

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Village of Philo  
October 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Franks at 7:00 p.m. at the R.E. Franks Center in the Eileen Painter room.

GUESTS: Sarah Livesty, Mike Dodd, Emily & Derek Wilsey, Karl Helmink, Marc Miller, Dave Atchley, Kevin Chalmers, Dave Traxler, Janet Decker, Jim and Kathy Forrest, Dave Atchley, and Chris Payne.

ROLL CALL: Present -Trustees Kelley, Messman, Sappenfield, Pioletti and Garrett. Absent - Trustee Brady.

MINUTES: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rachael Garrett, to approve the minutes of September 9, 2020. Voice vote; all "ayes". Motion passed unanimously. Trustee Steve Sappenfield made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman, to approve the Special Meeting minutes of September 24, 2020. Voice vote; all "ayes". Motion passed unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT: Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rachael Garrett to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote; "ayes" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Sappenfield, Pioletti and Garrett. Motion passed unanimously.

Champaign County's Forest Preserves Referendum 2020 - Sarah & Mike presented the Board with information regarding the upcoming referendum which included how to register to vote, how to vote, the exact question that will be on the ballot and Q & A's regarding the Champaign County forest preserve. They noted the last referendum in 2008 did not pass and that there are 4,100 acres to take care of and also noted visits are up 50%. If the referendum passes the increase to taxpayers would be approximately \$5.33 per \$100,000 assessed value. The Farm Bureau has endorsed the referendum and they asked for the Village of Philo's support. No vote was taken.

Forrest-nothing at this time.

Emily Wilsey (Derek Wilsey's wife) spoke to the Board regarding the alley near their home at 506 Hayes Court. She also presented a petition, signed by residents against the change of easement between Hayes and Garfield into a graveled alleyway. She stated over 3 decades ago with a handshake the former owner was told she could have a shed but would have to remove hedge. Another concern is traffic near where small children play. Becky Wilsey (former owner) didn't understand why after 30 years the Village wants to open up the alley. It was noted, a resident had planned to put up a garage with access from the alley, but couldn't due to where the septic was located. The alley has been surveyed by the Village and they noted that if opened up some trees would have to be removed. Derek Wilsey said they can move the fire pit. President Franks asked the Trustees to comment. Trustee Garrett stated we (Village) should have access. Trustee Pioletti said if we need alley, keep it. If not, vacate it. Trustee Sappenfield said he was aware of complaint and person riding golf cart being yelled at. Steve said his alley gives access to three garages. He commented that Philo being small, people cut through alleys. There are no private

alleys. Do we want to rock alley or not is the question & no matter what we do items blocking the access needs to be moved, sooner rather than later. Trustee Messman asked "Why spend money on rocking alley"? His suggestion was to leave it as it is. Trustee Kelley agreed with Steve M.'s comment and one thing on his mind was public safety, such as fire truck access. President Franks said in his opinion, keep as alley, not rock now but in 10 years or some time down the road may want to rock east of Wilsey property. Larry added that the alley was never vacated; it is Village property and anything in alley should be removed. He said the Thelma deal is a no deal & apologized for rock and tree expense adding if rock is needed Dave Traxler should be contacted.

Chris Payne-nothing.

Village Engineer-There were no pay requests or draws. Dave Atchley commented that the Village should not give up any alley or right of easement. Trustee Pioletti voiced concern that the new inlet on Garfield is too low & asked if it should be raised up. Chris Payne thinks it is low, too. Dave Traxler will take a look.

Village Attorney-Nothing to report but will answer any questions. Trustee Pioletti asked about the west end of the alley discussed earlier. Marc said let sleeping dog lay. Barricades could be put up if needed. Karl Helmink noted he did see one stake, presumed marked when survey was done. A variance may be deep in records-nothing on official record it was vacated.

Village Maintenance-There were no permits in September. Dave Traxler presented the paint bid for the Thelma Melohn gym. This includes replacing approximately 8 ceiling tiles. Dave T. also mentioned they were able to reuse the mats in the gym except for the one at the south door. Trustee Sappenfield suggested asking the painter to include painting the basketball standards. A motion was made by Trustee Sappenfield, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman, to approve the bid from Midwest Commercial Coatings Inc. in the amount of \$8,696.00. Roll call vote; "ayes" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Sappenfield, Pioletti and Garrett. Motion passed unanimously. Dave Traxler will talk to them about the standards.

Dave T. reported the roofer ran out of shingles for the gym roof. For Clean-Up Day, they filled seven (7) dumpsters and both electrical trailers. Regarding snow removal, Dave T. said the red truck is winterized and the white truck is being repaired. The snow truck and plow will be ready. We have two (2) semi loads of salt. Dave T. expects the bleachers to be delivered December 28<sup>th</sup>. The trees have been planted and have water bags. Mulch will arrive hopefully Friday and added to trees.

Village Treasurer-Financial reports are in packet and Kevin reported nothing out of normal. The Village Annual Report has been posted at the bank, post office and library as directed since we do not have a local paper.

New Business-REFMC-Janet reported some basketball practices have been scheduled and has received a couple of calls about small group rentals. Hugs & Bugs is good. Janet indicated some games have been

scheduled in the gym with 50 spectators and coaches to wear masks. Trustee Pioletti asked if signs are up and also about sanitizing between events. After walkers leave, chairs and doors are wiped down. President Franks emphasized that gym has to be sanitized after each use. For Hugs & Bugs after school kids, they are not allowed in the gym and bus drivers drop them off at west doors. Extra "feet" for chairs have been ordered to avoid scuffing of the new gym floor.

Trustee Pioletti reported he has not met with Hugs and Bugs or heard anything negative from them. He suggested keeping things as simple as possible and continue on a month to month basis until things return to normal. Trustee Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Garrett, to continue the current lease on a month to month basis and credit back two (2) month's rent. Roll call vote; "ayes" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Sappenfield, Pioletti and Garrett. Motion passed unanimously. Janet Decker will prepare letter.

The Liquor License information was reviewed. Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Sappenfield, to approve Ordinance 2020-644, An Ordinance Amending and Restating the Liquor Control and Licensing Ordinance for the Village of Philo, Illinois, as presented subject to the amending of Section 3 of Class B licenses from 2 to 6 gaming machines and amending Section 4 to allow for an opening time of 8:00am. Roll call vote; "ayes" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Sappenfield, Pioletti and Garrett. Motion passed unanimously.

Trick or Treat guidelines were reviewed. President Franks said residents should put on their porch light if they want to participate and follow Covid-19 Halloween Guidance. Hours for the Village are 6-8 p.m.

Executive Session-Trustee Garrett made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pioletti to enter into Executive Session for the limited purpose of discussing the sale and pricing of Village real estate pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(6). Roll call vote; "ayes" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Sappenfield, Pioletti and Garrett. Motion passed unanimously.

Return to Regular Session-Trustees Kelley, Messman, Sappenfield, Pioletti and Garrett as well as President Franks, Clerk Kirby, attorney Marc Miller and Janet Decker are present. Attorney Miller mentioned the Village of Royal and how they handled their downtown septic issue. Their project cost approximately \$200,000, involved six buildings and they pay a monthly maintenance fee. Trustee Sappenfield was interested in the distance to get to property and how large of property. Trustee Pioletti said tavern needs, too (besides businesses on north side of Washington Street).

Miscellaneous Discussion-

**Trustee Garrett**-Nothing

**Trustee Pioletti**-Brought up idea of a Christmas Parade of Lights on either 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in December. Group is working on route and details. Pat also asked if it could be promoted on Village sign. President Franks & Board okay with event.

**Trustee Sappenfield**-Asked Dave T. to winterize concession stand at big diamond and about fixing gates at the bleachers.

**Trustee Messman**-Nothing

**Trustee Kelley**-Nothing

Motion to Adjourn-Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Messman to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote; all "ayes", meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT