

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of Philo
August 11, 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: Kevin Chalmers, Karl Helmink, Janet Decker, Mike Buzicky, David Traxler and Jim & Kathy Forrest.

ROLL CALL: Present -Trustees Kelley, Messman, David Happ and Pioletti. Absent-Trustees Garrett and Brady. President Franks informed the Board that Rachael was absent because her father, Allan Miller had a heart attack and that he would be voting tonight because Trustee Brady was absent, too.

MINUTES: Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ, to approve the minutes of July 14, 2021. Voice vote, all "ayes". Motion passed unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman, to pay the bills as presented including the addition of payment to Tuscola Stone for \$581.49. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and President Franks. Motion passed unanimously.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Mike Buzicky presented the bids for the Willow Run drainage work. One bid back from Mid Illinois Concrete in the amount of \$29,410.00 and one from Duce for \$48,440. The information for the bid included a completion of October 15th and seeding to be done by October 30th. They want to try to get that done sooner and Mike commented the roads will stay open. Trustee Kelley said is still too wet (at Emerald Lane) and feels there may be a septic problem. Letters will be prepared, notifying residents of the project and will go out this week and President Franks will speak to the homeowner to the west (Haas). Trustee Happ stated the resident to the east is not aware of the project. LR's number will be included in the letter if residents have any questions. Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to award the bid to Mid Illinois Concrete. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti, and President Franks. Motion passed unanimously.

Illiana to do street work that is within budget. IDOT has information but due to working remotely, we do not have paperwork yet. Trustee Pioletti inquired and Mike responded that we are just waiting on date. President Franks said Rick Byers called about their street work (in Tolono) that is like work done in Fairmount, no tear-up, laid pug with paver then shot it with oil, laid rock and then did it again. Core samples have been taken on Roosevelt, Van Buren and Jefferson streets. President Franks added the area they did this new process was west of Monicals Pizza. He would like the trustees to take a look at it. Both President Franks & Trustee Kelley commented that the shoulders were unfinished and wondered if they would be adding dirt or rock. LR was told no traffic on it for 2-3 hours and that it should last for 7-8 years. He did not have any idea of costs. One good thing was no base repair was needed although they did do some grading on humps in the road. Definitely would have to notify residents regarding no traffic.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Marc was not present.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: Dave reported one fence permit for St. Thomas School and one building and demo at 106 S. Adams. Trustee Messman asked about the snow plow. Trustee Happ inquired about the sidewalk project, if it would be in 2021. Get bids to do from Randy or Illini Concrete (also later mentioned to get bid from Mid Illinois, too). Trustee Messman asked if this is from tracks to ballpark. Yes, it starts at tracks and goes north to ballpark on the east side. Trustee Kelley commented that the concrete work was good but needs to do better on dirt and backfill. The original bid (from Randy) of June of 2020 was in the amount of \$21,000.00, for 4' sidewalks. We will need to get an updated price from tracks north to exactly where we want it to end. Later be sure to do letters to residents. Mike Buzicky reminded the board they only did concept plan, not a design. Trustee Pioletti suggested because of logistics let Randy take a look. The board decided on 5' sidewalks for this project. Trustee Kelley asked if it's too early to discuss trees. Trustee Pioletti commented that we have a three-year plan and in the second year. He suggested we determine locations. Dave will determine tree variety and spend \$3,000.00 for them. Dave wanted to give the heads up that the Simplicity mower is done. It is 20 years old and has a bad oil leak. He hopes to sell "as is". They are using it as an extra mower and at the ballpark.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Kevin presented information that we may be eligible for ARPA money that is being administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), to Illinois municipalities because our population is less than 50,000.00. President Franks added that he was contacted by a County Board Member, Stan Harper, about the same program. An application must be submitted by September 30, 2021, if approved we could receive approximately \$190,000.00 in two payments. Mike Buzicky suggested talking to them regarding water & sewer. More research will be done and a decision to apply or not should be made at the September meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing.

NEW BUSINESS: No discussion completed with Hugs and Bugs. LR, nothing changed. Janet and Dave have talked to a girl about cleaning. Ram Clean can't do. This month and next, Janet and Dave will work to cover cleaning. President Franks brought up the issue with the gym floor and high humidity. When they redid the floor, they did not cut in the vents. There used to be three (3) on each side, under the bleachers or by stairs. Trustee Kelley asked what the floors are doing. LR explained the floor is sticky and when they use fans on it, it's better. Trustee Pioletti said not sure about warranty & both he and Tom Kelley suggested putting vents in first in the cavity. Clerk Kirby suggested contacting by email in order to document dates of contact and the responses.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Trustee Pioletti-Nothing

Clerk Kirby-Noted Stan Feller is to complete the rest of the audit tomorrow.

Trustee Messman-Nothing

Trustee Kelley-Commented on Channel 3's story on Philo's flower sale kids. Janet said there is a hyperlink of the CI Living newscast. Tom also wondered about pricing a roller since we are renting one so often at a large cost. Board said and a place to store it.

President Franks- Reported the girls are working on Philo Kids Festival with a parade October 2nd. Chad Daly offered a bags tournament and band so would need to close Washington to alley. Group wanted to know if Village would provide porta potties. They plan for the parade to start at the school and have blow up play equipment and Kona Ice. It was noted this date is also Philo Clean-Up Day and U of I

home football game. Garage Sales weekend is the weekend before. Also, the second annual Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 10, 2021.

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

Village Clerk

Village President