

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS  
February 8, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Pro-tem Larry Franks at 7:00 p.m. at the R.E. Franks Meeting Center in the Eileen Painter room.

GUESTS: Dave Laker, Sue Laker, Matt Graves, Bill Bolger, Christine Walsh, Susan Helmink, Patrick Flynn, Herschel Hammerschmidt, Rod Schweighart, Paul Hendren and Dave Traxler.

ROLL CALL: Present-Trustees Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett, and Brady. Absent Trustee Mumma.

MINUTES: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Brady, to approve the minutes of January 11, 2012. Voice vote; all “aye’s,” motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Brady to approve the accounts payable as presented. Roll call vote; “ayes”, Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion carried unanimously.

PAT FLYNN: Pat stated a program by Eddy Weiss on disaster preparedness will be held at the Thelma Melohn gymnasium on February 26<sup>th</sup>. He requested reimbursement for postage stamps for 100 fliers that he will be sending out. Pat also asked if the board would approve an expense from the ESDA fund for one-half of the speaker’s contract expense in the amount of \$162.50. Barb Gallivan, a local realtor, is paying the other half. Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Brady, to approve reimbursing Pat Flynn for \$45.00 for postage and paying \$162.50 to Eddy Weiss for the disaster preparedness program to be held February 26, 2012. Roll call vote; “aye’s” Trustees Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

PAUL HENDREN: Paul indicated the process is underway in regard to the Illinois Commerce Commission for a rate increase. He is hopeful the attorneys representing us under the intergovernmental agreement will make good points. The maximum costs will be divided by population and he expects the Village of Philo’s amount to be in the \$200-300 range.

Dave Traxler took attorney Green’s assistant to the Highsmith property to view the situation of the junk cars and condition of the back yard. Paul stated he will notify the owners to correct (unless volunteers helped) and would proceed to take action. Trustee Franks commented that we aren’t any further along after 1 to 2 years and something needs to get done! He is very frustrated since we authorized action last November. Paul stated there is a notice process by State law and our Ordinance from 1995 to move or relocate vehicles. Trustee Brady asked why we can’t write a letter, since they broke our ordinance. Paul noted Mr. Green’s office would be more efficient. Trustee Franks directed attorney Hendren to check to see if letters were sent. We’re going to have to go from today and wants action by our next meeting. Paul H. will notify Mr. Green’s office of the Village’s request.

The sheriff’s contract was presented and reviewed. Trustee Steve Sappenfield made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pat Pioletti, to approve the “Contract to Provide Special Police Services”

dated 2-1-12 to 11-30-2014. Roll call vote; “aye’s” Trustees Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously. Clerk Kirby will obtain signatures and forward contract.

Paul Hendren notified the Board the CPI for current year rose 3%, so when we do the tax levy, we can increase by that percent.

In regard to the complaint of a garage on Van Buren, Dave Traxler indicated that, upon inspection, he did not notice any smell and it is not dangerous or unsafe. Pictures were sent to Paul Hendren and no action was required by Paul. The garage does need some attention. Trustee Franks knows the owner personally and will speak to him about the situation.

TREASURERS REPORT: Rod presented his monthly report, noting no unusual payments.

DAVE TRAXLER: Holiday decorations are on clearance and Dave asked if the Board would like him to purchase a few more pole decorations. Trustee Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Brady, to approve the purchase of additional holiday decorations for the downtown area. Roll call vote; “aye’s” Trustees Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously. Clerk Kirby will obtain signatures and forward contract.

PARK ASSOCIATION: Steve Sappenfield, speaking for the Park Association, asked if the Village knew of a source for signs to post at the ball parks regarding the area being a smoke free environment. He knows we really can’t enforce, but he hopes the signs might deter smoking near the backstops.

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Franks noted that any meetings regarding the planning project will most likely not be held until March.

NEW BUSINESS: Susan Helmink presented her REFMC report.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Trustee Brady – Nothing; Trustee Garrett – Nothing; Trustee Pioletti – Indicated he received an email from Leslie Kirby that they have committed to the band and they would like to be on the March agenda; Clerk Kirby – Noted the Unity Post Prom sent a request for a donation that was too late for this month’s agenda, but would like the Board to think about what they may want to donate at the March meeting; Trustee Franks – Nothing; Trustee Sappenfield – Asked that the Park Association be on the agenda for the March meeting for the Board’s consideration of a donation.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Franks, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote; all “aye’s” meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.