

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS
February 13, 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: Dave Laker, Susan Laker, David Traxler, Susan Helmink, Christine Walsh, Herschel Hammerschmidt, and Paul Hendren.

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

MINUTES: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Brady, to approve the minutes of January 9, 2013. Voice vote; all “aye’s,” motion carried unanimously.

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

ELECTRIC AGGREGATION: Attorney Hendren stated the Board has passed the resolution to conduct a referendum regarding electric aggregation at the upcoming election and hired Good Energy as a consultant for the referendum process and selection of supplier if the referendum passes.

In the last month, Mr. McMorris submitted documents to the Village to propose we contract with Good Energy’s affiliate and buy Village energy from that company. Paul Hendren indicated, according to his knowledge, that the Board has not discussed that proposal received via email that included rates and terms if we selected them as supplier. Mr. Hendren said that we have no basis to decide.

Trustee Pioletti felt Mr. McMorris needs to present the proposal and feels Craig Eckert should not sign tonight and not deal with this now, that we need more explanation. President Eckert suggested Mr. McMorris be invited to March meeting.

DAVID TRAXLER: Dave asked the Board to comment on the email he received from Eric Mast, Division Manager at Illiana Construction Company, regarding the Village streets. Trustee Brady stated it sounds like the vendor is trying to get out of deal instead of making it right. Trustee Pioletti had questions of them loaning us equipment to fix the situation ourselves. Trustee Franks indicated he spoke with Dave Phillippe and said we want our name down first with respect to MTF work. Part of the problem is there are no competitive bids. Larry suggested we broom it ourselves with our own equipment. Trustee Pioletti is concerned about fixing (the streets) and wanted to know what the “lag” was. Trustee Franks asked about the size of the rock and Dave Traxler said he wanted to go with the larger rock because the 3/8’ rock always ran off. President Eckert stated we complete the process in a timely manner and we can’t control when

they (Illiana) do it. He is surprised they didn't offer to live up to work. Trustee Pioletti asked "How we accelerate the work?" President Eckert will ask Dave Phillippe about Eric's email and suggest he come to the March meeting.

Dave T. reported there were no building permits issued and that the old snow plow was sold. The truck sale is complete.

RECYCLING ISSUE: Trustee Rachael Garrett reported that ABC charges \$950 per month for 2 containers and that they are replaced 3 times per week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday). A fourth time would cost \$300 more per month. Most of the Trustees agreed it is more like 2 times, not 3, that they come. The idea of them doing extra pickups during the holidays was also discussed. That cost would be \$125.00. We still have a problem with improper items being left and the drop-off site being used by non-residents.

REFMC REPORT: There were no questions regarding Susan's report. However, a request for a Unity Post Prom donation was received. Trustee Steve Sappenfield made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pat Pioletti, to donate \$250.00 to the Unity Post Prom Committee. Roll call vote; "aye's", Trustees Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion carried unanimously.

A special meeting regarding safety issues at the REFMC will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, February 21, 2013. President Eckert suggested Trustee Franks attend, since he is running unopposed for Village President. Craig asked that Susan Helmink post notice of the meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Brady: Reported that he, Dave T. and a representative of the Illinois Department of Agriculture had driven the streets of Philo and determined that we have a lot of Ash trees and that we have EAB infestation. Mr. Brady suggested a meeting to explain the problem to the public, adding that Sandy Mason indicated she would be happy to attend. Trustee Brady also noted that there is funding available to replace the ash trees. President Eckert stated he would complete the required State of Illinois Emerald Ash Borer Compliance Agreement for the Village.

Trustee Garrett: Nothing

Trustee Pioletti: Presented two questions to the Board regarding the "Run4Raley" event scheduled for August 3, 2013.

1. Prior to Luke and Leslie Kirby signing a contract for a band, were there any concerns by the Board?
2. Is the Board willing to support the event and take care of the police and portable potties again?

The Board did not have any issues or concerns about the event and indicated they would support it by paying for the police protection and the portable potties again in 2013.

Trustee Pioletti also inquired if the Village office fax machine could be offered for public use during normal office hours (10 – 1 daily). He suggested a minimal charge of 10 cents be charged. There was no opposition to his suggestion.

Clerk Kirby: Indicated she will be on vacation from February 15 through March 1st but would be available by cell phone if there were any questions.

Trustee Sappenfield: Wanted the Board to be aware that the Philo Park Association was trying to find a source for Diamond Pro and hoped the Village would donate for it.

Trustee Franks: Received a letter from the Tolono Park District (add to March agenda)

President Eckert: Asked if one of the Trustees would make a motion to appoint Trustee Franks as President Pro Temp for the March meeting. Trustee Paul Brady made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pat Pioletti, to appoint Trustee Franks President Pro Temp at the March 2013 Village of Philo Board of Trustees meeting. Voice vote; all "aye's" motion carried unanimously.

President Eckert stated a replacement for ESDA director is needed. Richie Brand is interested and will be asked to come to the March meeting.

Attorney Hendren stated that attorney Jim Green reported that all people have been served that give us jurisdiction of the abandoned property in McKinley Circle. A court order may be obtained to acquire the judicial deed in the next 60 days. At that point the Village may demolish and sell the property to satisfy the lien.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Brady to adjourn the meeting.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT