

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS
May 6, 2009

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

The Village Clerk swore in the newly elected Trustees, Susan Miller and Steve Sappenfield. She then swore in re-elected President Eckert.

ROLL CALL: Present-Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Miller, Tarter and Asklund.

GUESTS: Christine Walsh, Allan Miller, Rachel Garrett, David Laker, Dave Traxler, Luke & Leslie Kirby, Kathy Corley, and Bob Rice.

MINUTES: Trustee John Mumma made a motion, seconded by Trustee Alta Tarter, to approve the meeting minutes of May 1, 2009. Voice vote, all "aye," motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT: Clerk Kirby noted the Barbeck bill should be corrected to be \$75.00 less, per Trustee Miller and added a \$20.00 item to the Champaign County Collector for drainage assessments due prior to the first June meeting. Trustee L.R. Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Neal Asklund, to approve the bills as presented, including the correction and addition per the Village Clerk. Roll call vote; "aye," Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Miller, Tarter, and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously.

KIRBYS: Luke Kirby first thanked the Board for their help and support at last year's Run 4 Raley. He stated over \$14,000 in donations were sent to the United Mitochondria Disease Foundation. Leslie said 375 people participated in the first run/walk. The Kirbys wanted the Board to know the date of this year's run (Saturday, August 1, 2009) beginning at the corner of Harrison and Monroe at 8:00 a.m. The registration area will be at the ball diamond and the run and walk routes will be the same as last year. They also asked if the Village would provide help in blocking off designated areas like they did last year. President Eckert and the Board agreed to that and said it would not be necessary for them to ask for permission in future years. The Trustees would just know the event will always be the first Saturday in August. Trustee Miller stated they may want to contact Lincoln's Challenge in Rantoul to help patrol the streets. Luke thanked the Board and said they may contact that group to help.

KATHY CORLEY: Kathy will distribute flyers to ask for help at the "Welcome to Philo" sign to design and maintain landscaping there. Dave Traxler said he occasionally is contacted by people that need to fulfill community service work. The Village also agreed to work in conjunction with brush pick-up and mulch delivery for her project.

TERRY MCFALL: Terry presented the Board with a petition with 49 resident signatures. The petition read as follows: "The following residents of Philo strongly encourage you to reconsider your decision to allow guns to be sold at the address of 105 W. Madison or any residential address in Philo in the present or future." Terry also said it would be helpful to provide the email addresses of the Trustees to the public. President Eckert indicated the email addresses are going to be in the next newsletter. Ms. McFall commented that only one visit can be made to the gun shop business in a 12 month period, unless there was a criminal act. President Eckert stated the following 1) that he faxed the agent about a new board being seated 5-16-09; 2) that potentially the Board could be liable for any money spent by Mr. Talbott to begin his business; and 3) that Trustee Tarter explained 7 issues Mr. Talbott has to meet. Terry wants the Board to be sure they can cover or enforce the restrictions.

Trustee Franks added that we (the Board) are not just going to take his word that he has met the requirements. Terry's question about insurance will be asked of the Village attorney. President Eckert also wants to discuss zoning changes with the Village attorney and also ask if a time restriction for complying with the 7 issues can be set, since he is troubled there hasn't been any movement or contact with Talbott. Trustee Miller stated she didn't vote on the issue, because she was not yet elected, but felt more comfortable because if it is business, the Village exercises little/ no control, but as a home-based business, the Village can set limits. Terry hoped the Board would do more research before making a decision.

DAVE PHILLIPPE: President Eckert informed the Board that Dave is just now returning from Texas. He asked the Trustees to review the copy of the Facilities Plan that was distributed at the last meeting and have questions for Dave Phillippe at the May 20th meeting. Trustee Franks noted that the Route 130 drainage issue was tabled at the last meeting.

DAVE TRAXLER: There were 6 loads of brush picked up. The tennis court fence is still up. The trapper has not caught any coyotes and no bill has been received from the trapper. Trustee Franks commented that the sub-committee made cuts and HDC mailed Dave Traxler the revisions. Trustee Asklund said \$14,000 has been earmarked for sidewalk repairs, adding MFT money can be used for repairs of sidewalks, but not for new ones. One homeowner is willing to share the expense. The potholes at Valley View and Cleveland have been fixed.

Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee John Mumma, to accept two Stewart & Stewart bids, one for \$990.00 for work on Adams Street and another in the amount of \$9,105.00 for work at Harrison & Adams Streets. Roll call vote; "ayes," Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Miller, Tarter and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave said Aqua Illinois notified him the tower will come down the week of May 11th. Aqua also plans to put up new fence and is getting estimates for grass and to oil and chip or put down an asphalt drive at the new water tower. They plan to paint the water pump building. President Eckert indicted Aqua still plans to do a special "ribbon cutting" ceremony at the water tower.

Trustee Tarter asked Dave if Mitch Keeler was dumping his sawdust in the Village dumpster. Dave said one dumpster is his and one is the Village's. The question may arise, since they alternate which ones they use.

Trustee Asklund asked about trees that overhang over a neighbor's property. Trustee Mumma said the Illinois fence law states that a tree on the line of a neighbor can be trimmed by them.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Eckert talked to Agent Sanders.

Craig spoke with Kent Plackett and he took Craig's email to engineer (Foth), who will determine Tolono's capacity. A Westville firm runs Tolono's sewer system.

Craig also emailed John Finn. Paul Hendren had explained Sidney is floating bonds to have Foth do design and collection system at \$800,000. There was no vote, since two Trustees were out. Articles in the paper indicated if no stimulus money is received the project is pretty much "dead in the water." Philo may have to prepare to go it alone. Trustee Asklund commented on Tim Johnson's proposed money and others to potentially receive half a million dollars. Craig stated we should explore all possibilities, stating there is a great demand but only limited funds. Sidney's plan calculated approximate bills of \$40 to \$50 which do not seem high enough. Trustee Franks warned we need to know how their entire Board feels, not just the President. We don't want the same situation to arise like with Villa Grove, where the Mayor was favorable to a joint sanitary sewer venture, but Villa Grove's trustees were not.

President Eckert met with Roger Miller of Grand Prairie. They have no interest in selling part of their property to the Village, but may lease it to us. Trustee Franks suggested and the Board agreed that President Eckert should negotiate a lease with Grand Prairie and Paul Hendren. Trustee Mumma explained to Trustee Tarter that it probably would be a 99 or 100 year lease, when she voiced concerns of doing the drainage project and a couple of years later they decided not to lease to us anymore. President Eckert felt they were possibly planning some expansion of the elevator. Trustee Asklund thinks they plan to develop a different traffic pattern and added our plan may also give Grand Prairie a place to send their water.

One Call Now will not require additional expense for training. Our plan includes two locations and training and is "Windows" based. Trustee Miller said the county also has a product, but it does not give us the flexibility to designate specific areas to receive information. A copy of the contract will be located for Craig to sign.

The proposed golf cart ordinance was discussed. President Eckert suggested each Board member give Steve, Alta and Susan their questions or concerns. They will give Paul the revised version and present the ordinance at the May 20th meeting.

Trustee Franks delivered Dale Shipley's bid of \$5,320 to break up, remove and haul off the asphalt tennis court. Stewart and Stewart's bid was \$2,880.00, but included the help of two Village trucks and drivers. The Board decided to table a decision on the bids for this project.

The meeting minutes and agenda will be online, hopefully by May 20th. Trustees email addresses will be included in the next newsletter.

The current ESDA coordinator, Susan Miller, was recently elected as Trustee. She cannot be an elected official and be the appointed ESDA coordinator. She suggested Allan be appointed as ESDA coordinator. President Eckert, hearing no objections by the Board, appointed Allan Miller as ESDA Coordinator and by acclamation he was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

While discussing if the Village would mow the detention pond in Shipley Estates, the Board discovered Glen Shipley would like to deed the detention pond back to the Village. President Eckert will contact Paul Hendren to create the legal document required to deed the area back to the Village.

The Finance Committee will meet in June, most likely on a Saturday, to prepare the Appropriations Ordinance by the required timetable for approval by the Board.

To prepare for any absences by the elected President of the Board of Trustees, Craig asked the Board to follow Paul Hendren's suggestion to appoint someone President Pro-Temp permanently. Trustee John Mumma made a motion, seconded by Trustee Neal Asklund, to appoint Larry Franks as President Pro-Temp on a permanent basis when the Village President is absent. Roll call vote; "aye," Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Miller, Tarter and Asklund.

President Eckert asked the Village Clerk to prepare a listing of current salaries for Village employees for review by the Village Board at the May 20th meeting. Any approved changes will be retro-active to May 1st of 2009.

Susan presented both her monthly report for the REFMC and her first annual report. She asked the Board for approval to print additional brochures. Trustee Neal Asklund made a motion, seconded by Trustee Larry Franks, to approve reprinting 500 brochures for the REFMC. Roll call vote; "ayes," Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Miller, Tarter and Asklund. Susan also asked if the Pepsi vending machines could be removed. She indicated we only made \$49.00 by selling 5-7 cases. The Board agreed she could make arrangements to remove them from the building.

The issue of what to pay an employee if called to jury duty was discussed. President Eckert suggested and the Board agreed that an average of a typical week's salary be paid to the employee, less what is paid from the court.

BOB RICE: Bob presented his regular monthly report as well as his annual report. He has not completed projections of income and expense yet. President Eckert asked the Board to review and ask questions of Bob at the next meeting if necessary.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Mumma: Nothing

Trustee Franks: Nothing

Trustee Sappenfield: Steve thought Dirk Rice would be here tonight to give the Board an update. In his absence, Steve said Dale Shipley has made progress with EPA. Several calls have been made to the County Board. The plumbing fixtures will be done next week and concrete is being donated. The painter will do doors by June 1st. They hope to be ready by opening day. Some make-up games have been played at Hazen Park. Susan Helmink asked if someone would explain what is being done to Chad Fincham, who lives next door to the park. Dave Traxler was directed to talk to him.

Clerk Kirby: Nothing

Trustee Miller: Nothing

Trustee Tarter: Alta is concerned with dogs running at large. The Animal Control contract is due for review and renewal soon. President Eckert also wants a reminder in the newsletter in regard to the Village's leash law.

Trustee Asklund: Neal commented that the Village paid about \$16,000 in interest on the loan for the REFMC. He asked if Judy could inquire about a business loan at the bank.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Franks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote; all "aye," motion carried unanimously.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT