

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
January 19, 2010**

A meeting of the Village of Tolono ("Village") Board of Trustees ("Trustees") was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2009, pursuant to notice. The following Trustees were present: Steve Bonner, Jeff Holt, Jeff Revell and Jim Snodgrass. Trustee Foley arrived at 6:50 p.m. Mayor Plackett and Trustee Golish were absent. Others present were: Attorney Marc Miller and Clerk Dixie Phillips. Following a motion made by Trustee Holt and seconded by Trustee Revell to have Trustee Snodgrass act as Mayor pro-tem, the motion carried. Trustee Snodgrass 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 July 21, 2009 meeting and the January 5, 2010 meeting of the Trustees. Following motions made by Trustee Bonner and seconded by Trustee Revell, the July 21, 2009 minutes were approved as amended (CF to CJ) and the January 5, 2010 minutes were approved as presented, respectively.

**Public Comments:**

Barb Holt advised the Trustees that several years ago it was verbally agreed that the Village would remove snow from River Road near their property because the road stops at their concrete drive. However, this year it was not done and she was wondering if something permanent could be put in place. Trustee Snodgrass said that he did recall that but did not know of a "permanent" way it could be ordered. Following discussion on the topic, the consensus of the Trustees was that a city map could be drawn up showing designated areas for snow removal and maintenance.

Mike Birtcher asked about the progress of Leda Street being vacated near his home and was advised that at the second meeting in February an ordinance would be presented for approval to vacate a portion of Leda Street.

After phone calls to the developer, Chris Creek, and no response from him, Wade Hendry, President of the condo association, advised the Trustees that condominium association was interested in constructing a fence between the condos, Dollar General, and Casey's, and asked the Trustees for Village assistance. Trustee Foley told Mr. Hendry that she had visited both businesses concerning this matter and that their higher-up management said they were not responsible for doing that, only for keeping their trash encased. However, Trustee Foley also said that if Mr. Hendry wanted to talk to the business owners, he was free to do so and that perhaps the owners would be willing to assist the association in some manner. Mr. Hendry will likely contact the business owners.

Diane Ducey inquired as to the status of the re-plating of the Ducey land since her mother had donated Chuck Hayes' lot to the Church. Ms. Ducey was told that Frank Norton is to present a re-plat to the Trustees for their approval.

Ms. Ducey also addressed the Trustees about Fun Day and having an open mind about using the East Side Park for fireworks because of all the new homes constructed on the west side. The East Side Park Committee is currently working on getting a \$400,000 grant for the development of East Side Park and that perhaps it could be dedicated to her parents because of their longevity and dedication to community service in Tolono. A community building for seniors and kids was also mentioned as well as renting various community buildings to have income for different organizations, i.e. renting the firehouse as a means of earning income and as a service to the community. Ms. Ducey said we must always be looking and moving forward for the benefit of the Village of Tolono.

### **Reports:**

Following a motion by Trustee Foley and second by Trustee Bonner, the Trustees approved the Audit Report for 2009.

The report from the Engineer was tabled until next week. However, Mr. Holt advised Trustees that he and Attorney Miller would be meeting with the son of the owner of the land concerning the unsigned easement agreement on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, at 7 p.m. at the Village to see if satisfactory answers could be obtained so that the easement agreement could be signed. Trustee Holt will report back to the Trustees.

Because of the absence of Mayor Plackett, the Police, Public Works, and the Treasurer reports were tabled. The Treasurer's Report will be on the next agenda and the Policy and Public Works reports will be on the second agenda in February, as will be the future format.

### **Old Business:**

Following a discussion on the purchase of a salt spreader, a motion was made by Trustee Bonner and seconded by Trustee Revell, to ratify the purchase of the salt spreader not to exceed \$6,500. The motion was approved by roll call.

After the explanation was given as to why a sewer credit was requested for Absolute Style, a motion was made by Trustee Foley and seconded by Trustee Bonner to give a sewer credit to of \$39.03 to Absolute Style. The motion was approved by roll call.

The matter of a time clock was discussed and Trustee Holt will provide information at the next meeting of the Trustees.

Because of the absence of Trustee Golish, there was no Tickler File report.

Attorney Miller advised the Trustees that he had sent a letter to the Vorcey Street address but had not sent a letter to CJ Danes because he had been told by Mayor Plackett not to do so. Mayor Plackett will report at the next meeting concerning his decision.

Trustee Bonner said that he felt a meeting of the bar owners should be held prior to the Trustees amending the Liquor Ordinance to allow their input. He also suggested that individual letters be sent to all holders of liquor licenses. Following discussion, it was decided that a Special Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at the Village Hall at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Liquor Ordinance and its revisions.

Trustee Foley advised the Trustees that she had been approached by a business owner, identity to remain anonymous, who informed her that he objected strongly to a fee being charged for beer garden licenses because he said we want to keep businesses in Tolono, not drive them away.

**New Business:**

Identifying discretionary budget authority given income issues was tabled for the next meeting.

Trustee Holt advised the Trustees that the electrical upgrade to West Side Park was completed and presented an Invoice from Glesco Electric, Inc. for \$14,400, which will be paid with the regular bills since the work had previously been approved by the Trustees.

Trustee Holt also said that he would appreciate receiving reports and other information to be discussed at Trustees' meetings prior to the night of their meetings. The other Trustees concurred that it would be better if the information could be read and digested prior to meetings.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Foley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Revell. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dixie L. Phillips, Clerk