

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

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Franks at 7:00 p.m. at the R.E. Franks Meeting Center in the Eileen Painter room.

GUESTS: David Traxler, Susan Helmink, Herschel Hammerschmidt, Leo Clennon, Christine Walsh, Tim Pellegrini, Paul Hendren, and Rod Schweighart.

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

MINUTES: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Brady, to approve the minutes of 10-9-13 with a correction to page 3 noted. Voice vote, all "aye's" motion carried unanimously.

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

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Mr. Pellegrini reported that the house demolition has been completed, area backfilled, trees trimmed and seeding and eleven waterings were done. The weather has been a drawback. Trustee Pioletti asked about the brick on the north west corner of the lot. President Franks stated the brick structure is gone and the lot looks good.

The Planning Commission met earlier this evening regarding the Plotner subdivision. Ed Clancy is Ms. Plotner's council regarding the platted subdivision. The requirements have been discussed with Dave Atchley and Paul Hendren and are the correct course of action. The preliminary plat requirement has been waived and they need to follow section 4.11 instructions and provide the other items.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Paul Hendren indicated that he has prepared documents to solicit bids for the lot sale at 103 McKinley. He stated there are a few items to discuss, such as whether to set a minimum bid and when to start the process. Paul H. said there must be three (3) publications for bids. At the earliest, it would be at the January 8th meeting, or later if we want to give longer period to solicit bids. The Board then discussed what they thought the lot might appraise at, whether to include a minimum bid or not, the status of the unpaid taxes on the property and they also wanted to know what our expenses have been thus far. Mr. Hendren also reminded the Board they may want to consider going into closed session to discuss the sale of real estate. President Franks suggested, and the Board agreed, to wait until spring to market the lot. Another idea was to inquire with local realtors for their opinion of the value of the lot. Attorney Hendren suggested passing the resolution with a date possibly at the January meeting to start the process in February.

The tax levy was discussed and Paul H. stated we could approve a 1.7 percent increase which would amount to \$1,450.00. This increase can be spread out over several funds or it could go to one fund. The Board decided it should all go to the forestry fund. Mr. Hendren will note this increase and prepare the Tax Levy Ordinance for consideration at the December meeting.

DAVE TRAXLER: Dave reported that the brush pick-up went fine. There were no building permits issued. He is still working on the storage shed estimates. Regarding the mower, he talked to Scott and the price is still good. Dave T. indicated the warranty would start in March 2014.

Dave T. said Terry Woodworth test drove both the John Deere and the X-Mark and thought they were top of the line and liked them both. Trustee John Mumma made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman, to approve the purchase of the John Deere mower at a cost of \$9,850.00. Roll call vote; “aye’s” Trustees Mumma, Messman, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

The yield signs have been installed at the recycling center. Dave T. said he will talk to the homeowner to let them know the Village needs to trim the bush at the intersection at Garfield and Jefferson.

The Board directed Dave T. to contact AmerenCilco about replacing the light pole in the McKinley Circle cul-de-sac.

Dave T. indicated the trucks are ready for snow and he will pick up a load of salt on Tuesday.

The issue regarding Dave T.’s insurance was postponed until the January 2014 meeting.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Rod stated that there wasn’t anything out of the ordinary this month and has been checking to see if we are over budget.

OLD BUSINESS: The ball park renovation is progressing and the concrete has been poured. Two old poles have been taken out, but the new poles are not installed yet.

NEW BUSINESS: Susan presented her REFMC report with no questions from the Board.

Clerk Kirby noted that Kim Henning asked if the Board would consider making a donation to “Friends of Santa” a group that purchases gifts for needy children in the Unit 7 school district. Trustee Mumma made a motion, seconded by Steve Messman, to donate \$250.00. Roll call vote; “aye’s” Trustees Mumma, Messman, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously,

President Franks presented a request to down two dead trees at the corner of Adams and McKinley. The resident will pay and replace with new trees.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

JOHN MUMMA-Nothing

STEVE MESSMAN-Nothing

JUDY KIRBY-Asked if the Board would consider asking Aqua to clean the water tower. (Dave T. will contact Aqua)

PAT PIOLETTI-Some Hugs & Bugs housekeeping items to be cleaned up in January. There may be a new proposal from them in the spring for a summer camp program.

RACHAEL GARRETT-Nothing

PAUL BRADY-Asked about replacing tile in kitchenette because the tile is lifting. He wondered if it contained asbestos.

LARRY FRANKS-Reminded the Board of the early meeting time of 6:30 p.m. at the Dec. 11th meeting.

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