

**Village of Tolono**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**April 6, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present were Trustees Steve Bonner, Mike Golish, Jeff Holt, Kent Plackett, Jeff Revell, and Jim Snogross. Absent were Clerk Dixie Phillips and Trustee Vickie Foley. Also present were Attorney Marc Miller and Engineer Larry Johnson.

The Board took comments from the Public. There was a presentation of the Fun Day Committee by Barb regarding a beer tent. They are asking for a special events license on June 25 and 26 from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. They have spoken with the Police Department and are proposing installing an 8 foot fence at the back. The Board polled itself. Jim Snodgrass had no objections. Trustee Golish inquired about children's activities on Main Street and was told there would be none at that location. No one under 21 will be allowed in the beer tent and entrants will wear bracelets. A straw poll of the Board indicated support for the license which will be on the next meeting's agenda. The Board also indicated straw poll support of pledging \$5,000.00 to fund Fun Day. Trustee Golish noted that the State is 3 to 4 months behind in payments to the Village. The total Fun Day budget is about \$18,000.00.

Gene Creek asked that the alleyway behind his house be leveled off and the lead-in off the street needs some work at 215 E. Reynolds. He also wants work performed on the culvert near the catch basin at Walnut and Vorcey.

Paul Moore spoke about a smashed culvert and 3<sup>rd</sup> and Main. President Plackett confirmed that he had driven by it. The Village will try to include it as part of its drainage plan. Trustee Holt suggested that it seems to be a maintenance issue. President Plackett will be discussing it the Village staff.

Susan Plackett confirmed that Ameren is donating \$1,000.00 at a ceremony scheduled at 9:00 a.m. on April 15, 2010 at the East Side Park.

Jack Smith stated that there is a problem with drainage on Linden Street is between Whitehead to Corey. He thinks that there is blockage in the tile. He suggests routing it or jetting it. He also stated that there are no manholes for maintenance there.

The Board then heard from Engineer Larry Johnson. He updated the Board on the easement status of the proposed 15" tile in the southwest portion of town. The Board reviewed a proposed letter regarding the requested easement. He explained that securing an easement is not a very fast process. There was further discussion about the process and concerns from the audience.

The Board discussed DJ Stewart's video of the drainage lines. President Plackett explained that the video has been done. Russell has seen the Video. There are some

spots where a fiber optic line and some other cable are passing through the line. These are being looked at tomorrow. President Plackett is to arrange a time for the Board to view the video. Larry Johnson indicated that his office would like to have someone watch the video as well.

Larry Johnson then updated the Board on a culvert at Benham Street. He handed out a letter of understanding with IDOT from November 27, 2007. The pipe has been provided by IDOT and is being stored. The letter has a deadline of installation by the Village sometime this summer. He suggests getting the installation project started. The Board indicated support for soliciting a proposal from a contractor rather than bidding it since the project is relatively small thereby avoiding administrative costs. There was consensus by the Board that President Plackett will contact DJ Stewart to get a price to complete the work.

Mr. Johnson then shared a 3/30/2010 letter from IDOT stating that studies of concerning a traffic signal at the intersection of Route 45 and Holden do not support the installation of a signal. Trustee Holt inquired whether or not there was another level of appeal. Mr. Johnson will review and verify that there is nothing else to be done. There was discussion about the criteria and a desire to see IDOT's own study and analysis.

Mr. Johnson then discussed the Rocket Road Project. He said that the attorney representing the Village before the ICC has asked for a large amount of material. They are trying to limit the amount of material to keep costs down. Engineer Greg Cook from Foth gave an update on the project. He stated that there is a lot of information and he would like a special meeting to be able to make a presentation. He states that the fiscal year for the ICC ends on June 31. He wants to send a letter of update to the ICC to keep the project alive. He handed out a project meeting summary from an engineer's meeting on April 1, 2010.

The Board then considered the Minutes from March 16, 2010. Trustee Revell made a motion to approve with second by Trustee Golish. The motion passed.

There was some discussion about looking at alley maintenance. Trustee Bonner indicated support for maintenance of actively used alleys. Trustee Snodgrass suggested that it be looked at while putting together a street maintenance plan. There is money in the MFT fund since work has not been done for a while. Greg Cook said he was willing to do a drive along in order to prioritize needs.

Denny Davis appeared on behalf of the Fire Protection District. They are purchasing a property at the corner of Corey and Linden. The new location would allow the Fire Department to move out of the Village facility. The Fire Department is not sure when they will move in to it. The building needs a lot of work. The main entrance will be on the South. The Department is requesting TIF assistance from the Village for \$50,000 towards the project. The building is located in the TIF. The District could accept the money in one lump sum or in increments of \$10,000 per year over 5 years. This project is independent of the "new Fire Department." The District has an application for a grant

for the new Department which is something they are working on. Trustee Golish brought up the need for the Village to prioritize its TIF projects. President Plackett stated that since creation of the TIF District, the Fire District is serving a large number of new homes without receiving additional funding. Trustee Snodgrass indicated that vacation of the Village building will provide more space for the Village. The Board polled itself and indicated support conditioned upon the TIF attorneys approving the payment. Mayor Plackett will contact Dan Walker. The hope is that it can be on the next agenda.

Trustee Bonner explained that there is some recycled asphalt available which can be used in different places in the Village. Trustee Snodgrass motioned to authorize the purchase of up to \$8,800 of ground asphalt from Stark Excavating conditioned upon confirmation with Foth that it will be material suitable for Village use. Second by Golish. Roll call vote. Bonner-yes, Golish-yes, Holt-yes, Revell-yes, & Snodgrass-yes. The motion carried.

The Board then reviewed requests for sewer credits. Trustee Snodgrass motioned to approve a credit for Lawrence Warful for \$205.95. Roll call vote: Bonner-no, Golish-yes, Holt-yes, Revell-yes, & Snodgrass-yes. The motion carried.

President Plackett brought up the need to work on the Appropriation Ordinance at the next meeting(s). He also mentioned that he supported the creation of a TIF Board. He would like a 5 member Board of citizens.

Trustee Golish reported that he has worked on the draft liquor ordinance with Attorney Miller. A marked up version should be ready for the next meeting.

Trustee Snodgrass motioned to adjourn. Second Bonner. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

By: Marc Miller, attorney