

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS
December 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Eckert at 6:32 p.m. at the R.E. Franks Meeting Center in the Eileen Painter room.

GUESTS: Dave Traxler, Christine Walsh, Leo Clennon, Paul Hendren, Dave Phillippe, Judy Phillippe, Susanne Hendren, Susan Helmink and Rod Schweighart.

ROLL CALL: Present-Trustees John Mumma, Larry Franks, Steve Sappenfield, Pat Pioletti, Rachael Garrett. Trustee Paul Brady arrived at 6:45 p.m.

MINUTES: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Larry Franks, to approve the minutes of November 14, 2012. Voice vote; all “ayes,” motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Trustee Larry Franks made a motion seconded by Trustee Steve Sappenfield to pay the bills as presented, including an MFT payment to MSA in the amount of \$1,194.81. Roll call vote; “ayes”, Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti and Garrett. Motion passed unanimously.

DAVE PHILLIPPE: Dave P. noted that they will keep an eye on the new sidewalk near Philo Gas & Car Wash to be sure the grading holds up. The Fiscella issue will be discussed tonight by Mr. Hendren.

NFIP: President Eckert stated the National Flood Insurance Program will be considered at the January 2013 meeting.

PAUL HENDREN: Paul H. explained the situation Mr. Fiscella is in regarding a piece of property he purchased. After purchasing the property he discovered it is no use to him and his tax deed expires in January. Mr. Hendren explained the Village has no interest in owning the property or to go through the process. President Eckert stated that Susan Helmink should direct any future inquiries by Mr. Fiscella to him.

GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT CERTIFICATE: Mr. Hendren presented Ordinance #575 which is required to complete the process of lowering the current bond rate from 4.46% to 2.95%. Trustee Larry Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pat Pioletti, to pass Ordinance #575, An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation (Limited Tax) Refunding Debt Certificates, Series 2012, of the Village of Philo, Champaign County, Illinois, and Related Matters. Roll call vote; “ayes” Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously. Attorney Hendren will obtain all the necessary signatures and deliver the documents to Mr. Froelich. President Eckert thanked Treasurer Schweighart for his work in lowering the interest rate, at an estimated \$10-15,000 savings to the Village.

2012 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE: Paul H. presented the 2012 Tax Levy Ordinance and stated he increased the Police Tax Levy by \$2,500 as directed by the Board of Trustees. Trustee Steve Sappenfield made a motion, seconded by Trustee John Mumma, to pass Ordinance #576, Tax

Levy Ordinance for the Year 2012-2013. Roll call vote; “ayes” Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

DAVID TRAXLER: Dave T. indicated the last brush pick up of the year was completed. There were zero building permits. The new shed roof will be completed in the spring, due to the weather. The new truck is here and needs lights and sign. The plow just came today. The bids for the old truck will be opened January 9, 2013. Judy stated she obtained the title from the safe deposit box and it is in her office.

Trustee Franks commented that several residents have told him how nice the Christmas decorations look.

ROD SCHWEIGHART: Treasurer Schweighart presented his report and stated it was good to get the REFMC rate lowered. He also said we “cash flowed” the payment for the new truck.

MEETING DATES ORDINANCE: Clerk Kirby presented the Meeting Dates Ordinance. Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pioletti to pass Ordinance #577, Ordinance Establishing Dates and Times of Regular Scheduled Meetings for Calendar Year 2013. Roll call vote; “aye’s” Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

TRUSTEE PIOLETTI: Pat stated he met with Jarod of Good Energy. While no action tonight, Pat summarized his meeting and indicated a representative of Good Energy will be at our January 2013 meeting. Trustee Pioletti said the handout material received tonight is the same information that will be presented at our next meeting. The approval needed is for us to put the issue on the April ballot. There is no cost to the Village and it will be the responsibility of Good Energy for any mailings. Pat said residents will have 2 opportunities to “opt out” and indicated no action means they are in and will receive the savings. The savings are estimated to be approximately \$25.00 per household per month. Trustee Pioletti added that the Village electrical bills will be bid separately. Trustee Brady wanted to know why it has to be on ballot. Attorney Hendren said several communities have already put this on a ballot, either last April or this past November. Trustee Mumma asked if there are other companies doing this. Pat responded there are, but it is best to join one established in the area, since we would be forming a larger group. President Eckert asked Pat to extend invitation to Good Energy to attend our January meeting. Craig added we need to address the issue of getting it on the ballot. That deadline is January 22, 2013.

SUSAN HELMINK: Susan presented her REFMC report. No questions were presented.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION: No trustees had anything to discuss.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Franks made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT