

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS
January 8, 2014

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, Christine Walsh, Marc Miller, Rod Schweighart, Elizabeth Giger, Chris Lueth, Leo Clennon and Mike Cler.

ROLL CALL: Present-Trustees John Mumma, Steven Messman, 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 12-11-13. 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, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

ELIZABETH GIGER: Elizabeth introduced herself to the Board, noted she has been a resident for 6 years and has three girls ages 5, 3 and 1. She is concerned about the number of dogs and cats that run free and knows that the Village has a leash ordinance in effect. Elizabeth is concerned about the safety of children, as she was attacked by a dog while walking. She reported the incident and the dog was quarantined and deemed dangerous. The dog was then allowed to return home and only able to be outside under certain circumstances. President Franks commented that Elizabeth lives in Shipley Estates and explained that any resident or Trustee can contact Animal Control. Larry stated he understands her concerns. Attorney Marc Miller said you can't prohibit certain breeds of animals. If an animal is declared "dangerous" they would review our Ordinance. President Franks said the Board would discuss and get a conclusion of what type of Ordinance is needed. He added he understands both sides and promised we would not turn blind head stating we will address it. Trustee Brady added she can call any Board Member and we will call (Animal Control) regarding cats or dogs running loose. It was noted that Animal Control will be invited to the February meeting.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: President Franks noted that there were no issues for the engineer, so he told him he did not have to attend the January meeting.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Marc Miller presented the Board with a resolution regarding the property on McKinley. He explained this would need to be acted on prior to putting the property out for bid. Marc said the Board didn't have to put minimum bid information in section #3, but would need to enter a date in section #4. Comments made by the Board were to get two appraisals, need to determine a minimum bid, some thought an opinion of cost, rather than a full blown appraisal would be sufficient and noted we should not spend more money and that it would be better to wait until March or April to sell the property. Treasurer Schweighart (also a realtor) commented that he felt a fair price would be \$19,000 to \$27,500. President Franks suggested the Board table the Resolution until the February meeting. He asked Susan Helmink and Judy Kirby to determine the costs associated with the property.

DAVE TRAXLER: The Christmas tree pick up will be January 15th. There were no building permits issued in December. Dave T. suggested waiting until spring to provide estimates for the new storage shed. The snow removal equipment is running decent. Dave T. said Debbie was out of the office this week, but will check with her regarding the salt supply. It was suggested he get one more load of salt and then order in March or April. Trustee Mumma made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pat Pioletti, to direct Dave Traxler order a semi load of salt. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Mumma, Messman, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave T.'s computer was discussed. President Franks asked Susan Helmink to price two computers. Trustee Pioletti suggested she check into the State of Illinois joint purchase program and check brands, specs, etc.

President Franks commented that he received several calls regarding the great job Dave T. and his crew did removing snow. Trustee Mumma said they stayed ahead of it. Trustee Brady asked if the Township helped out. Dave T. explained the Village does the work with two big trucks and one small one to get it done. Trustee Sappenfield inquired about some volunteer helpers. Are there any liability issues? Dave T. stated he has kept their hours. The Board felt it best to not allow them to volunteer, but pay out the time they put in for the Village.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Treasurer Schweighart reported that everything looks good and reminded the Board that we used the MFT grant money from the State of Illinois to invest in a Certificate of Deposit.

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Sappenfield reported that the ball park renovation is progressing. They have put on the roof and the bleachers are there in crates. They are still hopeful to meet their date of April 15th for completion. The Park Association has estimates for work on the field to take off the ridge and bring back in to shape. Trustee Mumma asked if they have thought about drainage, commenting that right field is terrible. Is there a catch basin? Trustee Mumma thought the Village should help with the project. President Franks asked them to come to us when they get more information. Larry also noted they have been considering having one person be delegated to keep up on the mowing, weeding, etc. Steve Sappenfield said they have been contacted for tournaments and renting for regular games to add to their schedule.

NEW BUSINESS: Susan Helmink presented the REFMC report to the Board.

President Franks asked for Board approval to name Rick Gallivan to the Planning Commission. Voice vote; all "aye's" motion passed unanimously.

ESDA coordinator Chris Lueth explained their need for new portable radios. Chris said Barbeck sells the radios for \$1,820 each plus \$15.00 for programming. He plans to meet with the County Main Director to know exactly what equipment is needed. Trustee Pioletti asked how long after ordering (would we have the radios)? President Franks stated we want to be ready and prepared. Chris will meet (with director) and we'll put on agenda for February.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Trustee Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mumma, to enter into Executive Session to discuss employee insurance. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Mumma, Messman, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously at 8:25 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: The Board returned to Regular Session at 8:50 p.m. and all members are still present along with the Village President, Clerk and attorney.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSS:

Trustee Brady-nothing; Trustee Garrett-nothing; Trustee Pioletti-Nothing; Trustee Sappenfield-asked if we arranged for extra hauling at the recycling site. This initiated a discussion about the site and how to improve it. It was suggested ABC sign a ticket when they switch out the containers; Trustee Messman-nothing; Trustee Mumma-mentioned a scam going around for \$9,608.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mumma, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Voice vote; all "aye's" meeting adjourned.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT