



# VOT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING Minutes

VILLAGE OF TILTON  
5/15/2025 6:00 PM  
1001 TILTON RD, TILTON IL 61833

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

### Attendance

#### Present:

Members: John Barnes - Board Trustee, Lori Fields - Village Clerk, Bob Finley - Board Trustee, Courtney George - Board Trustee, Tiffany Jones-McClellan - Village Administrator, Virgil Sheets - Board Trustee, Vanessa Sims - Board Trustee, Cassidy Warrick - Treasurer, Billy Wear - Village Mayor, Mike Weidenburner - Board Trustee

### Attendance

#### Present:

Members: Phil Bernardi - Police Chief, Butch Fields - EMS Coordinator, TJ George - Director Of Public Works, Chad Kistler - Sewer Superintendant, Tom Overmyer - Village Engineer

#### Absent:

Members: Brian Dunavan - IT Director, Chris McMahon - Fire Chief

## 2. APPROVAL OF LAST MONTHS BOARD MEETING MINUTES, FINANCE REPORT AND PAY BILLS

### Motion:

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF LAST MONTHS BOARD MEETING MINUTES, FINANCE REPORT AND PAY BILLS

Motion moved by Bob Finley and motion seconded by Virgil Sheets. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED

MAYOR WEAR ANNOUNCED THAT THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED TO BE POSTED LATER AND ASKED EVERYONE TO SILENCE THEIR CELLPHONES

## 3. AUDIENCE

### 3.1. TODD LEE

TODD LEE VERMILION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE. 2026 WILL BE CELEBRATING THE 200TH BIRTHDAY AS A COUNTY. PRESENTED INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE EVENT, OPTIONS OF SPONSORSHIPS AND SUPPLIES THE COMMITTEE WILL BE PROVIDING FOR ALL TOWNS/VILLAGES IN VERMILION COUNTY

ANGIE SINKS ADDRESSED THE BOARD REGARDING AN UPDATE FROM HER ISSUE LAST MONTH REGARDING THE SMELL FROM THE GROW FACILITY. ANGIE ASKED IF THEY GOT SOMETHING IN PLACE BECAUSE SHE KNOWS THEY ARE PAST THEIR DEADLINE THAT WAS GIVEN THEM. MAYOR WEAR READ REPORT THAT WAS SENT TODAY. ANGIE SAID SHE HAD NOTICED SOME IMPROVEMENT, SMELLED IT ONE TIME IN THE LAST TWO AND HALF WEEKS. SAYS IT WAS EXTREMELY STRONG THAT DAY. BUT IS PLEASED WITH IT SO FAR AND IF SHE DOESN'T SMELL IT THEN SHE WONT BE BACK.

BELINDA DUNAVAN ADDRESSED THE BOARD THAT THE LAST 3-5 YEARS SHE HAS HAD ISSUE AROUND THE JULY 4TH HOLIDAY AND WANTED TO ASK THE POLICE CHIEF IF FIRE WORKS ARE

ILLEGAL IN ILLINOIS AND OR THE MUNICIPALITY AND IF THE ANSWER IS YES, ARE THE POLICE GOING TO ENFORCE NO FIREWORKS. SHE IS ASKS BECAUSE 3 OUT OF LAST 5 YEARS SHE HAS HAD CAMPER COVERS, BOAT COVERS WITH HOLES BURNT IN THEM WITH THE FIREWORKS. POLICE CHIEF PHIL BERNARDI STATED THAT THE COMMON PRACTICE IF WE RECEIVE COMPLAINTS THEN WE ADDRESS THEM. BELINDA STATES SHE HAS NEVER CALLED BEFORE BECAUSE SHE TRIED APPROACHING THE PEOPLE PERSONALLY AND THAT DID NOTHING. CHIEF STATES THAT THEY CAN ADDRESS IT BUT IF SHE SEES IT START COMING HER WAY TO CALL AND WE WILL COME OUT AND ADDRESS IT.

LAURY CONNER WANTS TO THANK POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR BEING MORE PRESENT DOWN AROUND HER HOUSE AND FEELS THAT THE MORE PRESENCE DOWN THERE HAS HELPED.

CONNIE WEDDLE ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND STATED SHE WAS OUT AT THE CEMETERY AND WANTED TO THANK THE VILLAGE FOR KEEPING IT CLEANED UP.

4. APPOINTMENTS CITY ADMINISTRATOR, TREASURER, CLERK, POLICE CHIEF, EMS CHIEF, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

**Motion:**

MOTION TO APPOINT LORI FIELDS CLERK

Motion moved by Mike Weidenburner and motion seconded by Virgil Sheets. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED

**Motion:**

MOTION TO APPOINT TIFFANY JONES-MCCLELLAN ADMINISTRATOR

Motion moved by Bob Finley and motion seconded by Virgil Sheets. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED

**Motion:**

MOTION TO APPOINT CASSIDY WARRICK TREASURER

Motion moved by Virgil Sheets and motion seconded by Mike Weidenburner. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED

**Motion:**

MOTION TO APPOINT PHIL BERNARDI POLICE CHIEF

Motion moved by Virgil Sheets and motion seconded by Bob Finley. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED

**Motion:**

MOTION TO APPOINT BUTCH FIELDS EMS COORDINATOR

Motion moved by John Barnes and motion seconded by Virgil Sheets. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED

**Motion:**

MOTION TO APPOINT TJ GEORGE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Motion moved by Bob Finley and motion seconded by John Barnes. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED

4.1. OATHS OF APPOINTMENTS

OATHS OF OFFICE GIVEN TO CLERK, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, POLICE CHIEF, EMS COORDINATOR AND PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

5. VILLAGE ENGINEER REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF IEPA LOAN PAPERWORK, PAY ESTIMATES AND CHANGE ORDERS FOR CONTRACTS A/B
  - 5.1. MS4  
TOM OVERMEYER VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORTED TO THE BOARD THAT THE VILLAGE HAS RECIEVED WAIVER FOR THE MS4 REQUIREMENT
  
6. FIRE  
CHRIS MCMAHON GAVE FIRE REPORT VIA TEAMS REMOTE
  - 6.1. CONTROL CHIEF WIRELESS SOLUTIONS  
**Motion:**  
MOTION FOR CONTROL CHIEF WIRELESS SOLUTIONS \$2,800.00  
Motion moved by Mike Weidenburner and motion seconded by Bob Finley. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED
  - 6.2. GAS DETECTION  
**Motion:**  
MOTION FOR GAS DETECTOR FROM AEC \$3,133.00  
Motion moved by Bob Finley and motion seconded by Virgil Sheets. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED
  - 6.3. TURNOUT GEAR  
**Motion:**  
MOTION FOR TWO SETS OF TURNOUT GEAR FROM CONWAY SHIELD FOR \$7,600.00  
Motion moved by John Barnes and motion seconded by Mike Weidenburner. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED
  - 6.4. GEAR WASHER  
**Motion:**  
MOTION FOR FIRE GEAR WASHER FROM CONWAY SHIELD FOR \$7,765.00  
Motion moved by Mike Weidenburner and motion seconded by John Barnes. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED
  - 6.5. HOT WATER HIGH PRESSURE WASHER  
**Motion:**  
MOTION FOR HOTSY HOT WATER HIGH PRESSURE WASHER FOR \$4,884.00  
Motion moved by Virgil Sheets and motion seconded by Mike Weidenburner. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED
  - 6.6. KNOX BOX  
DISCUSSED TO ADD 2 MORE BOXES FOR AMBULANCE, TO TOTAL 4 FOR FIRE AND 3 FOR AMBULANCE  
**Motion:**  
MOTION FOR KNOW BOX KEY RETENTION SYSTEM, 7 UNITS, FOR \$8,904.00  
Motion moved by Mike Weidenburner and motion seconded by Virgil Sheets. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED
  
7. EMS  
BUTCH FIELDS GAVE EMS REPORT
8. PUBLIC WORKS  
TJ GEORGE GAVE PUBLIC WORKS REPORT
  - 8.1. HVAC PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING  
**Motion:**  
MOTION FOR BLACKIES QUOTE FOR \$39,783.00

Motion moved by Mike Weidenburner and motion seconded by Virgil Sheets. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED

9. POLICE

PHIL BERNARDI GAVE POLICE REPORT

9.1. 2025 POLICE INTERCEPTER UTILITY AWD \$45,885.00

**Motion:**

MOTION FOR 2025 POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY AWD FOR \$45,885.00 FROM MARROW BROTHERS

Motion moved by Virgil Sheets and motion seconded by Bob Finley. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED

10. SEWER

CHAD KISTLER GAVE SEWER REPORT

10.1. BEGIN SEARCH TO HIRE NEW SEWER EMPLOYEE

**Motion:**

MOTION TO BEGIN SEARCH FOR SEWER EMPLOYEE.

Motion moved by Virgil Sheets and motion seconded by Mike Weidenburner. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED

11. CLERK

LORI FIELDS GAVE CLERK REPORT

12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR

TIFFANY JONES-MCCLELLAN GAVE CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT AND STATES THE ENTERPRISE ZONE APPROVED AND RECEIVED OUR CERTIFICATE. ALSO STATES THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE FISHER NATIONAL BANK CAME IN TODAY AND STATED THEY HAD ERRORED ON OUR INTEREST ON OUR CHECKING ACCOUNTS AND WE ARE GETTING ABOUT \$40,000.00.

13. TREASURER

CASSIDY WARRICK GAVE TREASURER REPORT

13.1. ORDINANCE O2025-0515 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE VILLAGE OF TILTON ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2026

**Motion:**

MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O2025-0515 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE VILLAGE OF TILTON ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2026

Motion moved by Bob Finley and motion seconded by Virgil Sheets. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED

14. ORDINANCE O2025-0515-A AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 176 OF THE VILLAGE CODE PERTAINING TO CANNABIS CRAFT GROW FACILITY

**Motion:**

MOTION FOR ORDINANCE O2025-0515-A AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 176 OF THE VILLAGE CODE PERTAINING TO CANNABIS CRAFT GROW FACILITY

Motion moved by Bob Finley and motion seconded by Vanessa Sims. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED

15. O2025-0515-B AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 217 OF THE VILLAGE CODE PERTAINING TO PROPERTY MAINTENANCE (BURNING)

**Motion:**

MOTION FOR ORDINANCE O2025-0515-B AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 217 OF THE VILLAGE CODE PERTAINING TO PROPERTY MAINTENANCE (BURNING)

Motion moved by Courtney George and motion seconded by Vanessa Sims. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED

16. O2025-0515-C AN ORDINANCE APPROVE SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY  
TABLED FOR CLARIFICATION ON COMMENT SECTION FROM VILLAGE ATTORNEY  
DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMENT SECTIONS NEEDING TO BE EITHER TURNED ON OR OFF, AND  
WHETHER IF THEY ARE ON, DOES THE POST NEED TO BE MONITORED 24/7.
17. CAMERA SYSTEM GEORGETOWN ROAD AND SOUTHGATE  
**Motion:**  
MOTION FOR NEW CAMERA SYSTEM FOR SOUTHGATE AND GEORGETOWN ROAD FOR \$4,170.82  
Motion moved by Virgil Sheets and motion seconded by Bob Finley. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED
18. EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE  
SENT TO FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW, MEETING MAY 28, 2025 AT 6PM
19. POLICY OF APPOINTMENT OF COMMAND OFFICERS FOR FIRE AND EMS  
**Motion:**  
MOTION TO CHANGE PERSONNEL POLICY FOR APPROVAL ANY APPOINTED COMMAND OR OFFICER IN  
ANY DEPARTMENT WILL BE APPROVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD.  
Motion moved by Mike Weidenburner and motion seconded by Bob Finley. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED
20. POLICY CHANGE OF SPENDING LIMITS  
DISCUSSION OF WHAT THE SPENDING LIMITS SHOULD BE FOR THE PART TIME MAYOR POSITION, WITH  
THE VILLAGE NOW HAVING A FULL TIME CITY ADMINISTRATOR. DISCUSSION OF REDUCING THE  
MAYOR SPENDING TO \$2000.00 WAS HAD. AGREEMENT WAS MADE TO INCREASE THE CITY  
ADMINISTRATOR TO \$5,000.00 AT THIS TIME, AND KEEPING ALL OTHER SPENDING LIMITS AS THEY  
ARE.  
**Motion:**  
MOTION TO ALLOW TIFFANY JONES-MCLELLAN SPENDING LIMIT TO \$5,000.00  
Motion moved by Virgil Sheets and motion seconded by Mike Weidenburner. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES,  
MOTION PASSED
21. ZONING COMMITTEE
  - 21.1. Rezone Mini warehouses for parking lot to Neighborhood Commercial-C1  
**Motion:**  
MOTION TO REZONE MINI WAREHOUSES TO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL-C1  
Motion moved by Bob Finley and motion seconded by Mike Weidenburner. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES,  
MOTION PASSED

- 21.2. Rezone Community Center at 612 W 5th Street, Tilton, IL to Public Institutional.  
**Motion:**  
MOTION TO REZONE TILTON COMMUNITY CENTER, 612 W 5TH ST TO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL-PI  
Motion moved by Bob Finley and motion seconded by Virgil Sheets. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED
- 21.3. King and 14th Street-the property that the Village purchased -vacant land. Rezone as Highway commercial C2  
**Motion:**  
MOTION TO REZONE KING AND 14TH ST, VILLAGE PROPERTY TO HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL-C2  
Motion moved by John Barnes and motion seconded by Virgil Sheets. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED
- 21.4. The Ramp property on Georgetown Road-directly East of the King and 14th property-Rezone to Highway Commercial C2  
**Motion:**  
MOTION TO REZONE GEORGETOWN RD, NORTH OF DOLLAR GENERAL TO HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL-C2  
Motion moved by Mike Weidenburner and motion seconded by John Barnes. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED
- 21.5. Thomas Park-201 W 5th Street-This was public institutional prior and a park is there now. Rezone to Park/Recreation-PR  
**Motion:**  
MOTION TO REZONE THOMAS PARK, 201 W 5TH ST TO PARK/RECREATION-PR  
Motion moved by Mike Weidenburner and motion seconded by Virgil Sheets. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED
- 21.6. 115 W 5th Street-the ambulance house should be rezoned from R2 Residential to Public Institutional-PI  
**Motion:**  
MOTION TO REZONE 115 W 5TH AND 123 W 5TH TO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL-PI  
Motion moved by Mike Weidenburner and motion seconded by Virgil Sheets. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED
- 21.7. Songer Cemetery was annexed in and should be rezoned as Public Institutional-PI  
**Motion:**  
MOTION TO REZONE SONGER CEMETERY TO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL-PI  
Motion moved by Virgil Sheets and motion seconded by Mike Weidenburner. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED
- 21.8. 1708 CRESTWOOD VARIANCE  
**Motion:**  
MOTION TO APPROVE 1708 CRESTWOOD VARIANCE  
Motion moved by Virgil Sheets and motion seconded by Mike Weidenburner. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION PASSED

21.9. 1707 LINCOLN VARIANCE  
TABLED TO CONFIRM FROM PROPERTY OWNER WHERE THE GARAGE WILL BE PLACED ON THE  
LOT

22. MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

**Motion:**

MOTION TO DENY MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY FOR \$10,000.00

Motion moved by Vanessa Sims and motion seconded by Courtney George. 5 AYES, 1-NAY TRUSTEE  
BARNES, MOTION PASSED

23. COMMITTEE REPORTS

23.1. GONE 2 PARADISE

**Motion:**

MOTION FOR GONE 2 PARADISE FOR \$5,000.00

Motion moved by Mike Weidenburner and motion seconded by Vanessa Sims. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES,  
MOTION PASSED

23.2. COUNTY MARKET LIQUOR LICENSE

**Motion:**

MOTION TO DENY COUNTY MARKET REQUEST FOR LIQUOR LICENSE CHANGE

Motion moved by Mike Weidenburner and motion seconded by Virgil Sheets. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES,  
MOTION PASSED

24. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED) -PERSONNEL/PROPERTY 5 ILCS 120/2  
NONE REQUESTED

25. ADJOURN

**Motion:**

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:10PM

Motion moved by Virgil Sheets and motion seconded by Bob Finley. 6 AYES, 0 NAYES, MOTION  
PASSED

  
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VILLAGE CLERK

6-19-2025  
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