

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
February 16, 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: Steve Bonner, Vickie Foley, Mike Golish, Jeff Holt, Jeff Revell and Jim Snodgrass. Others present were: Attorney Marc Miller, Mayor Plackett, Larry Johnson of Foth, Inc., and Clerk Dixie Phillips. Mayor Plackett called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Because of a mix-up in posting the agenda, no issues could be voted upon; therefore, the minutes from the February 2, 2010 meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

**Public Comments:**

Malinda Walker and Marcia Woodworth again voiced their concerns about not being notified of easements asking to be put on their property. The fact that there are two easements on their land regarding Deer Path, those can stay as is; however, if there is any other work done or matters discussed without them being notified, their attorney will take action not only on that but also on the Deer Path easements. Trustee Holt advised Ms. Walker and Ms. Woodworth that the Woodworth property had not been touched because the Village had not signed off on the Notice to Proceed and that the work being done was on another property owner's land and had been requested by that landowner. Mayor Plackett said that the Village did make mistakes, apologized to the family, and that the Village was taking the matter very seriously. Attorney Miller said that no work would be done until all easements were signed and that there was another route the Village could use for the drainage issue resolution. Mayor Plackett also said that new easement documentation will be sent to all appropriate landowners.

**Reports:**

Larry Johnson of Foth, Inc. advised the board that, unfortunately, Tom Overmeyer was no longer with the firm and said that he would be available for whatever meeting the Trustees needed him to attend. Mr. Johnson's specialty is water and waster water problems and that Jason Frericks would be handling the other matters for the Village, as well as any other specialized employees needed to assist the Village.

There was no income report available and will be put on the next agenda.

Mayor Plackett advised the Trustees that the police report was in their materials and that they could read it and if any questions, it could be discussed. Trustee Bonner asked for a yearly report for 2009 and Trustee Golish said he had it and would get a copy to the Trustees.

Mayor Plackett also said that a Public Works report had been given to him but did not read it. He also advised the Trustees that 50 tons of salt had been purchased, 25 tons delivered and the another 25 tons coming, which should last through the winter season, hopefully.

The Treasurer report will be put on the next agenda.

### **Old Business:**

Trustee Golish presented everyone present with a very rough draft of the Liquor Ordinance. Much discussion was had basically on the possible increase in the fee for liquor licenses, and the fact that changes made should be fair to all bar owners, not just those with a restaurant license and liquor license. The Trustees assured those present that fees had not been set yet and that the ordinance needed to be revised because of State laws and that the Village must first comply with State laws and then their own ordinance. Ed Greg said that if the ordinance isn't broke why change it and Mayor Plackett said that it is ridiculous for the Village to let bars run themselves and that the State statutes had to be followed. At the March 16, 2010 meeting of the Trustees, the Liquor Ordinance will again be discussed and Mayor Plackett will send letters to all bar owners, as he had done for this meeting.

Trustee Holt advised the Trustees of the information on "My Time Accountant", which is used by Christie Clinic. Further information and discussions on time clocks will be held at future meetings.

Attorney Miller had a draft of the ordinance vacating a portion of Leda Street that is contingent upon getting an easement. Mayor Plackett advised the Trustees that Frank Norton recommended the vacation. Trustee Snodgrass made a motion to extend the public hearing to March 2, 2010, seconded by Trustee Revell, at which time the ordinance can be voted upon. Motion approved.

### **New Business:**

Trustee Holt advised the Trustees that Trustee Holt advised the Trustees that the \$14,400 bill for the electrical upgrade to West Side Park had not been approved and Mayor Plackett said to give it to the staff to pay in the normal course of paying bills. Trustee Revell said he believed it was in the bills to be paid. Mayor Plackett will check on it and make sure it gets paid.

Trustee Foley thanked the Village employees for the salting done, which helped the Fire Department, and the residents on slick roads. Trustee Foley also mentioned that the Fire Department was considering purchasing head phones for the fire trucks to assist in communication when on a call. The cost is approximately \$3,000 per truck. Nothing definite has been decided.

Jeff Holt also advised the Trustees that he had checked with Tuscola and that they pay water bills on-line. It can also be done through the State for a fee of \$1.25 to the customer. He said that he was advised against credit cards because of the liability. Trustee Holt said that if anyone had any questions, they could contact Alta Long at the Tuscola city office. Trustee Golish also mentioned that a bank debt account could be used.

At 9:18 p.m., Trustee Holt made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the limited purpose of discussing the employment and performance of one or more Village employees. Following a second by Trustee Snodgrass, roll call was taken and the motion passed. At 9:30 p.m., Trustee Golish made a motion to leave Executive Session. Following a second by Trustee Foley, the motion passed.

Back in open session, Trustee Holt brought several other issues before the meeting: the process for visiting with Margaret Woodworth and Roger Woodworth concerning the easement issue; the issue of police officers being hired, the administrative fees for liquor ordinance and that he wanted to see the bills from the attorneys for work done on behalf of the Village. Attorney Miller advised the Trustees that his bills do not include telephone calls and other matters of minor substance and that his bills normally reflect major work done on behalf of the Village, i.e. ordinance preparations, etc.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Foley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Golish. The meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dixie L. Phillips, Clerk