

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS
April 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Eckert at 7:06 p.m. at the R.E. Franks Meeting Center in the Eileen Painter room.

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

GUESTS: Nicole George, Amy Marchant, Linda Tichenor, Chris Payne, Christine Walsh, Paul Brady, Bob Rice, Gary Franks, William Bolger, Herschel Hammerschmidt, Dave Laker, Dave Phillippe, and Paul Hendren.

MINUTES: Trustee Mumma made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sappenfield, to approve the meeting minutes of March 10, 2009. Voice vote; all “ayes,” motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT: Trustee Larry Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pat Pioletti, to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote; “aye’s” Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti and Tarter. Motion carried unanimously.

RURAL PLANNING: Nicole George presented handouts explaining the rural planning program, which also included frequently asked questions. President Eckert stated he understands the lack of funds and need for transportation for medical appointments. Funds have increased, allowing more funding for work to coordinate, if put in place. Chris Payne commented that Philo used to have transportation and meals on wheels for seniors. The group has not contacted Philo Township yet and President Eckert offered to give them contact information for Jill Moore, Township Supervisor.

DAVE TRAXLER: President Eckert notified the Board that Dave has been dealing with kidney stones and would not be at the meeting tonight. Craig will report for Dave.

DAVE PHILLIPPE: Dave reported the drainage work at Hayes and Washington is complete. The work at 902 & 904 Cleveland was presented to the Board and they decided to have this work done at an estimated cost of \$10,000.00. Dave will provide notice for the bidding and he noted we will have the right to accept a bid or reject bids if unreasonable. President Eckert commented that particular area is worse than ever, especially at 902 Cleveland and thinks the work needs to be done. The residents at 904 Cleveland will need to be contacted for their approval and permanent easement. In addition, we will need to obtain a temporary easement from the residents at 902 Cleveland. The contractor will be completing the work with the Village doing the final grading and seeding. Trustee Mumma commented that he didn’t think it would be that expensive. Dave Phillippe said it could be higher or lower, but the only way to know is to put it out for bid. Trustee Mumma made a motion, seconded by Trustee Franks, to put the job out for bid. Voice vote, all aye’s, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Phillippe said he met with Brian Maggio 1 or 2 days after the approval of the plat in regard to the subdivision plat.

MFT -2010: Dave informed the Board that the Street and Ally Committee had met and noted some changes to the original plan. Trustee Larry Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee John Mumma to pass the MFT Resolution for 2010 in the amount of \$46,000.00. Roll call vote; “aye’s” Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Tarter and Asklund. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Pioletti asked if it was normal for residents to pay for half the cost of sidewalks. That is the current case. Dave stated his calculations assumed Village was paying half. Residents are aware of the planned construction, but have not committed yet. Dave stated a revised plan can be submitted for sidewalks if needed. Both Trustee Mumma and Franks stated as a committee we need to approach each resident. President Eckert asked Dave Phillippe to explain what funds can be used for sidewalks. MFT funds can only be used to replace existing sidewalks.

The Board discussed Jean Forsyth’s request for information about zoning and her possibility of opening a private kindergarten in Philo. Her home at 108 E. Madison is zoned R-D1. That type of home occupancy is not in any category listed. President Eckert suggested Jean talk directly to Dave Phillippe. Paul Hendren presented a memo in regard to her request. Craig will be sure Susan provides Jean with a copy of Paul’s memo. Resident Paul Brady commented that they sure be sure safety codes are met.

BOB RICE: Bob stated that he received one delinquent check and we are two income tax checks short. He said his monthly report is same as usual and noted his typewriter had to be repaired. He talked with the auditor in January and reminded the Board he submitted information for them to consider earlier. President Eckert noted that the finance committee meeting is set for next Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Bob also informed the Board that a CD will mature next week. Trustee Sappenfield made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tarter to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$13,000 from the CD to the Clearing checking account. Voice vote; all “aye’s,” motion carried unanimously.

PAUL HENDREN: Paul updated the Board on the status of the liquor license and discussions with Craig Eckert, if representative here tonight, assuming he is owner or lessee. We should furnish a copy of the ordinance. Applicant would pay application fee, provide evidence of dram shop, ownership or lease and submit all to Craig as liquor commissioner. He decides and may also get advice from other commission members. President Eckert asked one question of Paul. Should we run a background check, as well, on other members of the corporation for felonies, etc.? Trustee Tarter commented that it would nice if he would show up (at Board meeting). Paul stated a letter from Mr. Syed was submitted to the Village requesting a license. Mr. Hendren encouraged the Trustees to read what he wrote on the subject.

