

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS
March 13, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Pro Temp Larry Franks at 7:03 p.m. at the R.E. Franks Meeting Center in the Eileen Painter room.

GUESTS: David Traxler, Susan Helmink, Christine Walsh, Herschel Hammerschmidt, Jim Causey, Dave Phillippe and Marc Miller.

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

MINUTES: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Brady to approve the minutes of February 13, 2013, with one correction under "Minutes" second was by Paul Brady, not Pat Pioletti. Voice vote; all "aye's," motion carried unanimously.

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

HUGS & BUGS DAYCARE: The REFMC committee met with Hugs & Bugs to review security in light of the recent east coast shootings. They believe expanding the alarm system currently in place will provide the daycare better security. Trustee Paul Brady made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pioletti to approve the FE Moran work as presented at a cost of \$1,434.81. Roll call vote; "aye's", Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

GOOD ENERGY: Jerod McMorris of Good Energy was present to discuss the "City Load" feature and explained the estimated timing of the process to complete the contract with the lowest bidder. Jerod noted that a better economy usually raises prices and suggested a one-year rate to obtain the current lowest cost price. Trustee Pioletti added that the Village consumption of energy has nothing to do with the electric aggregation issue that will be on the April ballot. Trustee Brady asked Trustee Pioletti what he would recommend. Trustee Pioletti thought 24 months. President Pro Temp Franks asked for other Trustees' feelings on the term. Trustee Sappenfield agreed with 24 months.

Trustee John Mumma made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Brady, to approve the electricity contract with the lowest bidder solicited by Good Energy for a 24 month period with rate effective March 14, 2013, and for the rate cycle starting April 2013 and authorize Larry Franks to execute the contract. Roll call vote; "aye's", Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McMorris then discussed electric aggregation. He stated the group buying power is excellent. Market flyers, billboards, advertising, public hearings and the "Pig" cards all help to

spread the word. He noted that the Village Board will be able to sign a term of contract of our choice. Pre-bidding information will be provided to the Board (if the item passes) around May 5th with the Board to determine the green percentage, renewable term from 5 different categories. The optional municipal fee was discussed which is paid to the Village from residents usage. Jerod estimated that, with 550 households, it would mean approximately \$7,000 per year. He added it is best to designate how that collected money would be used. Mr. McMorris thinks there will be about \$20-25 savings on their bills. Trustee Pioletti asked Jerod to talk about the small business issue. Jerod stated to be classified as a small business the limit is 15K Kilowatts per year average. If there is no chamber group in town they would work with groups of businesses and compare different models to get them the best rate. Good Energy will also be able to catch “move ins & outs”. Jerod also discussed how they select suppliers and that they make sure the supplier can handle the load.

ENGINEER: Dave Phillippe said the oil & chip rock has not performed as it should. He has reviewed the information and talked to experts and they can't pinpoint the problem; it could be one of several issues. The oil was the same as in the last twenty-plus years; this year they used 5/8” stone. For the last 5 or 6 years (and prior to that) the village used 3/8” stone. The rates were as specified by IDOT. Usually the work is done in August, but in 2012 the work was not done until mid-September. However, the temperatures for this kind of work were still good. Dave P. indicated he pressed to get them to Philo and noted that we were not the last town done, as St. Joseph's oil and chip work was done *after* Philo's. Trustee Mumma stated there was no “bleed through” like usual. Dave P. said the application rate and the oil rates were correct. Trustee Franks suggested getting the MFT information to Dave Phillippe by May. David P. stated it takes about 6 weeks for the process and bidding so it would be better to put together for the April meeting. There is only one contractor, one bidder, that every community in Champaign County deals with and Dave P. is at his mercy. Trustee Brady asked about giving them a required number of days to complete the work. A street committee meeting will be scheduled and Dave Traxler and the committee will determine work to be completed. Trustee Mumma asked if there were any road to “tear up.” The meeting will be March 26th at 6:00 p.m. at the Village shed. Trustee Pioletti asked if we could sweep rock back up on road and roll with the assistance of the township.

MARC MILLER: The property on McKinley Circle was discussed. A letter was received indicating the property is now the Village's but it is a two month process, dependent on the Court's schedule. The proposed plan, once the Village is in control, is to tear down the house and sell the lot.

DAVID TRAXLER: The wall where they wanted to put a water fountain presents a vent problem that would cost about \$2,100 plus \$900 to install it. The Board suggested checking other options like a fountain adaptor or pricing a water cooler from Culligan.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Rod was not present but the normal monthly reports were provided by the clerk.

OLD BUSINESS: Regarding Tolono Park District's letter to the Board regarding reimbursing kids to play soccer there, the Board opted not to pay.

ESDA COORDINATOR: Both Richard Brand and Chris Luth are interested in this position. It was suggested they each be approached to see if they would be interested to work together as co-coordinators. The ESDA committee (Steve, Pat and Rachel) will meet with Trustee Franks and decide whom to appoint prior to the April meeting.

ASH TREES: Trustee Brady indicated the form is ready to fax. Trustee Franks will check with Spring Green in regard to spraying or vaccinating trees.

Trustee Mumma asked how many Ash trees are in the Village and Paul B. indicated about 125. It costs about \$800 to 1,200 per tree to remove.

DIAMOND PRO: The Park Association went ahead and ordered one full load (about \$5,000) of the Diamond Pro. The Village will consider a donation to be acted on at the April meeting. Steve also noted they are going to remodel the concession stand at the big ball diamond.

FAXING: The Village decided not to offer faxing at the Village office, since the library already offers this service.

NEW BUSINESS: Susan presented her REFMC report. The purchase of additional chairs and a cart were discussed. Trustee Pioletti will report back at the April meeting for possible action at the April meeting.

The Girl Scout group would like to know of any projects they can help with. Also, a Lutheran group wants to do some work at the sign.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Brady- Nothing

Trustee Garrett- Nothing

Trustee Pioletti- Regarding the electric aggregation, Good Energy would like list of clubs, groups etc. to provide information.

Trustee Kirby- Asked date of Spring Clean-Up Day. It is scheduled for June 8, 2013.

Trustee Sappenfield- Nothing

Trustee Mumma- Nothing

President Pro Temp- Nothing

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mumma to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT PRO TEMP