

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS  
November 12, 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: Tom Payne, Chris Payne, Dave Laker, Christine Walsh, David Traxler, Dave Atchley, Paul Hendren, Susan Helmink, Karl Helmink, Rod Schweighart and Greg Crowe.

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

MINUTES: Trustee Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman, to approve the minutes of October 8, 2014, as presented. Voice vote, all "aye's" motion carried unanimously.

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

PRESIDENT FRANKS: Tom & Chris Payne, Dave Laker and Karl Helmink didn't have anything specific to discuss when Larry addressed the guests.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Dave Atchley indicated they have costs, etc. regarding the Washington Street improvements but have not had a chance to discuss with the Road & Alley Committee yet. That committee will meet Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at the mayor's office. Clerk Kirby was asked to post notice. The preliminary sanitary sewer proposal was presented by MSA at a cost of \$16,500.00 and discussed by the Board. Trustee John Mumma made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pat Pioletti to proceed with the proposal. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Mumma, Messman, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously. Trustee Brady asked if there were any definite threats to complete. Dave Atchley commented there is pending legislation and at the State level, fees for septic systems. Trustee Mumma stated (this project) not year from now, could start now and be more than 10 years before it's done. John asked "can we afford to wait?" It is a lot of money but don't want to get squeezed. President Franks said we should gather facts and get set up costs adding there are always costs to improve and that the process will be long and tedious. Trustee Mumma said what happens if we're required to clean out septic and what if there is a problem with more expense. It is better to get it done. Philo resident Dave Laker noted with his prior knowledge it may be 5 or 10 year project and might have to wash that expense if we don't do the project. He added the more information up front the better.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Attorney Hendren indicated Trustee Pat Pioletti is in charge of the Hugs & Bugs lease and there is a meeting at 6:00 p.m. this coming Wednesday to finalize the lease and hope to act at the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

In regard to the cell tower to be constructed west of town on the north side of the road close to the Chris Johnson property, Paul H. stated the Village has no legal control. We are only being notified as a courtesy because it will be within our 1.5 mile radius. This is a lease to Verizon with no requirement to subdivide, it is just a lease.

Mr. Hendren presented the 2014-2015 Tax Levy information and reminded the Board of the deadline for its consideration and approval. We are able to increase the levy by 1.5% (cost of living increase) in the amount of \$1,300.00, we just need to tell Paul H. if and where to apply the increase. It can be in one or various ones. Trustee Steve Sappenfield suggested changing the Police Fund to \$16,000.00. President Franks directed Paul to increase the Police Fund \$1,250.00.

DAVE TRAXLER: Dave T. reported no building permits and that Phase I concrete work is complete. The old storage shed is down and gone and equipment has been moved. Dave T. stated there are “no alcohol” signs posted at the park pavilion. The road salt is in and sidewalk salt, too. President Franks stated Dave T. said there were several little things wrong with the 2<sup>nd</sup> truck and that he authorized him to get the work done. Larry also asked the Board to take a look at the salt shed at Tolono, indicating we will most likely need to build something similar. He is working on an alternative location. Trustee Pioletti stated the light at the recycling center is out and voiced his concern about the elevation on the Phase II concrete work to be completed. Dave T. said they raised Phase I a bit and that the next phase should run off to the east.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Rod Schweighart stated there isn’t much going on, nothing unusual on the financial statements. Clerk Kirby noted that a loan payment is due December 9<sup>th</sup> and will be included in the December meetings payments.

OLD BUSINESS: President Franks noted he received a phone call from a new land owner to possibly help with the drainage issue and he will talk to Dick Rice.

As previously noted, Hugs & Bugs meeting will be Wednesday night.

Trustee Garrett indicated things went well at the Clean-Up Day event and that everyone cooperated when ID’s were checked. We filled 6 dumpsters.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board decided to “pass” on the donation request from the Rocket Dance Team. Trustee Pioletti felt better to do in-kind donations and Trustee Sappenfield said organization is different from a choice few request.

Trustee Pioletti reported that he, Larry, Judy and Susan met to discuss the Village Deputy Clerk position. Susan will continue to check the answer machine messages, cell phone messages and email regarding rentals and will be completing the Village Newsletter. Regular office hours will be suspended until the position is filled. The advertisement for the position will be posted and also run in the County Star as well as on the Village website.

Ray Martin-no one knows this person.

REFMC report-Susan stated rentals are going well and that the vending machine will be removed Monday. The Board commended Susan for her work at the Village, wished her well and told her she would be missed and hard to replace.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Mumma-Thanked Susan for a job well done.

Trustee Messman-Steve commented on the need to clean the water tower. President Franks indicated he has called two times and been told the person he needs to talk to was on vacation.

Trustee Sappenfield-Nothing

Clerk Kirby-Nothing

Trustee Pioletti-Nothing

Trustee Garrett-Nothing

Trustee Brady-Nothing

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Mumma made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sappenfield to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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VILLAGE CLERK

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT