

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 18, 2010**

A meeting of the Village of Tolono ("Village") Board of Trustees ("Trustees") was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2009. The following Trustees were present: Jeff Holt, Jeff Revell and Jim Snodgrass; Trustees absent were: Steve Bonner, Vickie Foley, and Mike Golish. Others present were: Attorney Marc Miller, Mayor Plackett, Greg Cook of Foth, Inc., Clerk Dixie Phillips, and Attorney Dan Schuering. 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 May 4, 2010 meeting of the Trustees. Following a motion made by Trustee Snodgrass and seconded by Trustee Revell, the minutes were approved as presented.

Public Comments:

Dave Hansen asked where the Village was going next with the drainage problem. He was advised that a letter had been sent to Ms. Hutchison and they are awaiting a response. Trustee Holt suggested we put a time limit on the response. Attorney Miller informed the Trustees that she was no longer being represented by an attorney for this matter and that he had mailed her the same package he had sent to her previous attorney. Attorney Miller said he would give her a call early next week.

Reports:

Following a motion made by Trustee Snodgrass and seconded by Trustee Revell to approve the transfer of \$73,600 from TIF to Sales & Income listed on the April Treasurer's Report, roll call was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

No police report or public works report were presented. Trustee Holt suggested that the Chief of Police and the Supervisor be invited to attend at least one meeting a month to give a report or to explain their written report if questions were presented for the report.

Old Business:

Trustee Holt said that he was in favor of Rocket Road being opened but what happens if something major goes wrong with the sewer plant, drainage, Village streets, and its infrastructure and all our MFT dollars are dedicated to the Rocket Road project. Some of the concerns were addressed by Mr. Schuering and Mr. Cook. Dan Noel said the Village needs to concentrate on the growth of the Village and if the Rocket Road overpass is not put in, growth will diminish. He also said he has 400 lots to be developed in that area. Trustee Snodgrass said that the railroad is not interested in opening any more grade crossings in Tolono and this was confirmed by Mr. Cook. Mr. Hansen stated that he was concerned that if the overpass goes in, then the railroad

might have the Village close the Walnut Street crossing. There is no assurance from the railroad that that will not happen, according to Foth engineers.

No report on the inspection of alleys was given because of an injury sustained by Trustee Bonner and unable to do the inspection with Trustee Snodgrass. Trustee Snodgrass said he would try to get some inspection done this week if Trustee Bonner is still unable to assist.

Mr. Cook handed out the Municipal Estimate of Maintenance Costs and explained the various streets and alleys involved. Following discussion concerning the MFT (Motor Fuel Tax), Trustee Revell made a motion to approve a resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code in the amount of \$250,000, Trustee Snodgrass seconded the motion, roll call was taken and the motion was approved unanimously. This project consists of seal coating (oiling and chipping) some streets and basically reconstructing streets and/or alleys that need redone.

Mayor Plackett said he had received two bids from D. J. Stewart maintenance. One was for \$1,950 to excavate and replace the culvert on Third Street and the second for \$6,140 for the area on Benham by the railroad tracks that floods. Mr. Cook suggested that the materials could be purchased with MFT funds since they involved street work and that the Village could get a bid for labor from D. J. Stewart. Mayor Plackett said he would check with Mr. Stewart.

Following a motion made by Trustee Snodgrass to approve the TIF \$15,417.73 bill, Trustee Revell seconded, roll call was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Following a presentation of two quotes for a laptop for the Clerk, Trustee Holt moved and Trustee Snodgrass seconded to approve \$1,180, roll call was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

New Business:

Following a motion made by Trustee Snodgrass to approve a sewer credit for Marshall Elliott at 604 E. Larmon Street in the amount of \$24.60, Trustee Revell seconded, roll was taken and the motion unanimously approved.

The appropriation discussion will be held at next meeting because of three Trustees being absent.

Mayor Plackett advised the Trustees that he was going to attend the Gibson City meeting with Attorney Miller on Monday night to see how their meetings are run because they have committees set up like the Village used in prior years. Trustee Holt said he might attend as well.

Mayor Plackett also advised the Trustees that he had met with the Mayor of Philo and Larry Johnson, Philo's engineer, to discuss Philo's suggestion that the Village to Tolono

take on of Philo's sewage. John McBride, who oversees Tolono's operational plant, said that it was possible for the Tolono plant to do that. Trustees Snodgrass and Holt stated that the Village of Philo should be paying for all the engineer fees to determine whether this is a feasible project for Tolono. Mr. Cook will let Larry Johnson of Foth know this.

At 8:38 p.m., Trustee Snodgrass made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the limited purpose of discussing litigation which either exists or is imminent. Following a second by Trustee Revell, roll call was taken and the motion unanimously passed. At 9:50 p.m., Trustee Snodgrass made a motion to leave Executive Session. Following a second by Trustee Revell, the motion passed.

Trustee Holt asked that a special meeting or another meeting be held to discuss matters. Mayor Plackett said he did not believe a special meeting could be held and therefore, Trustee Revell moved to continue this meeting to next Tuesday, May 25, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. Trustee Snodgrass seconded and the motion carried. This meeting adjourned at 10 p.m. to be continued to the designated date and time.

Respectfully submitted,

Dixie L. Phillips, Clerk