

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 7, 2010**

A meeting of the Village of Tolono (“Village”) Board of Trustees (“Trustees”) was held on Tuesday, September 7, 2009. The following Trustees were present: Rena Anderson, Mike Golish, Jeff Holt, Jeff Revell and Jim Snodgrass. Trustee Vickie Foley and Mayor Plackett was absent. Others present were: Attorney Marc Miller, Engineer Greg Cook, Accountant Gregory J. Douglas of Martin Hood Friese & Associates, LLC, and Clerk Dixie Phillips.

Trustee Holt made a motion to appoint Trustee Snodgrass as Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Trustee Golish, motion passed. Mayor Pro-tem Snodgrass 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 Revell and seconded by Trustee Golish, the minutes of the August 17, 2010 were approved as modified.

Reports:

There was no Public Works report.

Attorney Miller reported that all easements had been signed and a letter sent to Patrick Fitzgerald, the attorney for Jane Hutchins Farms. Because of the delay in the process and because it was past the original 45 days already given to the Hutchins, Trustee Holt asked if the Board was willing to file an imminent domain proceeding just to get the drainage problem fixed. A discussion was held and the results of a straw vote follow:

Trustee Anderson – Needs more time, not against imminent domain proceeding but just thinks giving a little more time would be better.
Trustee Foley – Absent
Trustee Golish – Yes
Trustee Holt – Yes
Trustee Revell – Yes, if no answer by September 21, 2010
Trustee Snodgrass - Yes

A vote will be taken on September 21, 2010 to proceed with a resolution to resolve the drainage on Austin Street.

Engineer Cook relayed to the Board that Larry Johnson had contacted the water company and is awaiting a call back for the exact amount of the increase to be imposed on the Village of Tolono. Until Mr. Johnson receives that information, it is unwise to make a water rate increase analysis.

Engineer Cook also told the Board that he or Mr. Johnson had not heard from Philo’s engineers. Trustee Holt reiterated that he wanted hard figures before any plan was presented to the Trustees. The Trustees were all in agreement that their belief is that Philo will pay the engineers’ fees.

CPA Douglas told the Trustees that the Audit for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 went well and that the overall government looked good. He also advised them that the Village would have lost \$156,000 if not for the TIF and that the General Fund should not be a negative balance. Mr. Douglas also presented a Quick Book proposal for review which should prevent some of the minor errors occurring at this time, none of any substance.

Trustee Golish handed out income documentation and said that the Village needed to develop a budget and tighten it up because income was down due to the loss of three businesses in Tolono. Trustee Golish said he will prepare and identify the fixed expenses and Trustee Holt said they could prioritize from that list.

Trustee Golish moved to approve the transfer of \$16,000 from the Sales & Income Tax Account to the Streets and Alley Account and \$14,650 to the Police Fund, totaling \$30,950, and to transfer \$31,000 from the TIF Fund to the Sales & Income Account, for a total transfer of \$61,950. The motion was seconded by Trustee Revell, roll call taken and motion passed as follows:

Rena Anderson - Yes	Vickie Foley - Absent	Mike Golish - Yes
Jeff Holt – Yes	Jeff Revell – Yes	Jim Snodgrass – Yes

Old Business:

Trustee Golish moved and Trustee Revell seconded to approve up to \$19,000 to purchase a Hoffman blower for the sewer plant. Roll Call taken as follows and motion passed:

Rena Anderson - Yes	Vickie Foley - Absent	Mike Golish - Yes
Jeff Holt – Yes	Jeff Revell – Yes	Jim Snodgrass – Yes

Trustee Snodgrass reported that he went through the intersection of Walnut & James Streets and found no obstruction of view. Trustee Revell reported he had done the same and it was obstructed his left vision when going West on Walnut toward U.S. Route 45. Trustee Holt will ask Sara Perry who the association president is and ask if they would trim the hedge. It will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

The issue of the drainage problem on Broadway was moved to the next meeting because of no information.

The topic of the 4-way stop sign was resolved because the Trustees believe Chief Raney's opinion should be held, i.e. there is not enough traffic to warrant the stop sign.

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

In prior old business issues, Trustee Anderson said she saw the camper still being occupied on the land and asked what the Village's ordinance was for having a camper/RV parked and living in it on property. The issue will be checked.

The property at Vorcey and Daggy Streets was reported as again becoming a safety and health hazard. The properties at 406-408 Holden and 311 E Broadway were also discussed. Chief Raney is to look into the properties and report back to the Trustees for a decision at the next meeting.

Trustee Snodgrass said he would check into the matter of the recycling bins because they were full and the understanding was that the Village used to have three bins rather than two.

It was also decided that the Tickler system would be put back on the agenda because of the ease in staying on top of projects in progress. Trustee Golish said he was really too busy to keep it maintained and Clerk Phillips said she would be happy to do so if he sent her the most recent version.

New Business:

Trustee Golish moved and Trustee Revell seconded to approve the Ameren IP Easement for the Benham Street Drainage project.

In the absence of Mayor Plackett, Clerk Phillips read the e-mail he sent to the Board concerning the issue of possible sites for a pork processing plant. Trustee Revell said that the Rantoul pork plant closed and said it was purchased by someone else and asked if that was the same company. The Trustees decided that Mayor Plackett could contact Erik Koterva and see if the company was still in the process of obtaining site locations and check whether or not it involved the Rantoul location.

Attorney Miller presented the Telecommunications Tax Ordinance to the Trustees. Trustees Holt and Golish both suggested that the income could be limited to drainage repairs/improvements only and after some discussion it was decided that Attorney Miller would add language that would allow future Boards to have to amend the ordinance in the event they want to use the income received for some purpose other than drainage. With that done, Trustee Revell made a motion and Trustee Holt seconded to approve the Telecommunications Tax Ordinance. Roll Call taken as follows and motion passed:

Rena Anderson - Yes	Vickie Foley - Absent	Mike Golish - Yes
Jeff Holt – Yes	Jeff Revell – Yes	Jim Snodgrass – Yes

As further new business, Trustee Holt asked if the Board was in favor of an official Village of Tolono website because the meetings are no longer being put on the current website for residents. Trustee Holt also said he had some friends that could set it up with minor costs to the Village, if any. Trustee Revell said his opinion is that if anyone wants to know what goes on in the meetings, they can attend. Trustee Anderson said that the meetings could be taped, transferred to CDs and sold to the residents. Trustee Golish said that if the present system isn't working, then it was okay with him if it could be done with a minimal cost. Trustee Snodgrass was in agreement with Trustee Golish.

Pay Bills

Trustee Golish moved and Trustee Revell seconded to approve the payment of the bills with the exception of Purchase Order No. 9897 to the Dan Scheuring for \$5,717.10 until it was moved from the General Fund to TIF. Roll Call taken as follows and motion passed:

Rena Anderson - Yes	Vickie Foley - Absent	Mike Golish - Yes
Jeff Holt – Yes	Jeff Revell – Yes	Jim Snodgrass – Yes

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