

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS
January 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Eckert at 7:02 p.m. at the R.E. Franks Meeting Center in the Eileen Painter room.

ROLL CALL: Present-Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Tarter and Asklund. Note: Trustee Miller's seat is vacant.

GUESTS: Eric Spitzner, Chris Payne, Christine Walsh, Paul Brady, Dave Laker, Bob Rice, Pat Pioletti, Leo Clennon, Susan Helmink, Dave Traxler, Dave Phillippe, Herschel Hammerschmidt, and Paul Hendren.

MINUTES: Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tarter, to approve the meeting minutes of December 16, 2009. Voice vote; all "ayes," motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT: Trustee Larry Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee John Mumma, to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote; "ayes" Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Tarter and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT ECKERT: Craig commented that he believed several guests were present in regard to either the Liquor Advisory Commission or the open seat on the Board of Trustees. Since the audience agreed this was the case and they did not have any other issue to bring to the Board, he gave the floor to guest Eric Spitzner.

ERIC SPITZNER: Eric explained the situation with the bus parked in front of his home. President Eckert had also talked earlier with Eric's wife, stemming from a letter he was asked to write. There are no safety issues, it is not blocking the roadway and it will be moved by the end of May. Trustee Tarter asked if other residents are offended by the brightly painted bus, if the Village had a place to store it. The Board does not want to set a precedent about storing vehicles. President asked since this is a temporary situation, "If the Board could live with it" for a short period of time. The Trustees agreed, noting they would like to be informed when the bus is gone.

DAVE LAKER: Reserves the right to speak later.

OTHER GUESTS: Craig asked the guests that are interested in either of the two positions to introduce themselves and tell the board why they are interested.

Herschel Hammerschmit: Would like to serve on the Liquor Advisory Commission. Has lived in Philo for the last 25 years and feels this would be an opportunity for community service. He was not opposed to a new tavern, but the second time it was discussed, he didn't like how the meeting went.

Pat Pioletti: Is interested in serving as Trustee. He has lived in Philo for 4 years and volunteered to help with the first Philo Fall Festival, that he felt was fairly successful. He has

worked for the City of Urbana for 31 years in public works. Pat enjoys philanthropic work and feels being a Trustee would be a way to give back to the community.

Chris Payne: Interested in serving on the Liquor Advisory Commission. Commented she has expressed concern since 2003 of an additional bar in Philo. She likes how the (liquor) ordinance turned out.

Barb Socha: Would like to serve on the Liquor Advisory Commission. She indicated she doesn't have anything special to comment on, but stated she loves the Village.

Leo Clennon: Appreciated the interest in him serving as Trustee, but declined "I'm too busy."

Paul Brady: Would be happy to serve as Trustee or be a member of the Liquor Advisory Commission. He commented that he has lived in Philo about four years and is a member of the Jefferson Street Irregulars and that Philo is a worthwhile endeavor.

President thanked all those that expressed interest and stated there is one Trustee seat open with two people interested and two spots open for the Liquor Advisory Commission with four people interested. Craig added if there are others that come forward, he will consider all and hopes to have his selection decision made to bring to the Board at the February meeting. Trustee Tarter also put in a plug for those not selected to think about volunteering to serve on the Philo Fall Festival committee. They currently only have 4 or 5 people committed to that project.

DRAINAGE COMMITTEE MEETING:

- 1) The proposed drainage detention pond was discussed. Trustee Franks will meet with Roger Miller of Premier Cooperative, Inc. (formerly Grand Prairie) to discuss general issues and report at the February BOT meeting.
- 2) The tile project at Washington and Hayes streets, formerly approved, will begin once the weather breaks.
- 3) The drainage problem in the 900 block of south Cleveland Street will be investigated as soon as the weather permits the camera scope of the problem area. It will then be determined how to proceed to correct the problem. It was also noted that D.J. Stewarts original bid had an error and will be corrected and resubmitted at a later date.

President Eckert asked Paul if any action was required by the Board from this review of the drainage committee meeting. Paul Hendren indicated nothing was required.

PAUL HENDREN: Paul summarized the Video Gaming information that he provided to the Trustees prior to the meeting. The State of Illinois will get 30% of the net income from each machine. The net income is estimated at \$45,000 per year per machine, which would be \$13,500. The Village would get 1/36th or 5% which would be \$2,250.00. The State would require establishments to obtain a license from the Illinois Gaming Board. They limit an establishment to 5 machines. Our Liquor Ordinance limits each establishment to two machines. The Village does not have to do anything in order to get the monies. Mr. Hendren stated Homer did not take any action on the topic.

DAVE TRAXLER: President Eckert commented that Dave and crew did a good job with the recent snow. Trustee Franks requested salt be put at intersections, especially streets feeding into Route 130.

Dave reported the clean-out pipe on Cleveland is cut and done.

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Franks did not call the bus company, but he's noticed the buses have been on High Hill Road not Cleveland Street.

The Opinion of Value for the Village rental property on Washington Street was discussed. No action is necessary at this time, since the building is rented as of Jan. 15th. Susan Helmink noted that a fee would be charged if the Village does not list with the company that prepared the Opinion of Value. The Board agreed and President Eckert directed Susan to ask they submit a bill to the Village for their services. The estimated cost was \$250.00.

The phone company listed the number 684-2555 incorrectly in the directory as the fire department instead of a Village resident. The resident has received some emergency type calls, which he tells the caller to call 911, but wants the Village to fix the problem. Susan is correcting the error with the directories, but it won't be listed correctly until next year. It was decided to have Craig write a letter to the resident, explaining we have done all we can. He will also suggest he contact the phone company and request a new phone number. Dave Laker made the comment that this is really not a Village problem.

NEW BUSINESS: President Eckert reminded the Board that Trustee Mumma will not be present at the February meeting and also that in Judy Kirby's absence, Susan Helmink will take the minutes Feb. 10th.

Craig made the Board and guests aware of the free promotional items from the Census Bureau. Susan asked the Board to determine hours that the Census representatives could use the boardroom to answer resident's questions. The hours will be Monday 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

President Eckert and Clerk Kirby will sign the rental lease for the Village property at 120 W. Washington Street with Keelers.

BOB RICE: Bob stated his monthly report was routine. He asked if the certificate of deposit that will mature soon should be renewed. Trustee Sappenfield reminded the Board of the loan that will mature in February for the bathroom/concession building. Trustee Sappenfield made a motion, seconded by Trustee Larry Franks to withdrawal \$27,000.00 for deposit to the General Fund to be used for the loan payment. Roll call vote; "aye's," Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Tarter and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously.

Bob also presented a summary of his meeting with the Village auditor, Stan Feller and a copy of the email Stan sent to Craig that also copied Judy Kirby and Paul Hendren. President Eckert asked Bob if the Board could review the material and then discuss at the February meeting. Bob

was okay with that since the changes, if approved by the Board, would not take place until the next fiscal year.

Susan presented her monthly REFMC report and request to approve an active military personnel discount of 15% for rentals including a refund if the event is cancelled due to deployment. Trustee Mumma made a motion, seconded by Trustee Alta Tarter, to approve the change in policy to allow a 15% discount for active military personnel and refund exception. Roll call vote: "aye's," Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Tarter and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Neal Asklund, to approve the purchase of a new router from Bundy Business Machines at an estimated cost of \$481.00. Roll call vote: "aye's," Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Tarter and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously. This will allow renters access to the Internet.

The need for coat racks for the REFMC was discussed. Susan explained Allan & Dave are able to convert the current chair racks to coat racks. The other part of her request was outlined in two options. Trustee Asklund made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Sappenfield, to approve Option 2 along with the purchase of coat hangers, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,300.00. Roll call vote: "aye's," Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Tarter and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously.

President Eckert thanked the REFMC committee, Susan, Allen and Dave for their efforts to save money and also expand the marketing of the meeting center.

Both the renewal of the Village domain name and website management was discussed. Trustee Sappenfield will speak to Dennis Happ about the website before the Village makes a decision. Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sappenfield, to renew the domain name at a cost of \$30.00. Roll call vote: "aye's," Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Tarter and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously. Trustee Sappenfield asked us to hold the check from mailing until it is determined if we can use the same domain name if not with Area Wide.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION: Nothing to discuss

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee John Mumma. Meeting adjourned.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT