

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS  
February 10, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Eckert at 7:08 p.m. at the R.E. Franks Meeting Center in the Eileen Painter room.

ROLL CALL: Present-Trustees Franks, Tarter and Asklund. Trustee Sappenfield arrived at 7:12 p.m. Absent-Trustee Mumma. Note: Trustee Miller's seat is vacant.

GUESTS: Chris Payne, Christine Walsh, Paul Brady, Dave Laker, Bob Rice, Pat Pioletti, Leo Clennon, Dave Traxler, Dave Phillippe, Herschel Hammerschmidt, Barb Socha, Gary Franks, R.J. Daly and Paul Hendren.

MINUTES: Trustee Tarter made a motion, seconded by Trustee Franks, to approve the meeting minutes of January 13, 2010. Voice vote; all "ayes," motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT: A donation to the Unity Post Prom was discussed. Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tarter, to donate \$150 to the 2010 Unity Post Prom. Roll call vote; "ayes" Trustees Franks, Tarter, Asklund and Eckert. Motion carried unanimously. Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Asklund, to pay the bills as presented with the addition of the \$150 donation to the Unity Post Prom and the loan payoff for the concession stand. Roll call vote; "ayes" Trustees Franks, Sappenfield, Tarter and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT: President Eckert nominated Pat Pioletti to serve the remainder of Susan Miller's term on the Board of Trustees. Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Asklund, to approve the President's appointment of Pat Pioletti to the Board of Trustees. Roll call vote; "ayes" Trustees Franks, Sappenfield, Tarter and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously. President Eckert presided over Pat Pioletti's oath of office. Trustee Pioletti took his seat with the Board.

LIQUOR COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS: President Eckert nominated Trustee Tarter to the Liquor Commission. Trustee Sappenfield made a motion, seconded by Trustee Franks, to approve the President's appointment of Trustee Tarter to the Liquor Commission. Roll call vote; "ayes" Trustees Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Tarter and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously. President Eckert expressed his appreciation to all of the residents who volunteered to serve on the Liquor Commission, and nominated Gary Franks and Herschel Hammerschmidt for the two positions. Gary Franks approached President Eckert soon after the call for volunteers was made, but was unable to attend the January meeting for medical reasons. Trustee Tarter made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sappenfield, to approve the President's appointment of Gary Franks to the Liquor Commission. Roll call vote; "ayes" Trustees Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Tarter and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously. Trustee Tarter made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sappenfield, to approve the President's appointment of Herschel Hammerschmidt to the Liquor Commission. Roll call vote; "ayes" Trustees Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Tarter and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously.

Herschel Hammerschmidt noted that the Philo Country Store is changing ownership and asked if the new owner(s) need to apply for a liquor license. President Eckert will consult with Attorney Hendren and monitor the situation.

DAVE LAKER: Reserves the right to speak later.

R.J. DALY: Mr. Daly is proceeding with septic tank approval from the health department. He believes his new bar will open in March or April.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Dave Phillippe had nothing to report regarding drainage projects due to the weather. He reminded the Board of the 2010 MFT program and the six- to eight-week timeline for approval. Dave estimates that \$45,000 will be available in June. Dave Phillippe and Dave Traxler will meet with the Streets, Alleys & Sidewalks Committee to discuss this year's MFT program.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Dave Traxler asked for Paul Hendren's opinion regarding a recent situation. Dave did a JULIE locate for a stump removal. Some of the lines were on a neighbor's property. The neighbor complained about the paint on her grass and believed Dave was trespassing. Paul does not think it is considered trespassing if Dave is on the property for legitimate reasons; however, he should stay off property if requested by the owner. No one was home when Dave did this particular JULIE locate.

DAVE TRAXLER: Weather is holding up current drainage projects.

Snow removal has been going fine. President Eckert has received several compliments from residents about the good job Dave and his staff have been doing.

The Christmas tree pickup went fine.

Susan Helmink relayed a message from ABC Sanitary requesting additional space in the recycling bin area to be cleared of snow for trucks to maneuver.

Trustee Asklund has been seeing a big raccoon. Dave can have it transported out of town if Neal can trap it.

OLD BUSINESS: Susan Helmink reported that Bundy Business Systems tested a new router at the Franks Center. The router's signal did not reach to all areas of the gym so they will come back with a different model.

Trustee Sappenfield did not talk with Dennis Happ about the website since it was decided at the last meeting to renew the domain registration with Area Wide Technologies for one year. The Board will invite Dennis to attend a future meeting to discuss his suggestions for domain registration and Web site hosting.

NEW BUSINESS: Susan Helmink presented the January meeting center report. The table and chair racks were purchased as approved at the last meeting. One of the old chair racks has been converted into a coat rack and 100 metal hangers were purchased for it.

The One Call Now system was used for the first time on February 8 to let residents know of an emergency siren test. The message sounded faint to some residents. Susan Helmink will try an alternate method of recording the message next time to see if that helps the sound. Susan has found that some residents' phone numbers are incorrect or missing in the call database. An article in the upcoming *Philo Newsletter* will ask residents to call or e-mail if they did not receive the February 8 call so their information may be added to the call database.

Susan Helmink reported that the next *Philo Newsletter* will be delivered around February 19. It will include Paul Hendren's article about parking in the village.

President Eckert commented on the recent defeat of the Sidney sewer referendum. The Sidney Trustees tried to make residents aware of the referendum and answer their questions by going door-to-door and holding open forums. Trustee Sappenfield noted that the fee assessed to Sidney residents was not well received. Craig does not know what this means to a potential Philo-Sidney joint venture. Trustee Franks reminded the Board that his prior passed motion was for Philo to pursue a potential sewer system on its own. Therefore, Philo can continue to proceed while the Sidney situation becomes clearer. Craig will call a meeting of the Water, Sewer & Drainage Committee when Trustee Mumma returns. The committee, with Dave Phillippe, will discuss how to proceed with the sewer system and detention pond and will report back at the March or April meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION: Nothing to discuss

VILLAGE TREASURER: Bob Rice stated his monthly report was routine. He noted that the next CD matures March 21, 2010. President Eckert will meet with Bob and Judy Kirby to discuss the handout Bob provided in January.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pioletti, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT