

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS
November 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, Christine Walsh, Herschel Hammerschmidt, David Traxler, Paul Hendren, Dave Phillippe, Susan Helmink and Rod Schweighart.

ROLL CALL: Present-Trustees John Mumma, Larry Franks, Pat Pioletti, Rachael Garrett and Paul Brady. Trustee Steve Sappenfied arrived at 7:35 p.m.

MINUTES: Trustee John Mumma made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pat Pioletti, to approve the minutes of October 10, 2012. Voice vote; all "ayes," motion carried unanimously.

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

VILLAGE TREASURER: Rodney stated he has talked with Robin Elliot with Busey Bank in regards to refinancing the REFMC loan. He will need to supply her with some additional figures and the Board will need to pass a resolution to complete the paperwork. Attorney Hendren commented that he had received some information from Mr. Froehlich and he will have Susan Helmink forward this information to Rodney. President Eckert requested this topic be included on the December agenda.

DAVID PHILLIPPE: David P. presented the invoice from Cross Construction for the MFT sidewalk work. Trustee Mumma made a motion, seconded by Trustee Franks to approve the payment in the amount of \$24,529.90. Roll call vote; "ayes", Trustees Mumma, Franks, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Pioletti indicated his concern regarding the transition from the west end of the sidewalk on Washington Street near Philo Gas & Car Wash. Dave P. stated they have backfilled with gravel and Pat said that may have been completed after he saw the problem.

ATTORNEY HENDREN: Copies of Mr. Green's report were reviewed by the Board in regard to the McKinley Circle property. Paul H. stated the deed for the property has been recorded. Mr. Hendren stated the Board could discuss this in Executive Session if the Board wants to possibly purchase the property to avoid the cost of litigation. President Eckert suggested and the Board agreed to follow Mr. Green's direction according to his report.

Attorney Hendren reminded the Board that the Tax Levy Ordinance needs to be passed at the December meeting. Last year's amount was \$84,300. Because the consumer price index rose by 3% we are limited, but can increase that amount by \$2,500.00. If we increase the amount now, it will be higher increase next year. These limitations are according to the Tax Cap Laws. Trustee

Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Brady, to increase the Tax Levy by \$2,500 into the Police Protection category. Voice vote; all “ayes”, motion carried unanimously. Paul Hendren will prepare the Tax Levy Ordinance as directed for the December 12th meeting.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM: Documents were prepared by Attorney Hendren in regard to the National Flood Insurance, should the Board decide to participate. Those documents included the application, ordinance and resolution. After a brief discussion among the Board, Dave Phillippe noted that nothing within the Village limits is in the flood zone, but there could be in the 1.5 mile area outside of the Village(ETJ). Trustee Franks wanted to check with an insurance underwriter in regard to the proposed NFIP. President Eckert indicated he will forward the e-mail he received from Susan Monte to each of the Trustees and place this issue on the December agenda.

DAVID TRAXLER: Dave T. reported that the brush pick-up went fine. He issued one building permit. The shed gutters and drainage are done. He is waiting to hear back from the roofer. A squirrel was caught in the trap at the Sappenfield property. Dave T. said the water has been turned off at the ballparks.

The truck purchase was then discussed. Trustee Pioletti stated it was not clear if the trucks in question were still available. Dave T. would have to verify. Paul H. said he spoke to Craig Eckert and Dave Traxler and commented that you don’t have to bid. If we sought proposals, should we take low bid if Dave T. thought GMC was better than a Chevrolet? Mr. Hendren indicated, if that is so, then we could decide on the higher bid. Trustee Mumma said he deals personally with Worden-Martin and leans that way. Trustee Garrett agreed with Trustee Mumma. Trustee John Mumma made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rachael Garrett, to verify the truck availability and authorize the purchase of the GMC truck in the amount of \$33,000.00. Roll call vote: “ayes”, Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Larry Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Sappenfield to authorize the purchase of a snow plow in an amount not to exceed \$6,400.00. Roll call vote; “aye’s”, Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave T. and Susan Helmink will check various options for running ads for the existing truck. Dave T. will prepare the truck prior to advertising for bids. Trustee Sappenfield suggested using existing funds, rather than taking out a loan. He will check with Treasurer Schweighart for his opinion.

Dave Traxler stated one truck is ready for snow. He said they have salt and can probably get another load. Trustee Franks asked him to find out what amount of salt we still have and find out how much it costs.

Trustee Franks indicated the second tree by his aunt’s driveway on McKinley is bad and needs to come down.

The next brush pickup will be November 15, then Dec. 1st and January 15th.

OLD BUSINESS: Susan Helmink explained that the Comcast bid did not include the Village shed. Comcast is a separate account with the shed and Village office. After a brief discussion, Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pioletti, to approve changing from Frontier to Comcast for telephone service, at an estimated cost savings of about \$67.00 per month.

The Board agreed to designate Trustee Pioletti to investigate various options for energy savings for the Village. Pat will also contact Gordy Hulten to find out the deadline to get energy aggregation on the April ballot.

The Board decided to wait until close to the end of the fiscal year before deciding how to proceed with the lighting project at the post office.

President Eckert acknowledged the thank you for the Lesa Stewart donation.

NEW BUSINESS: Susan Helmink presented her REFMC report.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Brady- Nothing

Trustee Garrett- Nothing

Trustee Pioletti- Nothing

Clerk Kirby- Nothing

Trustee Sappenfield- Nothing

Trustee Franks- Larry asked if Dave T. could “wind roll” leaves.

Trustee Mumma- Informed the Board that he spoke with Mike, regarding new power line project. It will most likely go just north of Philo.

President Eckert- Noted the December meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the annual Holiday Dinner at the Philo Tavern.

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

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT