

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS
July 15, 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: Dave Atchley, Paul Hendren, Dave Traxler, Janet Decker, Stan Feller, Dick Rice, Glen Lafenhagen, Gerald & Kathy Stacey, Jim & Kathy Forrest, John Elder, Pat Simpson, Matt Weiss, Chris Payne, Herschel Hammerschmidt, Dave Laker, Karl Helmink, Rod Schweighart, and Christine Walsh.

ROLL CALL: Present-Trustees John Mumma, Steve Messman, Pat Pioletti, and Paul Brady. Trustee Steve Sappenfield arrived at 7:30 p.m. Absent-Trustee Rachael Garrett.

MINUTES: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Messman to approve the minutes of June 10, 2015. 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 Mumma, Messman, Pioletti and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

GUESTS: President Franks addressed the guests and asked if they wanted to comment or if they had questions. Jim Forrest asked where we are at in the drainage project, like what is the big picture or ultimate goal. He and Kathy live at the corner of Washington and Hayes Streets. Kathy Stacey added they were present to listen and hear the plan. Trustee Mumma responded there is a lot going on in town, but same issue. A few years ago the Village tried to buy some land from the elevator for a detention pond and they were not willing to sell, next idea was to talk with engineers, then discussions with the drainage district to put in tile from our lot to creek. That would be approximately 2.5 miles of 24-36 inch tile at an estimated cost of over one million dollars. John went on to convey we can't just snap our fingers, you have to obtain right of ways and we may go a different direction with the project. It is a process to getting things done. The first thing you need is an outlet. Otherwise, the drainage problem here gets passed on to next owner down the line. We are trying to get plan and then after that infrastructure in your area. We have maps regarding what areas to help. Mr. Forrest asked about a time line. President Franks answered they hope by next month to know which plan to go with. The idea of eminent domain was brought up and Trustee Mumma stated that can get ugly. He commented as far as the time line goes, if going with drainage district, it would be a long process with courts and landowners, etc. and could take 4 to 5 years and they would still have an issue as to who owns the tile. Jim Forrest commented that it has been a 30 year war. Trustee Mumma understands as he gets water, too and always try to do something. He added that even when done, may still have issue with being able to get (water) away quicker. Dave Atchley stated with a 36" tile it would be 24 hours. Resident Matt Weiss (corner of Cleveland and Washington Streets) said you can't change geography and stated it took 5 1/2 days to get off grass and beans. Trustee Mumma said no doubt a basin or stand pipe could help.

President Franks asked Dave Atchley to take a look at that area. Mr. Weiss is willing to agree to an easement with the Village. Patricia Simpson (304 Madison) thanked President Franks and the Board for attention to their problem. She understands the plan to pull water out of Village but asked about the in town drainage issues. Their problem was tree roots and size of tiles. President Franks stated, five years ago the Village came up with design at a cost of approximately \$260,000 for the project's phase II. The plan has four phases with five zones to be taken care of and indicated the drainage committee is working hard to resolve the problem. Copies of the plan were given to interested residents present at the meeting. President Franks asked the Board to break from the drainage topic to allow Stan Feller the floor to present the audit results.

STAN FELLER: Stan introduced himself and stated his company Feller & Kuester conducted the Village's annual audit. He explained it is now mandatory per the State that he present the audit information in person at a board meeting. Each member received a bound copy of the audit and then Stan explained the three letters attached to it, which were the SAS 114, SAS 115 and his comments regarding segregation of duties and his recommendations. He emphasized his reliance on the Board to oversee the bills and said if the Board had any questions about the audit to contact him.

DRAINAGE: The Board returned to the drainage discussion. Trustee Mumma commented that it is an unfortunate situation. He also stated the drainage district was interested enough to have two members at the meeting tonight. A discussion of the size of tiles, number of gallons of water used with 90% of that is through the septic system which fills leach fields. He hoped everyone completes and returns the wastewater surveys that were recently sent out. Kathy Stacey asked about the size of tiles. The new ones would be 24-36" tiles and the current ones are 8" tiles.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Dave Atchley stated there were no draws requested at this point for the Washington Street project. The north side of the street paving will begin tomorrow and the south side Friday or Monday. No date has been determined to start the summer MFT street repairs as the company is running 30 days behind. Trustee Pioletti expressed concern and asked about a drop dead date. Dave Atchley indicated he will review the documents. May be okay by the book, but we don't want to complete work late in the season and have any problems. He will contact the Street and Alley committee. The Drainage Committee will meet Monday, July 20th at 6:00 p.m. Meeting notices will be posted. Trustee Mumma will then attend the drainage district's meeting to update them. Dave A. prepared new cost estimates for 24" or 36" tiles which are labeled on page 2 on the bottom, Phase I in town, estimated line in red, only preliminary numbers, no survey work included.

Dick Rice asked which route and we indicated it is not yet determined.

Karl Helmink commented the Plan Commission is working on Shroyer's request.

Wastewater Survey results were distributed.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: His first item Mr. Hendren presented to the Board was the Appropriations Ordinance prepared from figures provided by the Finance Committee and Clerk Kirby. Trustee Steven Sappenfield made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pat Pioletti, to pass Ordinance No. 2015-594, Annual Appropriation Ordinance 2015-2016, in the total amount of \$1,395,435.00. Roll call vote; “aye’s Trustees Mumma, Messman, Pioletti and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

Paul H. then presented a Raffle Ordinance for the Village of Philo, similar to that of Savoy and Gibson City. He explained State law authorizes raffles to be licensed and conducted in accordance with statutes so there are no improprieties. The issue for this ordinance cropped up when someone planning for the Veterans Monument fundraiser questioned if the Village required an ordinance or permission to sell raffle tickets. Trustee questioned the difference in other raffles. It was explained because of the video gaming machines a license to sell the raffle tickets would be required. The license would be granted after an application, fee paid and approval by the Village. Trustee John Mumma made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Brady, to pass Ordinance 2015-595, An Ordinance Establishing a System for the Licensing of Organizations to Operate Raffles in the Village of Philo. Roll call vote; “aye’s Trustees Mumma, Messman, Pioletti and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

CHRIS PAYNE: Chris stated the Zoning Board of Appeals met and all four members voted for approval. She commented their next issue will be the Dollar General Store. Chris thanked attorney Paul Hendren for his guidance and assistance preparing for their meeting.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: Dave Traxler reported two permits for pools and one building permit. Cleaning of the basin on Grant Street is done, but not Roosevelt one yet. He has been dealing with the 8-9 inches of water in the gym basement. The problem drainage ditch east of the building has now opened up. The Board directed Dave T. to have the boiler checked out as soon as possible. Dave T. is waiting for it to dry up some before working on the tile at Mr. Elders. He and board members indicated D.J. Stewart has been great to work with and they were lucky he had time to help us out. Trustee Brady believes we should have all basins cleaned out. It will take a lot of time and money to accomplish that task and Trustee Mumma agreed it is a good idea. They have found sand, gravel, pop cans, dirt and all sorts of material in the basins. He (D.J.) has a camera that can look down into them, but he’s very backed up. Dave T. indicated about 12 to 14 have been done. Trustee Sappenfield suggested a map or grid is prepared to locate and track which ones have been cleaned out. President Franks commented that they have done the ones with water over them, adding it is a process. Both Larry and John thanked Dave T. for his efforts with all the water issues.

It was suggested they keep grass separate from other yard material when they do the pick-up, due to complaints when they burned the debris.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Rod Schweighart stated he had reviewed the monthly bills and had discussed the audit with Stan Feller. Everything looks good.

OLD BUSINESS: The children playing signs on Eisenhower Street are done.

The stacked concrete at the former Painter house were used for a patio.

NEW BUSINESS: The group for the Veterans Monument is planning a street dance and hopes to close Washington Street from REFMC to the tavern on August 15, 2015. They have a small town band lined up.

Janet Decker presented the REFMC report and said payments are up to date. She he still checking on steps to the stage to purchase. There aren't any to rent that fit properly (because of the curved stage) and liability is iffy.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Brady-Nothing

Trustee Pioletti-Questioned why contractor has no draw yet, hope they understand we wouldn't be able to pay until next meeting, which would be second Wednesday in August.

Trustee Sappenfield-Nothing

Trustee Messman-Nothing

Trustee Mumma-Nothing

Clerk Kirby-Nothing

President Franks-Reported "good news" from Fire Chief that they want to give money towards Hale Park bathrooms project. Think about project and possibly ask Philo Fun Day, too as they mentioned donating money for a Village project. Dale Shipley will be contacted.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Brady made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sappenfield to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote, all "aye's" meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT