

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

A meeting of the Village of Tolono ("Village") Board of Trustees ("Trustees") was held on Tuesday, February 2, 2009, pursuant to notice. The following Trustees were present: Steve Bonner, Mike Golish, Jeff Holt, and Jim Snodgrass. Trustee Vickie Foley and Jeff Revell were absent. Others present were: Clerk Dixie Phillips and Engineer Tom Overmeyer. 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 January 19, 2010 meeting of the Trustees. Following a motion made by Trustee Goish and seconded by Trustee Revell, the minutes were approved as presented.

Public Comments:

Marcia Woodworth and her children, Malinda J. Walker and Matt Woodworth, co-heirs of the Woodworth property, told the Trustees that they would not be signing an easement to allow a drainage tile across their property and that the work was to be stopped but that it was still going on when she went by there before the meeting. Mr. Overmeyer told her that the work was stopped but that they were fixing some tiles that the workers had broken on someone else's land. Ms. Woodworth also asked the Trustees who gave them an easement to put the retention pond in for the Deer Path Subdivision and the Trustees told her. She said he could not give permission because he was only a tenant farmer and that she and her children did not give permission. Mr. Overmeyer said she would have to consult with the developer, Jeff Wampler. Ms. Woodworth also said that if they need permission concerning that land, the Trustees needed to talk with her. The SW drainage problem will be resolved along other lines.

Reports:

Mr. Overmeyer reported on the status of the SW Drainage project. He said that he has the contract for the SW draining but that the Notice of Proceeding remains unsigned by the Village. Mayor Plackett said that it will remain unsigned until the easements are all signed and the Village knows that the work can proceed.

Mr. Overmeyer reported that IDOT was scheduling a traffic count and that he will monitor their progress.

Mr. Overmeyer also reported that he had left a message for DJ Stewart but had not heard from him but that he hoped to have an update on the televising at the next meeting and that perhaps the Trustees could preview the tapes at their first meeting in March.

Mayor Plackett said there was no Treasurer's report because of a problem with the computer not being able to pull the necessary information to create it since the old computer crashed. The problem is being worked on at this time.

Old Business:

Mr. Bonner said that the new salt spreader had been purchased and was installed.

There was no report on the status of the time clocks.

Mr. Golish asked Clerk Phillips to put a new report on the agenda entitled "Income Report". The Income Report will be put on the first agenda of the month for review by the Trustees.

Mr. Golish also went over the Tickler Report and was able to remove some of the items. The Tickler Report will be put on the second agenda of the month for review by the Trustees.

New Business:

Identifying discretionary budget authority given income issues will be moved to the March 16, 2010 meeting.

Trustee Holt read a memo to the Trustees concerning the interviewing of applicants for the Tolono Police Department and said that he agrees with the procedure but not how it was handled – applicants should be brought before the Trustees. Trustee Holt said that retaining an attorney to circumvent what the Trustees wanted was just another way to spend taxpayers' money and it was not necessary. Mayor Plackett said he tried to get another Chief of Police to come in and interview the applicants but could not do so. Trustee Holt said that he was elected to protect the residents of Tolono and Mayor Plackett said he was as well and that the Mayor's job was the administrative running of the Village. Trustee Holt asked what the Trustees were on the Board for and Mayor Plackett said to pay bills and manage the ordinances. The interviewing of the applicants remains the same, Chief Raney, Mayor Plackett and a resident of Tolono will interview the applicants.

Trustee Golish advised the Trustees that there was a new Freedom of Information Act and that the requirements are very different. It was suggested that everyone make themselves familiar with the Act and that one particular person should be the one to whom the request is made.

Conversation was had concerning whether it was time to have a special meeting before a draft revision was prepared for publication and sent to the appropriate people. Trustee Holt said he felt that everyone should receive a copy of a first draft or, at least have it available for anyone who wants to look at it. Trustee Golish suggested it be put

on the website. Mayor Plackett said it should wait until a skeleton version was available. The Liquor Ordinance will be put on the next agenda and there will be no special meeting for it at this time.

Following a vote on a motion made by Trustee Golish and seconded by Trustee Snodgrass to pay the bills, the motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Bonner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Golish. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dixie L. Phillips, Clerk