

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 17, 2009**

A meeting of the Village of Tolono (“Village”) Board of Trustees (“Trustees”) was held on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, pursuant to notice. The following Trustees were present: Steve Bonner, Vickie Foley, Mike Golish, Jeff Holt, Jeff Revell and Jim Snodgrass. Others present were: Mayor Plackett, Clerk Dixie Phillips, Auditor Greg Douglas, Attorney Marc Miller, and Engineer Tom Overmeyer. Mayor Plackett called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Public Comments:

Jim Salmon, President of the Deer Path Homeowners’ Association (“HOA”), reported an incident involving young people attempting to break into cars. He also stated that it was the third one since May 2009.

Officer Eric Vogt, also a member of the Deer Path HOA, said that at 1:15 a.m. on November 16, 2009, he had just gotten home from work and went to walk his dog when he noticed three individuals breaking into cars. Eventually, all three were arrested.

The members of the HOA want to know where their tax dollars are going and why are they not being protected.

Mayor Plackett said that we are currently in the process of hiring another officer and that if there is no officer on duty, residents are to call METCAD.

Trustee Holt said that if the public wants change, they need to vote. Trustee Foley said that her understanding was that the Village had 24/7 patrol but, was told that that is not the case at all times.

John Dimit of the Champaign County Economic Development Corporation made a presentation to the Trustees. This company markets Champaign County for in-coming businesses and other attractions.

Reports:

Following a motion was made by Trustee Golish to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 7, 2009, seconded by Trustee Foley, the Trustees approved the minutes as corrected.

Following a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report and the transfers by Trustee Snodgrass and seconded by Trustee Revell, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Douglas of Martin, Hood, Friese & Associates presented and explained the Village audit for 2009 to the Trustees. After much discussion, the Trustees asked to review the audit more closely and it will be presented for approval at the next meeting of the Trustees.

Old Business:

Tom Overmeyer presented an update on the SW drainage easement. He presented the Trustees with a draft Permanent Easement, which will be prepared for the individual landowners, for their review. If Mr. Overmeyer does not receive any comments by Friday, November 20, 2009, he will finalize the easements and mail them to the landowners.

Trustee Snodgrass said that he thought the maintenance on the main line only should be clearly spelled out in more detail. Trustee Bonner asked if the connections to the main line would be inspected and whether or not there would be a fee for a connection. There could be a fee for connecting inside the Village; however, no fee for connecting to lines on private property. Sump pumps could also be connected to the line. Trustee Bonner also asked if we had received permission from the drainage district and Mr. Overmeyer said no and he did anticipate a problem. Mr. Overmeyer also said that, hopefully, the work could begin in the Spring 2010.

Trustee Holt asked about the progress on the stop light at the corner of Walnut and Route 45 from IDOT. Mr. Overmeyer said that it is the goal to begin that work also in the Spring 2010. He also said that he does not anticipate any problems with IDOT on this endeavor.

Discussion was also had on the overpass and Trustee Holt said that he needed to know hard numbers before he could commit to that project. Trustee Bonner said that he believes the Village should wait for the high speed rail decision until committing money to an overpass. Trustee Snodgrass agreed but said he did not believe the curve of the rail would affect the overpass. Trustee Foley asked if the Village now truly needed or wanted an overpass.

Trustee Golish said that the side rail gone and the implantation of a new traffic light may affect the Trustees decision on the overpass. The Trustees and the engineer agreed that a public hearing would be held in the Spring 2010.

Trustee Golish then reviewed the Tickler File. There are many tasks accomplished by the Village but there are several yet to go; however, there is progress being made in the Village of Tolono for the benefit of the residents.

New Business:

Attorney Miller explained the tax levy and the parties decided to put the approval of the Tax Levy Ordinance 2009-2010 on the next agenda.

Executive Session:

At 9:18 p.m., Trustee Golish made a motion, seconded by Trustee Bonner, to go into Executive Session. Motion carried by roll call.

At 9:36 p.m., Trustee Snodgrass made a motion, seconded by Trustee Revell, to go out of Executive Session. Motion carried by roll call.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Golish made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Snodgrass. The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Dixie L. Phillips, Clerk