

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS
March 14, 2012

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

GUESTS: Dave Laker, Sue Laker, Matt Graves, Greg Crowe, Susan Chavarria, Paul Fish, Luke Kirby, Leslie Kirby, Susan Helmink, Karl Helmink, Jim Payne, Christine Walsh, Bill Bolger, Rod Schweighart, Dave Phillippe, Paul Hendren and Dave Traxler.

ROLL CALL: Present-Trustees Franks (arrived at 7:10), Mumma, Sappenfield (arrived at 7:15), Pioletti, Garrett, and Brady.

MINUTES: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Brady, to approve the minutes of February 8, 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; “aye’s”, Trustees Mumma, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion carried unanimously.

LUKE & LESLIE KIRBY: Leslie Kirby said they were here to give an update on their plans and answer any questions the Board may have about the Run 4 Raley. The Run is always held on the 1st Saturday in August. In the past they have had 300 to 400 people at the run and will be expanding the event to include the band “Brat Pack” Saturday evening. They have made arrangements for a stage for the band from a company in Arcola and will work with the Philo Tavern and Daly’s Sports bar for the liquor license for the beer tent. President Eckert asked where the band would be and the Kirby’s responded it would be downtown. The Village committed to providing police protection and the portable potties. President Eckert stated he would contact Dan Walsh closer to the event.

JIM PAYNE: Jim works in conjunction with Lincoln Heritage to keep hazardous materials out of the landfills. He asked for help financially from the Village. He works as a volunteer and has a tip jar that is available at the recycling site. President Eckert feels the Village would be supportive of making a donation, but was not sure what amount would be appropriate. \$100.00 ideally would be something affordable. Dave Traxler thought the dumpsters were about \$550.00 each. Trustee Larry Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee John Mumma, to donate ½ the price of a dumpster to Lincoln Heritage Resource Conservation and Development to collect hazardous materials. Roll call vote; “ayes’s”, Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion carried unanimously. Trustee Pioletti asked if Mr. Payne would be able to report how much was attributable to Philo.

SUSAN CHAVARRIA: Susan, the Regional Planning Manager at CCRPC, indicated interest in “throwing in their hat” to be another option to consider for preparing a Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Philo. The proposal would not exceed \$29,964 and it was broken down into three phases. President Eckert stated he was anticipating Trustee Mumma’s questions and said one of

Philo's problems was we are not poor enough for grants, but not rich enough to do on our own. She indicated John's point is a continuing issue affecting small villages. She maintained that the CCRPC would be behind the village in terms of strategy, planning ways to customize the plan; the plan could be done in phases, for example. Susan felt the 1960 plan was more of a land use plan.

Trustee Mumma stated our Board didn't know it even existed. If a new plan is drawn up, do we keep looking back or would you be here to remind us to look at it? Susan said it has to be kept alive by Village Board or citizens of the community to keep it going. CCRPC can keep up with you if you have a contract for services to help implement and bring to fruition. Trustee Mumma felt there wouldn't be much community involvement, particularly if this project is anything like the sale of the water system. He said of the 2 or 3 meetings only handful of people showed up, then the rates went up and everyone "bitched." Trustee Franks said to be realistic about type of plan. He stated he struggles with the dollar amount of the plan; the same amount of money could be spent on streets and knows the Village is limited in what it has. He added the 1960 plan was probably the right plan for the time. Susan stated of the 24 communities in Champaign County, about half of them have plans. She also indicated there are 60 free hours of labor available to all communities and about half of that is still available to be applied for. They normally charge \$60.00 per hour. President Eckert thanked Susan for making us aware of those hours.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Dave P. stated the Plan Commission cancelled their scheduled meeting and indicated it would be rescheduled. They will meet to consider two different re-plat requests, one for Khachaturian and one for Gavin.

Mr. Phillippe reminded the Board to start thinking about the 2012 MFT. He estimates by September there should be approximately \$50,000.00 in the MFT account.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Paul noted that Dennis Schmitz has sent emails containing information in regard to the water rate increase and proceedings.

Mr. Hendren does not feel competitive bidding or protocol appear not to be necessary for the possible approval of a Comprehensive Plan.

DAVE TRAXLER: Dave T. reported that Tim Kraft looked at the necessary work at the post office and estimated the cost to be at the high end \$1,700.00, and thought it most likely would be less. The Board asked Trustee Pioletti look into the possibility of another lighting grant for the project. Dave T. confirmed it currently has T12's.

The brush pickup begins April 1st and continues up to December 1st. Dave T. said he has been working on cleaning out manholes. He also mentioned an oil truck that is for sale for \$4,000.00, which has a 300 gallon oil tank. Trustee Franks said this type of equipment is very "high maintenance" and believes this type of truck requires a "hazmat license." Trustee Mumma questioned if different type of insurance would be required as well. This item was tabled until the April meeting.

Trustee Pioletti asked if Dave T. could prepare a map of where existing brick sidewalks are located.

Trustee Franks asked Dave T. to check sign at Hazen.

Trustee Sappenfield asked Dave T. to do some work on the south side of the new concession stand at Hazen Park.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rod Schweighart presented his monthly report, noting nothing out of line or unusual. President Eckert thanked Rod for taking care of the vehicle problem on South Jefferson Street.

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pioletti, to donate \$200.00 to the Unity Post Prom Committee. Roll call vote; "ayes's", Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mumma, to donate \$2,500 towards the purchase of Diamond Pro for the Philo Park Association. Roll call vote; "ayes's", Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Franks has not had an opportunity to speak to the resident about his unsightly garage yet, but will do so soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

The REFMC committee will meet Friday morning to discuss items mentioned in the questionnaire.

Susan Helmink presented her monthly REFMC report.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Only question or concern was from Village Clerk in regard to annual appropriations. Attorney Hendren indicated it is presented in June to pass in July.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Franks made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Mumma.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT