

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS
May 8, 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. Craig Eckert thanked the Board, Dave Phillippe, and Paul Hendren for both personal and professional advice, adding the Village is in good hands with Larry Franks. He then presented the gavel to newly elected Village President Larry Franks. Village Clerk Kirby swore in President Franks, followed by Trustees Mumma, Sappenfield and Pioletti completing their oath of office.

GUESTS: David Traxler, Leo Clennon, Dave & Sue Laker, Christine Walsh, Jim Causey, Dave Phillippe, Paul Hendren, Susan Helmink, Jean McCormick, Karen Eckert, Lisa Grace, Sandy Gorman, Jim Causey, Dale Kirby, R. Matt Franks, Jr., Pam Franks, Dick Franks, Gary Franks, Chris Payne, Marissa Franks, Matt Franks, Lane Franks, Janna Franks, Luke, Leslie & Tatum Kirby, Herschel Hammerschmidt, and David Atchley.

ROLL CALL: Present-Trustees John Mumma, 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 April 11, 2013. Voice vote; all “aye’s,” motion carried unanimously.

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

DAVE LAKER: Nothing at this time, talked to David Traxler.

LESLIE KIRBY: Leslie and Luke wanted to be sure the Trustees were “on board” again for police protection and furnishing the portable potties for the dance that is held the evening of the Run4Raley event, which is August 3, 2013. This year they would like to extend the dance by 1 hour, but their beer sales will stop at midnight. Trustee Brady asked if the stage will be set up the same as last year. Leslie replied that it will be the same orientation as last year and that it will be picked up Sunday a.m. Trustee Pioletti stated that the police protection and the portable potties were discussed and approved at a prior meeting. The Board did not have any concerns about the additional hour for the band.

DAVID PHILLIPPE: Mr. Phillippe reported that the proper oil and chip documents were prepared and were approved by IDOT May 27th and due June 5. The Board will need to take action at the June meeting and should be in good shape for July or at least by August for the actual work. Dave P. noted that they changed the type of oil and the application rate. He also stated it would take 30 days to award the project. Dave P. announced that he is retiring from M.S.A. on May 31st and Dave Atchley will take over his duties. President Franks hopes he enjoys his retirement. Trustee Mumma indicated he has worked with Mr. Atchley and expressed he is quite capable.

PAUL HENDREN: Paul's first item to discuss was the McKinley Circle property. He stated attorney Jim Green is handling the issue and Mr. Green sent a detailed explanation review letter. Unless the Copes choose to dispute the case, a judicial deed is expected to be issued in 30 days (should be in June). The Board, as owners, would need to determine what to do with it. President Franks suggested they let out bids to demolish or sell the property as is, hesitant to let it linger as the neighbors have already put up with a lot. Trustee Pioletti asked for an explanation of the difference between disclaiming ownership and a quit claim deed. Attorney Hendren explained the legal term to disclaim ownership is used if one is to inherit it but declines to take it.

Paul H. reminded us that the Prevailing Wage Ordinance should be passed in June. This document is normally prepared by the Village Clerk. The Appropriations Ordinance should be passed in July, as it is due by the 1st quarter of the fiscal year. President Franks will wait until the vacant Trustee seat is filled before determining committee assignments.

DAVE TRAXLER: Dave T. believes the roof on the shed will be completed in about 3 weeks. The brush pick-up is going good. There were no building permits issued. Dave T. did not have dollar amounts for the necessary drainage work, but updated the Board on what drainage work he has been working on. The manhole in front of the firehouse has been replaced and there is a tile in front of Pat Christian's house that needs to be fixed. The spring Clean-Up Day is scheduled for June 8, 2013, from 7 a.m. to noon. President Franks asked if electronics can be dropped off. Mr. Payne will provide this service again this year. Trustee Mumma asked if the drainage was better, given we just had a big rain. Dave T. indicated he thought so.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Rod was not at the meeting, but the Village Clerk prepared and delivered the normal monthly reports for the Board to review.

APPROPRIATIONS MEETING: The finance committee (Trustees Sappenfield, Mumma, President Franks & Clerk Kirby) will arrange a meeting date & time after required posting and notification to the media.

TRUSTEE PIOLETTI: Trustee Pioletti reminded the Board of the two required public meetings scheduled next Tuesday, followed by a special meeting to adopt the plan of governness. Pat stressed the need for a quorum in order to pass a resolution and ordinance prior to the bid date of May 15, 2013. Trustee Brady indicated he has been getting 2 to 3 calls per week. It was noted that once aggregation is approved many companies jump in and try to get residents to lock in a rate. President Franks recalled that Jerod commented that we are not supposed to politic. Attorney Hendren said Sidney had this same problem of companies going door to door and residents being confused. He felt it was okay to send a letter wording it to provide information that aggregation is coming soon in a month or 2 and that the Village's rate should be a better rate. After more discussion, Trustee Brady made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pioletti, that Trustee Pioletti and President Franks will draft a letter and send to each resident as soon as possible.

TRUSTEE BRADY: Mr. Brady reported that Spring Green uses an injection process that costs \$12.00 per hole with an average of 5 holes per application on diseased trees. He suggested treating the 4 trees at Hale Park using Spring Green and then at least they are done and out of the way. Trustee Pioletti suggested they do a cost comparison since there is no real rush. A cost comparison will be completed prior to contracting the work.

The Board briefly discussed the Philo Fall Festival's offer to donate their \$7,000+ balance to the Village. They had suggested bathrooms at the park, but with health department requirements, etc didn't think the money would go very far. Another idea was to just use as seed money for special events expense or to pave the parking lot at the REFMC. President Franks suggested the Streets and Alley Committee check on prices and report back to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS: Building Coordinator, Susan Helmink, indicated she is working on the required radon check of the REFMC by looking into cost estimates and getting a floor plan of the building. They have until January of 2014.

Susan presented her REFMC report, noting she is waiting to see what Coke says about being below the minimum for sales. They will continue to investigate options for a water cooler prior to fall. The chairs for the country music show are here. Clem will pay, but it may be in installments. President Franks thanked Susan and said she is doing an excellent job, noting the increase in revenue.

AMEREN FRANCHISE: We received an email from Jennifer Hagen at Ameren that indicated by default already done, bills that Village pays already switched to 3rd party. Information stated if we switch we take what they offer to replace, less of \$6,500 annually (franchise) or 50% discount in our street lighting.

Trustee Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sappenfield, to accept Ameren's contribution of \$6,500 as replacement of donated service. Roll call vote; "aye's", Trustees Mumma, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

President Franks commented that some ordinances on the books may be out of date, such as the peddlers ordinance or possibly be unconstitutional. Larry said he wants Susan to copy the ordinances and then have the Board review them. Attorney Hendren added that there are companies that codify ordinances at a modest cost and said he could provide names of companies. Paul indicated they also have "boiler" templates to use.

Trustee Mumma: Nothing

Trustee Sappenfield: Nothing

Trustee Pioletti: Nothing

Trustee Garrett: Nothing

Trustee Brady: Brought up the issue of the James' wedding reception. Paul has been receiving emails of the bride's concerns as the event is the same evening as the Run4Raley street dance. President Franks suggested the building committee meet with her before the next meeting, making sure she understands the Board has discussed her concerns and doesn't see an issue. Trustee Pioletti stated he previously talked to the mother and said the reception people would already be parked prior to the event. The Village already offered (weather permitting) that they can park in the grass if needed. Trustee Sappenfield doesn't think the band will interfere with the reception inside the gym.

President Franks: Gave a "heads up" to the Board that he expects more out of each of the committees.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Mumma made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sappenfield, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote; all "aye's", meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT