.

Mr. Frericks advised the Trustees that he knew Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") had been delayed in doing a traffic count because of the weather and that IDOT will be getting it done shortly, if not already. He and Mr. Johnson feel that there will be no problem with the Village obtaining a stop light for Walnut and U.S. Route 45 intersection.

Dan Noel asked the Trustees if there was going to be another public meeting for the overpass and was told not at this time. Mr. Johnson said the petition needed to be filed

with the Illinois Commerce Commission ("ICC") as soon as possible, with deadlines for the various aspects of the project, and that Chuck Brewers is the ICC contact person. Mr. Johnson also said that the money earmarked for the overpass from IDOT has been appropriated to I-74 repairs and that money is no longer available. Trustee Holt said that before a petition is filed he feels the Trustees need more information as far as where the money is coming from and if those resources are firm. Mr. Noel said that the Trustees just need to make a decision whether to go forward with the overpass or not. Trustee Foley asked Mr. Noel why he felt the overpass would benefit the Village so much and he said because of the revenues generated from new housing, growth, and traffic. Mr. Noel said it had nothing to do with the fact that he owns the land north of where the overpass would go but that he did need to make some plans and would much appreciate something decisive from the Village. Mayor Plackett advised the group that he and Larry Johnson would be meeting with Dan Schering.

Trustee Golish made a motion, seconded by Trustee Holt, to accept the January 2010 Treasurer's report. The motion passed.

Trustee Golish reported that there was no income report at this time because there was no substantial new income to report. Trustee Golish also reported that the next Treasurer's Report will probably have some transfers that need to be done. The consensus of the Trustees was that the transfers be made from the TIF because that account owes the General Fund money.

Old Business:

Following Mr. Miller's recap of the ordinance to vacate a portion of Leda Street, Trustee Golish moved and Trustee Foley seconded to approve an Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Leda Street. Roll call was taken and motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion on the issue of phone bills and why certain functions and phones were needed. It will be investigated and the information brought back to the Trustees.

New Business:

Trustee Holt presented a request from Jim Robinson to have the alley checked behind his house because there is a house that faces the alley and that is the only means he has to access his garage. The alley behind Monical's was also discussed. A review of all alleys will be made by Trustees and Maintenance Supervisor Russ Curry and a report will be brought back to the Trustees.

A request was read by Mayor Plackett that the Fun Day Festival was requesting a temporary liquor license. The matter will be reviewed and voted upon at the next meeting of the Trustees.

Trustee Holt suggested a laptop be purchased for the Village Clerk for use in taking minutes at the meetings and for a faster turnaround of those minutes and other matters related to the duties of the Clerk. Following a straw vote, Mayor Plackett asked Ms. Phillips to get some prices and report back to the Trustees.

There was no Executive Session held.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Foley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Golish. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dixie L. Phillips, Clerk