

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS
September 9, 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: Mark Miller, Paul Hendren, Janet Decker, Dick Rice, Jim & Kathy Forrest, Chris Payne, Karl Helmink, Mike Schalk, Randy McFall, Herschel Hammerschmidt, Rod Schweighart, and Christine Walsh.

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

MINUTES: Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rachael Garrett to approve the minutes of August 12, 2015. Voice vote, all “aye’s” motion carried unanimously.

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

GUESTS: Randy McFall stated he wanted to hear the main reason why we need a sanitary sewer system. He commented the lots are big enough for septic, he doesn’t feel we need it; he was against water system sale, too. He said it ended up with large increase, burden on Village residents. Randy is concerned about other costs such as possibly having to remove decks over existing systems, repair of approaches, etc. He also thought the survey was misleading.

President Franks responded a sanitary sewer system is not a “knee jerk” reaction. The Sanitary Sewer District is willing to take it on and we as a Board are looking at this for the health of the community. We have a lot of concerns and this is by no means a done deal. Trustee Brady questioned if EPA determines if septic systems have to be abandoned. Trustee Pioletti wanted to make three points. One, the expense is significant; Two, the project will never be cheaper than now (no plant expense); Three, the Sanitary Sewer District insists it be by referendum because of the monumental expense.

President Franks also added the survey clearly asked what the resident would be willing to pay and did not feel it was misleading or deceitful. Mr. Franks also stressed that the Village intends to tighten up on septic tanks with tougher restrictions and making sure service of multi-flows are completed. The Board will look after the health of the community and “put some teeth in it” (ordinances). President Franks stated the survey served as a place to start and meant to be a guideline for the committee. Trustee Pioletti said the next step is a much more in depth survey to provide information for grants. Trustee Brady commented that there are also some workarounds. Resident Hammerschmidt felt people would answer (the surveys) honestly. Resident Forrest commented he is in favor of a sanitary sewer system. Regarding the sale of the water system, he said if the Village still had well water at the time of his house purchase, he would not have moved to Philo. Mr. Forrest said EPA will plan for you and said the Board is being responsible by looking into a sanitary sewer system.

President Franks indicated to qualify for money, we have to do our leg work, can't go to legislatures without information. We have updated our prior plan to include 4 lift stations. Sidney is also looking into joining the same Sanitary Sewer District.

PLAN COMMISSION CHAIRMAN: Karl Helmink recommended the approval of Shroyer property with comments.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Mark Miller of MSA presented a draw request for the slurry work on Harrison Street. Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rachael Garrett, to approve the request for payment in the amount of \$21,383.55. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Messman, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

Regarding Washington Street, President Franks indicated he talked with Dave Atchley about the striping. The plan presented to the Board and let out for bid was to be thermal plastic and both bids were for latex paint and that is what was used for the striping. President Franks will call Dave Atchley when he returns from vacation on Monday and set up a meeting with him and the Streets and Alley Committee. They will bring their suggestions for a resolution to the problem on Washington Street and the striping for Harrison Street.

MSA is working on the maps for the catch basins, using prior information and making sure the information is updated. They will also review with Dave Traxler.

President Franks stated Trustee Mumma had talked with the landlord about the Plan "A" drainage project and also said they are working on another option Plan "B."

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Paul H. said they are proceeding with a reasonable schedule for the Dollar General request for a store to be located on a two (2) acre lot, south of the bank, on the west side of Route 130. Part of their request included a beginning construction date of October 24, 2015. Paul Hendren provided information by a memo (see attached) outlining the steps to take. Mr. Hendren also attended the recent Zoning meeting and Plan Commission meeting. He indicated a public hearing will be held October 8, 2015, to decide three (3) questions. One, Choose to annex, discretion by the Village; Two, If annex, require annex and zone commercial (default of annex is single family); and Three, establish a one (1) lot sub-division (may or may not ask for waivers) then to Plan Commission and they recommend to Board.

At the next Board meeting, October 14, 2015, probably have recommendation(s). Trustee Pioletti asked the significance of October 24th. Karl thought it just allowed time to build, considering weather. Pat noted IDOT, plans, building permits and application process would make it tight for that date. President Franks felt since not their first store, they are not pressured by the deal. We should do our due diligence, no preliminary plat yet or final. Khachaturian is still owner of record. Mr. Helmink indicated it will take a lot of fill (for the entrance).

Karl also stated they have required a representative of Dollar General be present to answer questions at the October 8th meeting. Trustee Pioletti felt a special meeting may be needed. The Village, not the County, will be issuing the building permits according to Paul Hendren. A full set of plans will be at the Village Office and pdf files can also be forwarded. It was suggested we stipulate fees for our engineer to review Dollar Generals plans be paid by Dollar General, possibly as part of zoning/annex fees.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: Dave Traxler was absent due to the passing of his father-in-law. President Franks reported per Dave T. that the drainage work on Roosevelt and Madison Streets is completed; the boiler checked out fine and brush pick up would take place through December and also after Christmas. Trustee Brady asked that the bushes west of his alley be pulled.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Treasurer Schweighart said nothing unusual about the bills. He reported both loans for \$150,000.00 each (RCP & Philo Exchange Bank) were completed. Rod stated there will be three (3) more annual payments on the REFMC loan at Busey Bank and one (1) more payment on the backhoe at Philo Exchange Bank in December. President Franks indicated Philo Township has not been getting their MFT money and asked Rod to check on the Village's delayed payments.

NEW BUSINESS: Janet presented the REFMC report indicating it is slow now, but she is booked for the winter months. She noted there were a couple clients behind in payments, but now caught up. Janet has been asked when Trick or Treat hours will be.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Messman-Nothing

Clerk Kirby-Nothing

Trustee Pioletti-Nothing

Trustee Garrett-Fall Clean Up Day is October 10th from 7 a.m. to noon and they are using a company out of Charleston

Trustee Brady-Nothing

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Brady to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT