

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS
January 12, 2011

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 Pioletti, Tarter and Brady. Absent-Trustees Mumma, Franks and Sappenfield.

GUESTS: Chris Payne, Herschel Hammerschmidt, Jim Holz, Dave Phillippe, Marc Miller, Rod Schweighart, Dave Traxler, Leo Clennon, Bill Bolger, Christine Walsh and Susan Helmink.

MINUTES: Trustee Alta Tarter made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pioletti, to approve the meeting minutes of December 8, 2010. Voice vote; all “ayes,” motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tarter to approve the meeting minutes of December 8, 2010. Voice vote; all “ayes,” motion carried unanimously.

JIM HOLZ: Mr. Holz is the Regional Manager for MSA, the company that recently acquired HDC Engineering. He wanted to introduce himself to the Board and also explain that he does a lot of grants, and work on comprehensive plans, etc. Jim has also been working with Craig in regard to the survey that will be sent to Village residents and will also review the results. President Eckert thanked Jim for attending the meeting and his input in regard to the survey. Craig also hopes Christine Walsh will include information about the survey in her next article for *The County Star*.

TREASURER APPOINTMENT: President Eckert expressed his decision to nominate Rod Schweighart as his appointment as Village Treasurer to the Board, and asked them to confirm his appointment. Trustee Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tarter to confirm the appointment of Rod Schweighart as Village Treasurer. Voice vote, all “aye’s,” motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT: Trustee Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Brady to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote; “ayes” Trustees Pioletti, Tarter and Brady. Motion carried unanimously.

DAVE PHILLIPPE: Forms have been submitted to State to close out 2010 MFT Program. By Dave’s calculations, we should have approximately \$43,000 by September. He noted last year we had approximately \$36,000. The Census request for a revised map was answered, noting we did not have any annexations.

President Eckert noted he wants to call a drainage and sewer committee meeting in regard to his talks with Tolono, hopefully on February 9th, prior to the regular Board meeting.

MARC MILLER: Marc stated Paul forwarded information in regard to the State of Illinois background check on Dinesh Chawla was good and everything seemed to be order. President Eckert stated that, unless the Board had any concerns, he is prepared to issue the liquor license.

Susan Helmink inquired about any potential church v. state issues if she advertised the REFMC in church bulletins. Marc indicated there would not be any issues, but only concern was if we did not offer information to all churches.

DAVE TRAXLER: Dave T. indicated D.J. Stewart has looked at the burn pile location and understands what needs to be done. D.J. thought the job would be about \$4,000.00 and could be started in March. The Board members want Dave T. to notify D.J. that they would like a written estimate before making their decision.

The heaters have been installed in the REFMC. Dave T. also reported that he has plenty of salt and that he is on his second truck load. Several Board members noted that Dave T. and his crew have done a great job of plowing snow.

OLD BUSINESS: President Eckert said he has about 15 minutes of work, needs to add new economic information, select the paper, etc. to have the survey completed. He reminded the Board there will be costs such as postage, a self-addressed with return postage envelope and the cost of reproduction. Part of the project will include door-to-door follow up for residents who did not return the survey.

Susan needed direction from the Board as to how to proceed to advertise the building at 120 W. Washington. After discussion, the Board suggested she advertise in *The County Star* for three weeks and to also see what the costs are to advertise on a portable sign along Rt. 130.

Trustee Pioletti reported that the lighting fixtures project will be a longtime energy savings for the Village. Susan has gathered information about the grant and Allan Miller will be providing pertinent information as to number of fixtures, getting prices, etc. President Eckert believes this is a “no brainer” and suggested they concentrate on the gymnasium. Trustee Pioletti felt something similar might be offered in the future, should the Board want to do other areas of the building. We have until March to make the purchases and then get reimbursed. Pat will report at the February meeting with facts and figures.

NEW BUSINESS: Susan presented her REFMC report.

The Board did not have any changes for the Village Holiday schedule.

President Eckert noted he will provide Susan the information to post in regard to a Drainage/Sewer Committee meeting. Craig also provided the list of committee assignments to be in effect through April. Craig reminded the Board that Stephanie Joos will be at the March meeting and encouraged Trustee Tarter to be present.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Brady: Nothing

Trustee Tarter: Commented that she was “on the fence” about running for Trustee, but decided to run as a write-in candidate. Alta enjoys being a Trustee and hopes to be re-elected.

Trustee Pioletti: Inquired and was told Christmas tree pick-up will be January 14th.

Clerk Kirby: Nothing

President Eckert: Explained that MFT funds can be used to repair and replace existing sidewalks and new sidewalks are appropriated and paid out of the general fund.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Brady made a motion, seconded by Trustee Alta Tarter, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote; all “aye’s,” motion carried unanimously with the meeting ending at 7:45 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT