

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS  
January 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Franks at 7:05 p.m. at the R.E. Franks Meeting Center in the Eileen Painter room.

GUESTS: Paul Hendren, Dave Traxler, Christine Walsh, Dinesh Chawla, Julie Horan, Julie Brady, Hershel Hammerschmidt, Rod Schweighart, and Dave Laker

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

MINUTES: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman to approve the minutes of December 9, 2015 meeting. 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 Messman, Sappenfield, Pioletti, and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

Philo Country Store Request: Owner Dinesh Chawla and employee, Julie Horan attended the meeting to request the possibility of upgrading the liquor license to a "B" license in order to serve wine at the PCS during wine tasting events hosted by distributors. They are concerned about the impact on revenue to their business when the Dollar General Store is open. To offset the loss of consumable sales, they would like to have a wine bar area and put in video gambling machines. The upgraded license will meet the requirements they need for the gambling license from the State. Mr. Chawla discussed the car wash as a losing venture and would like to do away with it, but wants to stay in town and employ local people. Trustee Pat Pioletti requested a business model and clarification on steps to be taken to prevent someone from purchasing other liquor at the store and drinking at the machines. Trustee Steve Sappenfield expressed his opinion that he liked the idea of remodeling the car wash thinking it would be easier to keep separate from standard business and monitor. President Larry Franks let Mr. Chawla know there was strong opposition by resident's in the past to the gambling machines and more bars in the Village. He requested more detailed plans and an update at the next meeting. Trustee Steve Messman verified that they would not be voting or agreeing to any requests tonight and that the earliest they could act would be at the March meeting and hopefully have a full Board present.

ENGINEER: David Atchley of MSA stated there were no pay requests. A Dollar General site inspection was done on Tuesday before the drywall went up. Dollar General is still on target for a mid-March opening. Storm Sewer maps were distributed to the Trustees to show the plans for maintenance. He mentioned that they are not GPS located lines, but they are workable President Franks inquired as to the status of the striping proposal rejected by the Board at the November 11, 2015 meeting. Atchley reported there has been no word from the contractor. President Franks would like to get the Streets, Alleys & Sidewalks committee together soon to discuss the issue. Dave. A. will work on setting up the meeting and notify Janet so it can be posted.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Paul H. touched on the note that he had received regarding an injury/fall on the bleachers at a basketball game at the Franks Center. He recommended that we notify the Village insurance company and saw no harm in contacting the injured party to see how she was doing. He also reminded the board that if they chose to change the liquor license for the Philo Country Store they will have to amend the current Ordinance.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: Dave Traxler reported there were 2 building permits issued in December. Custom parts have been purchased for the bleachers to help them stay in their locked position. Dave informed the board that the section of bleachers has been taken out of commission until the repairs can be made. Snow removal personnel and equipment are ready to go. It was noted that the trouble spots seemed to drain better with the last round of heavy rains now that a lot of the lines have been cleaned out.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Rod reported nothing big was going on and all bills were getting paid. Sales tax payments are slow coming from the State.

NEW BUSINESS: The sump pump at the house on W. Washington is draining onto Washington Street now that the road repairs have been made. The Streets, Alley's and Sidewalks committee will discuss the issue when they meet with Dave A. regarding the striping issue. ABC Sanitary seems to have gotten off cycle with their pickups during the heavy holiday season. Complaints have been made to the Village. Calls have been made to ABC to rectify the matter.

Janet presented her REFMC report to the Board and also gave a report on the Visit Champaign County Film Office being established for Champaign County. The Film Office is being created to oversee and be a single point of contact for filming in Champaign County. They have requested a fee schedule for expenses that would be incurred by the village and pictures of the village to be displayed on the web page. President Franks requested Janet work with Dave Traxler on the fee schedule.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Brady- Mentioned a letter he received from the Natural Resources Center stating that the Department of Agriculture has lifted the restrictions federally to move firewood due to the danger of the Emerald Ash Bore You can still move within the State of IL.

Trustee Garrett-Absent

Trustee Pioletti-Nothing

Clerk Kirby-Absent, her sister passed away

Trustee Sappenfield-Nothing

Trustee Messman-Nothing

Trustee Mumma-Absent

President Franks--Outlined his top priorities for the coming year as Sewer System, Drainage and Employee Handbook.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Pioletti made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Brady. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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VILLAGE CLERK

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT