

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS
April 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Pro-Tem L.R. Franks at 7:00 p.m. in the R.E. Franks Meeting Center in the Eileen Painter room.

ROLL CALL: Present-Trustees Mumma, Ault, Tarter, and Asklund. Trustee Keeler arrived at 7:15 p.m. and is also present.

GUESTS: Paul Hendren, Dave Phillippe, Susan Helmink, Christine Walsh, Robert Rice, Leo Clennon, Susan Miller, Steve Sappenfield, David Laker, William Bolger, Jim Rawdin, and David Traxler.

MINUTES OF 4-1-09: Trustee Neal Asklund made a motion, seconded by Trustee Alta Tarter, to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 1, 2009. Voice vote; all "aye's," motion carried unanimously.

DRAINAGE STREETS & WATER COMMITTEE: Trustee John Mumma made a motion, seconded by Neal Asklund, to approve the committee meeting minutes of April 1, 2009. Voice vote; all "aye's," motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT: Trustee Neal Asklund made a motion, seconded by Trustee John Mumma, to approve the payment of bills as listed. Roll call vote; "aye's," Trustees Mumma, Franks, Ault, Tarter and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously.

JIM RAWDIN: Village resident, Jim Rawdin voiced his concerns about a gun shop opening in Philo. He asked each board member how long they knew about the possibility of it and wanted to know how each voting member decided how to vote. He also wanted to know how many meetings it was discussed before action was taken, both on the gun business and also in regard to the opening of a bar back in 2003. Trustee Ault explained that Mr. Talbott inquired sometime in November about any ordinance in relation to opening a home business. Dan directed him to the Village office, but did not notify the Village President or any other trustee. The Board explained they had two meetings where they discussed each issue prior to voting on it. President pro-temp Franks stated the Board plans to have the zoning board review ordinances related to home businesses as well as "main street businesses." When asked how long that takes, Paul Hendren explained a notice must be posted 15 days prior to the meeting, a public hearing takes place and they report their findings to the Village Board of Trustees. This realistically can take two months.

When asked what could happen if the Board changed their opinion about a gun shop being an approved home business, Mr. Hendren reminded the Board that the Public Security Act could be a provision to go into Executive Session. The Board wanted to stay in open session and have Paul answer their question. The Village attorney answered there could be serious questions about him having the business and we (the Village) could be legally liable for the money that he lost.

Mr. Hendren stated the Board passed a motion to permit a gun shop as a home business and Mr. Talbott was notified, as well as ATF.

Another Village resident, Dave Laker, asked “Are you going to vote based on number of people at this “special” meeting?”

DAVID PHILLIPPE: Dave presented draft copies of the Facilities Plan Study he and HDC compiled. He suggested everyone take it home and read it. Dave also noted that a few items are still being worked on and they are getting additional information from the water department. Mr. Phillippe stated per the Board request, the target was combining with the Village of Sidney. He also suggested that Sidney and Philo should get together to discuss the plan. When Trustee Askund asked about a time table, Dave pointed out it is part of the report. Trustee Ault mentioned Ken Plackett won Tolono’s mayoral election and that it was Mr. Plackett that indicated an interest in Philo’s waste. Mr. Phillippe stated the mayor of each Village would be the ones to meet.

Dave Phillippe indicated Dave Traxler gave him his “wish list” in regard to MFT work for 2009. The estimated cost is over \$64,000, which includes the work and administrative costs. There will only be \$57,000 in the MFT fund by Dave’s calculations. Dave Traxler said he has already cut out about \$28,000, so they should be okay.

The Streets and Alley’s committee will meet again this coming Wednesday, April 22nd at the Village shed. Susan will post the required notice.

ROBERT RICE: Bob told the Board he is working on his fiscal year report. Clerk Kirby asked Bob about the outstanding water refund checks. Bob will check with the State of Illinois to see if those monies have to be sent to the State and what the requirements are.

SUSAN MILLER: Susan made the Board aware of her conflict in her appointment as ESDA coordinator and being newly elected to Village Trustee. She suggested Allan take the position as ESDA coordinator and she can volunteer to work for him.

In regard to the emergency notification system One Call Now, Trustee Ault suggested the contract be signed and that Larry Maden be notified to contact Sue to set up the web-based program for the Village. There would not be additional charges for training from what was specified when the system was approved by the Board at a prior meeting.

PAUL HENDREN: Paul stated there was nothing specific on the agenda for him this evening.

DAVID TRAXLER: Dave said there were 4 loads of brush that were picked up today. A message was left on the trapper’s answer machine, but Dave hasn’t heard from him. R.J. Daly does not need a building permit at this time. A tile will be fixed on the Forrest property.

Trustee Franks commented in regard to the Forrest problem, that an 8" tile was being replaced with pvc pipe. This might help him until the larger project can start. Larry also stated President Eckert, Dave Phillippe and Roger Miller are meeting next Tuesday to discuss the drainage project.

Trustee Ault asked about the speed bumps at the ball parks. Dave installed two and will purchase 2 new ones to replace the ones that wre broken when being removed. Steve Sappenfield commented that Diamond Pro is not needed this year.

OLD BUSINESS: The golf cart ordinance will be tabled until May 1st.

Dennis Happ has not met with Susan Helmink yet in regard to the website.

The septic issue at Hazen Park has not been resolved yet, according to Dirk Rice. They are still trying to negotiate a less expensive and workable route. The project group hired a contractor last Tuesday to complete the work on the concession stand and bathroom building. There is someone interested in the little building. The concrete is on hold until the septic issue is resolved. Trustee Franks stated Dale Shipley is working hard on that problem.

A bid was received from Stewart & Stewart to remove the tennis court. The Village has still not been able to determine who donated the courts initially. Trustee Franks asked that Dave Traxler just hang on to the other bid, and he will contact Dale Shipley to submit one as well. The Board okayed Dave Traxler to remove the fences.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Nothing: Trustee Asklund, Tarter, Keeler or Clerk Kirby.

Trustee Ault: Was asked by his wife to bring up the issue of pot holes at Valley View and Cleveland.

Trustee Mumma: Thanked the Trustees that are not returning to the Board for the input and work as a trustee. He added it was a pleasure serving with them.

Trustee Franks: Dittoed Trustee Mumma's comments.

Susan Helmink: Informed the Board that Earl Martin is willing to help with service project. He volunteered to help Kathy Corley with the "Welcome to Philo" area and repaint the letters and put a new seal coat on the sign.

Leo Clennon: Leo said he was told the old water tower was coming down May 1st. The lines have been moved. Trustee Tarter asked about the building. It will stay, the pumps are located in that building. Dave Traxler added they are to give him 7 days notice before the tower comes down.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Ault made a motion, seconded by Trustee Alta Tarter, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote, all "aye's," meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.