Paul explained the request for a waiver from owners of a tract of land south and east of the Village, within 1 ½ miles of the Village. Trustee John Mumma made a motion, seconded by Trustee Larry Franks, to approve Resolution 2010-1 “Resolution Waiving the Applicability of the Philo Subdivision Ordinance to a 1994 Conveyance of 1.79 Acres at 1798 County Road 700 N (19-27-25-400-003) Owned by James Eisenmenger and Jennifer Eisenmenger.” Roll call

vote; “aye’s” Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Tarter and Asklund. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Tarter asked to clarify the Philo Fall Festival question in regard to a liquor license for their special event. The group will be purchasing their own dram shop insurance and Paul indicated they should request a Special Event license from Craig for the event.

DAVE TRAXLER: Craig reported for Dave in regard to the Apple Barn property. The trees have been trimmed and ready for alley rock. The leaves and debris have been cleaned from the manholes. In April they took seven loads. The speed signs are posted on Washington Street.

Trustee Franks would like to see the coal mix put down on potholes. Trustee Tarter said in back by privacy fence by Shipley’s, there is a huge wet spot constantly. Dave may want to check for a water leak. Trustees would also like the speed bumps to be installed at both ball diamonds. Chris Payne said the drainage problem area at Roosevelt and Adams has been graded and seeded and reported there is no pooling of water there now. She wanted to thank Dave and say “good job.” She asked that the “Dangerous Hill” sign be reset.

OLD BUSINESS: The drainage subcommittee met with City of Urbana, and they still don’t want our waste. Hopefully, at the May meeting the committee will be able to report on another idea.

Franks & Harshbarger sidewalk - Larry reported that Randy is waiting for a price before committing to the project involving his property. Franks’ are moving ahead with their plan and will pay ½ of the sidewalk in front of their home on Van Buren.

Part time help for summer - Two have been picked, part time hours and need to determine list of jobs by next meeting, May 12th.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Sappenfield indicated the Village has paid for field conditioner in the past and the fields need some this year. The cost is \$170.00 per ton and they need approximately 15 tons. Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mumma, to pay \$2,550 for 15 tons of field conditioner. Roll call vote; “aye’s” Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Tarter and Asklund.

President Eckert reminded everyone that the Finance Committee will meet Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the Eileen Painter Room at the REFMC. The committee consists of Trustees Asklund, Sappenfield, and Mumma and Clerk Kirby and President Eckert.

The Board is aware of what happened at the former tennis court. Craig will remind Dave Traxler to obtain concrete slab bids.

The bids for the Village's website were opened. One was for \$950.00 and the other for \$3,305.00. The decision and discussion of this was tabled until Susan Helmink can respond to the Board's questions.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Neal: Nothing

Alta: The Philo Fall Festival met last night and discussed changing where the snow fence was set up for the event. There were problems last year with people bringing in their own beer and the prices of the beer were not the same. Pat Pioletti voiced concerns in controlling that large a perimeter. Alta said she was not in total agreement with the other committee members, but told them she would bring this up at this meeting. Craig said the license states the perimeter/tent area and suggested their committee get together with our liquor advisory committee to set perimeter.

Judy: Suggested hand rails at north entrance of REFMC be sanded and painted. Hugs and Bugs asked if they could put up a sign (like they have at West entrance) facing Washington Street, close to the building. The Board agreed this was okay.

Steve: Reported it cost \$2,500 to replace scoreboard at big diamond, old one is down. Fertilizer Dealer Supply put up new brackets for the new scoreboard and small diamond will get a portable one.

Larry: Nothing

John: Asked can we, or do we have any say about post office. It is closed from noon to 2:00 p.m. He was there at 2:15, 2:30 and 3:00 and it was still closed. John said he got a little vocal and the postmaster ended up coming to his house to pick up what he wanted mailed. The hours are inconsistent. Trustee Franks would like President Eckert to draft a letter to the post office. Craig decided he would prefer to talk to the postmistress.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Larry Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee John Mumma to adjourn the meeting. All "aye's." meeting adjourned.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT