

VILLAGE OF PHILO
SPECIAL MEETING
July 16, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Franks in the Eileen Painter Room of the REFMC at 6:00 p.m.

GUESTS: Christine Payne, Tom Payne, Barb Socha, Mike Clerk, Becky Adrian and Cindy Shepherd.

STEVE MESSMAN: The first item of business appointing Steve Messman. Clerk Kirby swore in Trustee Messman and he took his seat on the Board of Trustees.

ROLL CALL: Present – Trustees Mumma, Messman, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady.

PRESIDENT FRANKS: President Franks stated the purpose of this special meeting was to discuss and listen to comments regarding the number of machines an establishment may have at their business.

Trustee Sappenfield explained the new system. The machines that were in place were for amusement only. Now with the new State law, the State gets a share as well as the Village and proprietor and the machine vendor (Nelson). Trustee Pioletti commented that the owner of location has to be different than owner of the machine(s). President Franks stated both taverns (Philo Tap, Inc. and Daly's Sports Bar) want to have the machines and that the Village can decide how many machines and it is stated in our liquor ordinance. Both establishments have been working a long time to get machines and there is a huge waiting list for the machines. A comment that Bunny's, an Urbana bar, has surpassed the Urbana Legion, with a rumored \$10,000 per month. Trustee Pioletti said he sees two positives. It is a revenue stream and he feels we should support the local businesses with a positive response to the proprietor's request. It is legalized gambling, regulated and limited by the State of Illinois and closely monitored by the State. Resident Tom Pay stated the negative is it can be an addiction. Trustee Pioletti said the same for alcohol and smoking. Resident Adrian commented that it could mar our quality of life, gambling is a vice but legal. Could we be getting cart ahead of the horse and think going from 4 to 10, not good for us, and wondered if we should wait to see if benefit (to increase number of machines). Resident Cler said some thought a second bar would be a problem, but it is not. Trustee Pioletti said Philo is relatively isolated; Philo people stay here and gamble, rather than go somewhere else. Trustee Sappenfield said in regard to quality of life, that the owners of the businesses are run by people that live in the community. Steve also noted that he is not sure where they want to put them, but there are so many regulations, one being the machines have to be in site of the bartender. He feels the Village needs to support them. President Franks said Daly's is ready to set up machines. Trustee Sappenfield said he has 3, but one not turned on yet. Trustee Pioletti indicated one problem is the manufacturer can't keep up with demand. President Franks stated the Board is attuned to the situation and it is a slippery slope, but the Board has to keep this in mind and keep a balance if a problem occurs. RJ's is a good establishment to the town and the way he runs his business. Resident Barb Socha suggested going with 3 instead of 5 and resident Tom Payne agreed. Trustee Garrett stated, because of State restrictions, (the Board) shouldn't put a cap on business. Trustee Pioletti felt this should be a business decision. Everyone entering Daly's must be 21 or over, but Philo Tap, Inc. will have to card, etc. President Franks indicated that both businesses would be susceptible to "sting operations."

Trustee Mumma spoke out saying he has all of those vices and said he just came from Peoria’s gambling boat. He thought the comments tonight were all good, doesn’t want Philo to go downhill, but doesn’t believe quality of life will be any different. John also commented that a new owner of an established business would have to apply or request a liquor license. Trustee Messman asked if there was a time crunch or what was the need for this to be done now. Trustee Brady wants to amend the proposed ordinance to 3 instead of 5 and feels pot entail of 10 are too big a bowl to stick fingers in it. Generally, ones that can’t afford it are the ones playing and it’s too great a temptation, especially with alcohol involved. President Franks stated that Attorney Hendren was under the impression it was 5, thus thought okay to have 3. Bob Daly called to say he needed a paper to say how many he could have and Susan Helmink said the ordinance read that he could have 2. Resident Becky Adrian thought since the Board is not sure what to expect suggested each business have 2 machines. Since the State allows 5, we are in a compromised position. Resident Mike Cler wondered if the Board had any idea of what happens in other places and Resident Tom Payne stated gambling is a personal decision.

Trustee Steve Sappenfield made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rachael Garrett, to approve Ordinance 2013-582, Ordinance Amending Liquor Control and Licensing Ordinance for the Village of Philo, Illinois. Roll call vote; “aye’s” Trustees Mumma, Messman, Sappenfield, Pioletti and Garrett. “Nay” Trustee Brady. Motion passed 5 to 1.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Brady made a motion, seconded by Trustee John Mumma, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote; all “aye’s,” motion carried unanimously.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT