

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS  
July 1, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Eckert at 7:05 p.m. at the R.E. Franks Meeting Center in the Eileen Painter room.

ROLL CALL: Present-Trustees Miller, Tarter, Asklund and President Eckert. Absent Trustees Mumma and Sappenfield. Trustee Larry Franks arrived at 7:07 p.m.

GUESTS: Christine Walsh, Dave Traxler, Dave Phillippe, Mrs. Fyffe, Dave Laker, Leo Clennon, Kathy Corley, Susan Helmink, and Bob Rice.

MINUTES: Trustee Alta Tarter made a motion, seconded by Trustee Susan Miller, to approve the meeting minutes of June 17, 2009. Voice vote; all "ayes," motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT: Clerk Kirby noted two additional checks presented for review; one from the MFT fund and one from the Debt Service fund. Trustee Asklund made a motion, seconded by Trustee Susan Miller, to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote; "Aye's," President Eckert, Trustees Miller, Tarter and Asklund. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT ECKERT: Craig stated he thought it would be best to table the topic of personnel to a future meeting since Trustees Mumma and Sappenfield were absent this evening.

KATHY CORLEY: Kathy spoke to the Board and gave them an update. She first thanked Dave Traxler and crew for their work at the "Welcome to Philo" sign. Kathy also indicated the 12 x 12 area would be planted in September, prior to the fall festival. Dave Traxler will check on the large planters and let Kathy know what he finds out. Todd Plotner and Paul Burgess were the two scouts that originally worked on the sign. Paul fixed the sign last week and has volunteered his time if the Village will reimburse him for the lumber to construct two signs, estimated cost no more than \$300.00. The Village needs to check with IDOT as to where to place the signs on Route 130 at the north and south edges of town.

MRS. FYFFE: Mrs. Fyffe asked if the garbage cans for the trophy shop, apartment and other businesses could be removed from main street and moved to the back of their establishments. Dave Traxler was directed to contact Chris' Services to ask them about moving them.

DAVE LAKER: Mr. Laker would still like to see a stop sign at Knowles Drive and Garfield.

CENSUS 2010 PROCLAMATION: Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Neal Asklund, to approve the Census 2010 Proclamation. Voice vote; all "aye's," motion passed unanimously. Two signed copies of the proclamation will be submitted to Jill Noel.

DAVE PHILLIPPE: Dave began by updating the Board on the Facilities Plan. He stated the Board had directed him to move ahead with the plan after giving him direction to complete the plan as if the Village was going to operate their own treatment facility. The cost of this portion

of the plan was estimated at \$5,500 to \$7,500 to add to the existing report, which should be completed in September. Trustee Franks indicated that he and Trustee Asklund spoke with state senator Mike Frerichs and said when Trustee Mumma returns that the Sanitary Sewer Committee and Dave Phillippe need to meet. Trustee Franks also said the Grant Committee needs to stay on top of things and get Senator Frerichs help. It was decided that the Sanitary Sewer Committee and the Grant Committee should meet on July 15, 2009. President Eckert asked Deputy Clerk Helmink to post the necessary notice once the time is agreed on.

Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Asklund to authorize HDC to complete the facilities plan at a cost of not more than \$7,500. Roll call vote; "Aye's," Trustee Franks, Miller, Tarter and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously.

His next order of business was to present the bids for MFT work to be completed this fiscal year. Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Miller, to accept the bid from Illiana Construction Company in the amount of \$24,736.00 to be paid from the MFT Fund, with the exception of \$3,568, which will come from the General Fund. Roll call vote; "Aye's," Trustees Franks, Miller, Tarter and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Asklund made a motion, seconded by Trustee Alta Tarter, to accept the bid from Duce Construction in the amount of \$19,568.00 for sidewalk work. Roll call vote; "Aye's," Trustees Franks, Miller, Tarter and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously. Trustee Tarter requested we try to get a breakdown per linear foot. President Eckert reminded everyone that we should get the easement documents that our attorney suggested.

The Trustees asked what all the markers were and were told the ones in town were Aqua Illinois and the others on Route 130 were from other utilities doing work in preparation of the highway project.

DAVE TRAXLER: Dave reported that the Cleveland drainage project was completed and he will do the seeding. He asked each of the drainage committee members to stop by and check out the Forrest drainage problem and give their input on D.J. Stewart's plan to resolve the problem. The sidewalk project has not started. He will get to trimming as soon as he can.

The Board asked Dave to talk to Eric Cross about the visibility problem reported by citizens at the corner of his property.

Dave said they had three loads of brush today and will continue pick up tomorrow. He said he checked and Wayne Shroyer agreed to pay 1/3 of the drainage project on Eisenhower. Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Asklund to approve the project at a cost of \$3,037.30. Roll call vote; "Aye's," Trustees Franks, Miller, Tarter and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave said the estimate for replacing a 6' section behind his house was about \$9,000.00.

The part-time employees hired for summer help are Matt Franks and Derek Tarter. They will work now through August 20, 2009. Clerk Kirby asked that they complete payroll tax information forms and supply their addresses and social security numbers.

Bill Storm will take care of the bees if and when they return. Dave will check on the some 40 bags of trash on Harrison Street.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Eckert thanked the Board for approving the Census 2010 Proclamation and stated it is very important to have an accurate census. He suggested this be in our next newsletter.

Susan Helmink reported that all of the service has been completed on the Village computers and we have virus protection for them now. It was suggested that the amount of memory be increased on President Eckert's computer. Trustee Miller made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tarter, to purchase one gig of memory for an estimated cost of \$40.64. Roll call vote; "Aye's," Trustees Franks, Miller, Tarter and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee L.R. Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Neal Asklund, to approve Ordinance 2009-556, the Annual Appropriation Ordinance 2009-2010, in a total amount of \$840,400.00. Roll call vote; "Aye's," Trustees Franks, Miller, Tarter and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Tarter reported that there was one person that registered his golf cart and one person that asked about the requirements and will return after he has all of them completed. Alta requested that the three and four wheelers be better monitored by the sheriff's office. Trustee Tarter stated she and Trustee Miller will set up appointments with anyone that wants to have their golf carts registered. It was estimated to cost \$350.00 for turn signal. Trustee Miller has a catalog and thinks that is the price for the entire kit. She will check it out and report back to the Board.

President Eckert has not sent a letter to Aaron Jones yet.

The sheriff was contacted about watching the speed on Cleveland. They were asked to have the deputies move around. Trustees also inquired about the lack of speed signs on Washington Street.

President Eckert reported on the pipe-cutting ceremony with Aqua Illinois. He thanked the Trustees and staff that attended and said there were several citizens that attended.

Mrs. Fyffe voiced her concern about children playing on the rock pile. It was noted this rock pile belongs to the township. President Eckert said he would mention this to the sheriff.

BOB RICE: Bob has been investigating the option of refinancing the REFMC loan that is currently with Busey Bank. He reminded the Board that there is a provision in the loan that

states a 45 day notice to repay ahead of schedule is required each July when a payment is due. Bob said he talked to Kevin Rogers, CEO of the Philo Exchange Bank, and it may be interested at a possible rate of 3% to 4%. Trustees Franks and Asklund agreed that Bob should “shop it out” and report back at the next Board meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Rice also asked if the Board had any questions about his corrected page 1 of the Village’s annual report.

NEW BUSINESS: Susan presented the June REFMC report and indicated income and events were better than last year. She also presented the Free Rental Program for the Board’s consideration. President Eckert thanked the committee for their work. Trustee Tarter said Susan did all the work and thinks the program is a good solution. The evaluation form will go the committee and then to Board and all in August. President Eckert asked Susan Helmink to send to the Trustees prior to the August meeting.

Trustee Tarter said she forgot to bring up Allan Miller’s request at the last meeting. She said the playground area at the REFMC needs repair according to DCFS. The timbers and rebar that is needed for the work totals approximately \$334.50 and Allan can do the work. Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tarter, to authorize the purchase of timber and rock, needed for the required repairs according to DCFS. Roll call vote; “Aye’s,” Trustees Franks, Miller, Tarter and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Asklund said the July 15<sup>th</sup> date works for him for the Sanitary Sewer Committee. It was agreed that committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. and the Grant Committee will meet at 6:50 p.m. President Eckert will send Susan Helmink the agenda to post with the meeting notice.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Asklund: Inquired about the height of pools that require a fence. Any pool 30” or more requires a fence.

Trustee Tarter: Nothing

Trustee Miller: Stated Paul Burgess fixed the “Welcome to Philo” sign and offered to construct to new signs on Route 130. She has also had positive response to Bob Daly’s request for a liquor license a bar he is proposing.

Clerk Kirby: Made the Board aware that the annual audit is scheduled to begin July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Trustee Franks: Stated he is pleasantly surprised on the ease of getting the Board minutes.

President Eckert: Indicated we got a “clean bill of health” at the ball diamond and wanted to thank Steve, Dirk, Dave and Dale for all of their hard work. Trustee Tarter said there have been a lot of good comments, to which Trustee Franks “dittoed”. Craig stated Roger Miller has talked with his Board and he feels negotiations can start with attorney Hendren and Mr. Miller.

President Eckert notified the Board that he learned the proximity of the possible bar and the daycare are not an issue, since the daycare is not considered the same as a school. In order to

approve a liquor license, we would have to change our current ordinance, since it limits the number of licenses.

It was determined to be best to refer to our nuisance ordinance, as opposed to an ADM warrant in regard to the village resident with the trusses, etc. in his front yard. President Eckert will write a letter to the homeowner. Mr. Laker suggested he refer to all of the debris in his letter.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Susan Miller, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote; all “aye’s,” meeting adjourned.

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VILLAGE CLERK

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT