

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS  
February 11, 2015

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, Dave Atchley, Paul Hendren, Susan Helmink, Karl Helmink, Janet Decker, Christine Walsh, Jarod McMorris, Dick Rice, John Finn, and Chuck White.

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

MINUTES: Trustee Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Brady, to approve the minutes of January 14, 2015, as presented. Voice vote, all "aye's" motion carried unanimously.

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

JOHN FINN & CHUCK WHITE: Two of Sidney's Trustees attended our meeting and John Finn commented that several months ago they learned of Philo's possible sewer to Urbana. Sidney had tried to pass a plan before because of the need for community. They feel the possibility of sharing line would benefit them too, as there would not be the cost of a plant or employee. They would need a lift station. It would be ill of them not to check with the Village of Philo. They see this opportunity and think it prudent to do so. Mr. Finn stated Larry Johnson has been looking at different options, since last September. They would need a vote (ordinance passed), just like Philo. President Franks stated he thought this would be a great idea, share cost of line and help both communities. Chuck White commented there would be cost benefits to both (Sidney & Philo) if EPA lets you/us do it. Both Trustees Brady and Pioletti indicated splitting the cost would be a good idea and our costs could go down. John Finn said at least spark curiosity. President Franks said "No problem, great concept." L.R. also said they hope to set another sewer committee meeting March 2, 2015 at 7:00 a.m.

JAROD MCMORRIS: Jarod spoke to the Board indicating the Electric Municipal Aggregation was determined in March 2013 and the city authorized for competitive bids and a 22 month contract was signed, which comes to an end May of 2015. The "No go back" signing would be Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. He indicated he sent a resolution, if needed, to the Village that would authorize Larry Franks or Pat Pioletti to sign. They discussed that we went with 100% renewable energy last time with no municipal fee to residents. Jarod projected the cost to be mid to low "5" range. Ameren is up to "6" due to transportation costs. Mr. McMorris wants Philo reps to come to Danville this year. Jarod also explained our residents should only be contacted by them on our letterhead and we should educate public if they are contacted "door to door" that they are not representatives of the Village's electric aggregation

program. We estimate we have 550 household with 280 in our program. Existing residents that have opted out will get a letter. President Franks asked about the savings to our residents and Jarod responded about \$50 annually to residents. Trustee Brady believes we should continue the program. Trustee Garrett believes we need it. Trustee Pioletti indicated there are no drawbacks, but if no savings, not sure. Trustee Messman agrees with Trustee Pioletti. Good Energy does not require a resolution. Trustee Pioletti commented it would be better to have the resolution. Attorney Hendren will review the document provided by Mr. McMorris for action at the March 11, 2015 meeting. The location and time for the bid opening has not been determined, but he expects it to be at the Days Inn in Danville. The contracts that Jarod mentioned have not yet been prepared. The City Load Electric Aggregation will have refreshed prices. Trustee Brady indicated we should wait on that too, for the March meeting.

DAVID ATCHLEY: Mr. Atchley commented that they have taken core samples, 95% of the plan is completed and will be ready for bids for the Washington Street project.

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Dave A. stated he spoke with ~~Mr. Rice~~ and local tile service and will have better idea of costs and sharing with drainage district. The drainage committee hopes to meet next Thursday at 7:00 a.m. President Franks will talk to Trustee Sappenfield and then call Deputy Clerk Decker to post the meeting. Dave Atchley indicated he will have better numbers to share with drainage district. He said they do not need a set of plans, but just numbers to help determine percentage of share (of costs).

President Franks commented and Trustee Brady concurred that they were very impressed with Nick Wagner of MSA.

PAUL HENDREN: Paul Hendren said we have already discussed the resolution and said all of the Trustees will receive updated information regarding it before the March meeting. There were no other items on the agenda for the Village attorney. Mr. Hendren did however advise the Board that he has been the Village's attorney for over 40 years and Sidney's attorney for approximately 20 years. Because of that conflict of interest, he would not be able to serve as either community's attorney for a joint sewer project. He stated in the past Joe Lierman of St. Joe has acted for Sidney and Jack Waller has represented Philo. Trustee Brady asked if he can ask general questions of Paul H. President Franks commented that we are still in early stages. Attorney Hendren stated if there is a conflict, he will direct us.

DAVID TRAXLER: Dave T. reported there were no building permits in January. The snow equipment is good. He said the Post Office may eventually asphalt the parking area. He has graded and rocked the area for now. Dave T. says the alley should be one-way going north and asked if this would require an ordinance. President Franks directed the Village Attorney prepare an ordinance for the next meeting. The Frontier man is to come tomorrow to resolve the cable lying on the ground. Dave T. has already discussed with Comcast and AT&T. Dave T. suggested a security camera for the recycling center.



Trustee Paul Brady made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pat Pioletti, to purchase and install a security camera at the recycling center. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Messman, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

Information provided by Dave T. regarding window replacements at the REFMC were reviewed and discussed. Trustee Paul Brady made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman, to approve the bid from Arrow Glass to replace all 9 windows at a cost of \$1,730.39. call vote; "aye's" Trustees Messman, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Rod was absent for the meeting, but President Franks indicated Rod had discussed auditor Stan Feller's concern regarding Road and Bridge funds and it was not an issue. Given that information, L.R. indicated we should go with the treasurer's Plan "A" for funding the Washington Street project. The paperwork for the project will be completed by next Thursday.

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Brady indicated there are 4 maple trees that need to be pruned. He said he finds no value in trying to wire the trees and Richards Tree Service can accomplish the pruning with his direction. Dave T. will notify Trustee Brady when the work will be done, so he can assist.

President Franks met with Hugs & Bugs to determine if they are willing to share the use of the stage back-drop they purchased. They are willing to do that and L.R. suggested we share the expense with them. Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman, to contribute \$100.00 towards the cost of the back-drop. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Messman, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously. Clerk Kirby will cut a check for Hugs & Bugs.

NEW BUSINESS: President Franks stated that Trustee Sappenfield has been appointed and accepted to chair the committee to complete an employee's handbook for the Village. Trustees Brady and Garrett are committee members.

President Franks was approached by the Township regarding the Veterans Memorial that they own. They want to dress it up and Larry suggested Trustee Garrett work with them since she is on the Parks Committee. He also mentioned we are pretty strapped with several projects right now.

Janet presented the REFMC report and commented that she and Susan have been working with Pat and Dennis regarding the website. The automation to select a date (for a rental) isn't working. They have discovered Go Daddy doesn't support the program any longer. The system has been changed for the information to come directly to Janet now and appears to be working.

Janet started her position as Deputy Clerk & Building Coordinator working with Susan last week and Susan helping a couple of days this week. She hopes everyone will be patient with her and thanked them for being very welcoming to her.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Brady – Asked when the recycling pickups are done. They are M/W & F

Trustee Garrett – Nothing

Trustee Pioletti – Nothing

Clerk Kirby – Reminded the Trustees to complete their Statement of Economic Interest by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Judy also commented that the W-2's were mailed.

Trustee Messman – Nothing

President Franks – Notified the Board that we received a thank you from St. Thomas School for our donation to the Schumacher Shuffle.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Pioletti made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Messman.

  
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