

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS
April 10, 2013

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: Richard Brand, Chris Lueth, David Traxler, Leo Clennon, Dave & Sue Laker, Christine Walsh, Jim Causey, Dave Phillippe and Paul Hendren.

ROLL CALL: Present-Trustees John Mumma, Larry Franks, Steve Sappenfield, Pat Pioletti, Rachael Garrett and Paul Brady.

MINUTES: Trustee Patrick Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Brady, to approve the minutes of March 13, 2013. Voice vote; all “aye’s,” motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Trustee Larry Franks made a motion seconded by Trustee Pat Pioletti to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote; “aye’s”, Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

DAVE LAKER: Nothing at this time.

SAFETY COMMITTEE: The committee chairman, Trustee Steve Sappenfield, stated the committee met with both interested people and recommended appointing Richard Brand and Chris Lueth as co-coordinators. Taking their advice, President Eckert stated he would like to appoint Richard Brand and Chris Lueth ESDA directors for the Village of Philo. Trustee Sappenfield made a motion, seconded by Trustee John Mumma, to advise and consent to the President’s appointment. Roll call vote; “aye’s”, Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously. Richard and Chris accepted keys for the building and will set up alarm codes with Susan Helmink.

DAVE PHILLIPPE: Dave P. presented the oil and chip information for the MFT program, which included maps and estimates. Trustee Sappenfield asked if the work on Cleveland was to build up the shoulders and that was confirmed by Dave P. Trustee Larry Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pat Pioletti, to accept the bid work and direct David Phillippe to submit the documents to the State of Illinois for approval. Voice vote; all “aye’s”, motion passed unanimously. Trustee Pioletti noted that “APA” should be ‘ADA’ on the document regarding bubble strips.

PAUL HENDREN: No additional information regarding the property on McKinley. Paul Hendren stated on March 7th at the hearing, the property was to be declared abandoned April 29, 2013. Notices will be sent to all parties involved and then a deed is to be issued to the Village. President Eckert suggested Trustee Brady speak to attorney Hendren after the meeting.

DAVID TRAXLER: Dave T. reported the snow removal went well. President Eckert, on behalf of the Board, wanted to thank him and his crew for a great job. There were no building permits issued since the last meeting. Dave T. commented they are still checking out various options for a water fountain, adding the need for it has slowed since basketball season is done.

There are a few drainage problems Dave T. wanted the Board to be aware of: one in front of the fire department and one on Harrison Street. Dave noted the next brush pickup will be April 15th. He will check on when the shed work will be done.

SIDEWALK REQUEST: Bobbi Khachaturian (corner of Harrison & Madison) asked Dave T. if the Village would share the cost of reinstalling the original brick sidewalk along their property. The work by John Sullivan is expected to be \$1,400.00. Trustee John Mumma made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pioletti, to pay half the cost to reinstall the original brick sidewalk on the south side of the Jon Khachaturian property. Roll call vote; aye's", Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: NFIP item tabled.

Trustee Brady indicated the paperwork for help with the EAB problem was submitted and he will deliver a copy of it to Deputy Clerk Helmink.

Trustee Franks spoke with Spring Green regarding spraying or treating trees and, after a brief discussion by the Board, agreed to President Eckert's suggestion to ask a representative from Spring Green to discuss various options with Trustee Brady and have Mr. Brady report back to the Board at our May meeting. Philo resident Leo Clennon noted that back in the 1950s the Village lost about 34 trees and residents survived.

Trustee Sappenfield reported the Diamond Pro was ordered, received and already spread on one ball diamond. The product cost \$4,960 which was one load/24 tons delivered from Indy. It will last 2 years and possibly up to 3 or 4 years. Trustee Paul Brady made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pat Pioletti, to make a \$2,500 donation to the Philo Park Association. Roll call vote; aye's", Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Pioletti stated he and Susan Helmink met with Ed Clem regarding tables and chairs available at the REFMC. Mr. Clem agreed to pay for half (\$750) of the \$1,500 expense for additional chairs and he stated they will increase the cost of the event to help keep the number of attendees within the maximum. Trustee Pioletti added that Mr. Clem would like to make a monetary donation to the Village as well. There was also a nice article in the *News-Gazette's* E3 section. Trustee Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mumma to purchase 50 chairs at a cost of \$1,500.00. Roll call vote; aye's", Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: The March REFMC report was reviewed.

President Eckert stated that he submitted a copy of the Village Survey to Susan Chavarria. Craig informed her that Larry Franks was elected as Village President and he gave her Larry's cell number. Craig hopes that she will contact Larry to possibly work towards a comprehensive plan for the Village. President Eckert also reminded the Board that the CCRPC provides seed/grant money for the development of something akin to a comprehensive plan. Craig thinks perhaps, in tandem with Trustee Franks' plan to utilize subcommittees more effectively, the Village can have a document that will guide its future over the next 15-25 years.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Mumma – Nothing special; John commented it was a pleasure to work with Craig.

Trustee Franks – Nothing

Trustee Sappenfield – Nothing

Clerk Kirby – Noted the Board should start thinking about a date to meet for the 2013-14 appropriations. Judy also asked if a letter could be sent to the resident across the street from the gym in regard to the pile of debris from their home remodel.

Trustee Pioletti – Commented with the electric aggregation issue passing that 2 public meetings are to be scheduled. He will work with Deputy Clerk Helmink to schedule them. Other work on the list (from Good Energy) is done. Pat also noted he will be meeting with them in regard to aggregation and the franchise.

Trustee Garrett – Nothing

Trustee Brady – Stated that the Philo Fall Festival Committee would like to donate their fund balance of approximately \$7,000.00 to the Village. They would like the money to be used for toilets at Hale Park to replace the portable ones used there now. President Eckert said another possibility might be to donate it to the Philo Area Centennial. Several years ago, the Village began appropriating \$500.00 per year to the centennial from the general fund.

President Eckert – First comment was that he cannot find the gavel that Jean McCormick presented to him. Craig stated if he can't locate it, he will purchase a new one. President Eckert briefly reflected on the positive things which had occurred during his time on the Village Board, like the REFMC. He then apologized for his behavior toward Dan Ault and Greg Kingston during their time on the Board; their "crime" was to disagree with him and he took it way too personally. The best things were to serve with good people as Village President for 16 years (total of 22 years of service) as colleagues and friends and he expressed his gratitude to the residents of Philo for their support over the years. Craig is very grateful for the opportunity and privilege to have served as a Trustee and Village President. He asked, who would guess that a person who grew up right outside New York City would become mayor of a small community like Philo? He might have had to ask someone who suggested this to him when he was back in New Jersey what they were smoking!

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Franks made a motion to adjourn.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT