

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Village of Philo  
July 14, 2021

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, Kevin Chalmers, Karl Helmink, Chris Payne, Janet Decker, David Traxler, Jim and Kathy Forrest, Miranda Eckstein and Mike Buzicky.

ROLL CALL: Present -Trustees Kelley, Messman (arrived at 7:20 p.m.), Happ, Garrett and Brady.  
Absent-Trustee Pioletti.

MINUTES: Trustee Tom Kelley made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ, to approve the minutes of June 9, 2021. Voice vote, all "ayes". Motion passed unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously. Items discussed were the pug mix, roller and if east end of Madison sidewalk was completed.

GUEST: Miranda Eckstien spoke to the board regarding the upcoming bar crawl. It normally includes Daly's, Philo Tap and Wine Experience. This year they plan to have a band and asked about closing part of main Street (Washington Street) for the event. The Board is okay as long as notice is given and businesses are aware. Dave Traxler volunteered to provide cattle gates.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Variance will be discussed later. The park project is in our hands. The Willow Run drainage was discussed. At Emerald Lane, they shortened up the ditch profile. Fill in low spots, shave hump and fill in drain down to culvert. Old culvert to be replaced because it is holding water. Will be replaced with a new concrete culvert and redo asphalt with IDOT mix because area will be wet. Trustee Kelley asked about the concave round bottom culvert and wondered if it should be flat, or more flat than concave. He would like deadline in part of bid document, i.e. bid completed by, say October 15<sup>th</sup>. The project should be communicated to the residents in the area.

Chris Payne conveyed this was new for us (covenant vs variance request for garage build at 207 N. Harrison). Marc Miller explained the build would be across the lot lines. One option would be to re-plot property or an agreement to be recorded where they can't sell off other lot or tear down what is constructed. Trustee Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rachael Garrett, to approve the agreement. Roll call vote; aye's Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimous.

The variance for 406/408 East Jefferson was discussed. It is similar to other variance presented, but same owner of both properties wants a 10' garage on 408 and needs variance for side yard. The property has been surveyed. The set back would be 7.8' and setback should be 10'. Chris Payne indicated there are no objections by residents and the Zoning Board approved 3 to 1 vote of the committee. Attorney Marc Miller stated when we grant approval it should have support of 4 votes and said Village President may vote adding our Board makes our own Findings of Fact. Zoning Board is just an advisory board and Village Board may make its own decision.

Trustee Happ is hesitant and will probably vote "no" adding variances should be hard. Trustee Brady voiced concerns as well for freedom of space. Trustee Kelley is in favor noting the committee did a lot

of work. President Franks noted it is vital to be able to ask (for a variance) and said the committee spent a lot of time working on this. Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to approve the variance. Roll call vote; aye's Trustees Kelley, Messman, and Garrett. Trustees Happ and Brady voted "nay". President Franks voted "aye". Motion passed.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: Dave reported three (3) pending building permits. The street sign in Willow Run has been ordered. The bids for oil and chip are coming up.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Kevin reported the regular information is in the Board packets and that the bills are in order. The Estimate of Revenues and Appropriations Ordinance were presented. Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to pass Ordinance 2021-649 Annual Appropriation Ordinance for 2021-2022. Roll call vote; aye's Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimous.

Trustee Tom Kelley made a motion seconded by Trustee David Happ, to approve the employee pay increases as presented and retroactive to May 1, 2021. Roll call vote; aye's Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing

NEW BUSINESS: The bids from Area Wide and Simplified Computers were reviewed for two new desk top computers for Deputy Clerk and Village Maintenance. It was suggested that we increase the amount of memory. Trustee Tom Kelley made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rachael Garrett, to purchase the two new computers from Area Wide Technologies. Roll call vote; aye's Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimous.

Janet presented material regarding the Gold Star 500 for Fallen Heroes. They are starting out at the Urbana Armory and stopping on their way to Paris, IL. They will be in Philo between 6:00 and 6:30 a.m. and will leave by 7:00am. They want to be visible and meeting in front of our monument would be good. The date is Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> and there will be several hundred of them.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Trustee Brady-Nothing

Trustee Garrett-October 2<sup>nd</sup> for Dumpster Day

Clerk Kirby-Nothing

Trustee Happ-Voting no was not indictment of ZB committee and thanked them for their work.

Trustee Messman-Nothing

Trustee Kelley-Nothing

President Franks-Scheduled Streets & Alley Committee meeting at 6:30 before regular August meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote; all "aye's", meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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VILLAGE CLERK

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT