

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Village of Philo  
November 11, 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: Marc Miller, Dave Atchley, Kevin Chalmers and Dave Traxler.

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

MINUTES: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Sappenfield to approve the minutes of October 14, 2020. Voice vote, all "ayes". Motion passed unanimously.

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

VILLAGE ENGINEER: There are no pay requests. Dave Atchley reminded the Board that the Village will be receiving approximately \$96,000.00 in the next three years and the Build Illinois money must be part of the MFT fund and accounted for separately. He suggested it is best to identify how the money will be used early on. The Village wants to use this money for the overlay of streets project discussed at prior meetings. The money we have already received from Build Illinois may be used.

Dave A. also informed the Board of a couple of other grants available. One has deadline of the end of December (if late, lose 100 points) for a construction grant. We would need to update our original 2014 plan when we were considering taking sewage to Urbana. This grant would cover \$5 million, four years worth of grants. The plan must include three (3) separate methods to dispose of sewage. A referendum would still be required. The original estimate of what residents would pay per month was \$157.00 (from survey-residents responded \$60 for sewer & water).

Another grant is due the end of this month and is a non-matching grant. Philo is 1 of 228 unsewered communities. The Board feels we need to refresh the document and be in EPA system and closer to pulling the trigger. Trustee Pioletti said "Why not apply?" The application for the grant would be about \$2,000.00 and not recoverable. Trustee Kelley voiced concern with doing sidewalk and street work before sewer system. Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to authorize President Franks and Clerk Kirby sign the application to be prepared by MSA for the Unsewered Planning Grant. Roll call vote; "ayes" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Sappenfield, Pioletti and Garrett. Motion carried unanimously.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Marc Miller presented the Tax Levy Ordinance. Trustee Tom Kelley made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Sappenfield, to pass Ordinance 2020-645 Tax Levy Ordinance for Year 2020-2021. Roll call vote; “ayes” Trustees Kelley, Messman, Sappenfield, Pioletti and Garrett. Motion carried unanimously.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: Dave T. reported one building permit. Trustee Tom Kelley commented that the trees look good. Trustee Messman asked if trucks are fixed. Dave T. said they are working on now. Once the truck is back, he’ll get loaded with salt. Dave T. will contact Chris’s about the garbage containers at the ball diamond.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Kevin stated the reports have been reviewed and in the Board’s packet. Everything is in order.

OLD BUSINESS: President Franks said he talked to Bob Daly about the sale of the former Village Hall for \$25,000.00. Trustee Sappenfield said Bob is excited about purchasing the building.

Larry also told the Board we received a check for \$9,400 from ServPro for our worker’s taking out the bleachers in the gym.

NEW BUSINESS: Since new Covid restrictions went into effect, we may not be able to have our annual dinner after the December meeting. President Franks asked the Board to consider approving getting gift certificates for employee’s if we can’t all get together.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Garrett-Nothing

Trustee Pioletti-Reported the parade is coming together and the route is set. President Franks asked Dave T. if he wanted to enter the red snow plow in the parade.

Trustee Sappenfield-Nothing

Trustee Messman-Nothing

Trustee Kelley-Kudos to Pat’s wife and asked about entries. Pat said there will be golf carts, trucks, trailers and Santa entry. No political entries. They will stage the lineup from corner of Washington & Jackson then back to the south. The route is on the website and parking areas are noted. Tom said the neighborhood is fired up.

President Franks-LR said the gym is done with the exception of the stairs.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rachael Garrett to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote, all “ayes” meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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VILLAGE CLERK

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT