

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of Philo
September 8, 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: Renee Beard, Eric Beckett, Stan Feller, Marc Miller, Janet Decker, Mike Buzicky and David Traxler.

ROLL CALL: Present -Trustees Kelley, Messman, David Happ, Pioletti and Brady. Absent-Trustees Garrett. President Franks informed the Board that Rachael was absent because of a death in the family.

MINUTES: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Brady, to approve the minutes of August 11, 2021. Voice vote, all "ayes". Motion passed unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Trustee Paul Brady made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman, to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

STAN FELLER: Stan of Feller & Kuester stated the Village audit was completed last month. He found the books and records in good shape, nothing to add for improvements. He likes our treasurer being a separate person to review. Mr. Feller said the health of the Village is good adding the assets had risen and revenues are up. The State revenue and income is good and sales tax has increased; however, gaming income is down. We have additional monies from MFT grant money. Stan responded to Trustee Happ's question on how to compare prior records by looking at page 5 of the report. Mr. Feller recommended the Village apply for the grant money that we recently received notice about and suggested, if we are approved, to use it for capital improvements such as streets, drainage or parks.

ZONING BOARD POSITION: President Franks introduced Eric Beckett to the Board and asked for a motion to approve his recommendation for Eric to be a ZBA member. Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Brady to approve Larry's appointment of Eric Beckett as a Zoning Board member. Voice vote; all "aye's", motion carried unanimously.

HAZEN PARK: Trustee Pioletti reported that a striking eye-catching tower that can accommodate older kids was decided on with the help of the vendor. Renee Beard looked at the site and determined some playground equipment took up too much space, so a tower was suggested. Renee explained the project can be done in two (2) phases, but important to get the matching funds grant by November 2, 2021. Thirty-five thousand by Game Time and \$35,000 from the grant. We can decide and vote at the October meeting. The group likes Illini colors of orange and blue but that can be changed. We need to know colors definitely by Nov. 2nd. In the second phase of the project, they hope to replace the swings. The border is to be done locally as well as grading and we would get the US Communities discount. Trustee Kelley asked about an expected life. Renee stated it is warranted steel, so lifetime. Trustee Happ asked about accessible and inclusion for special needs. It was noted the Elks will donate playground equipment and the Village plans to do at Hale Park, since there is more room there. One item is a "mommy and me" swing. The project cost is estimated at \$111,000.00, not including drainage, etc.

A non disclosed donor has given \$20,000.00 to name as Schumacher Playground and the Village has an account that was formerly used for REFMC payments that has a balance of approximately \$22,000.00. The general fund has an earmarked \$12,784.00. Over the winter we need to finalize the plan and site work. Chris Payne asked how high the structure was and it is 12' at the top and rest is 8'7" by 27 feet + or - 30 feet. With the second phase the money numbers can change a little. The Philo Kids Festival group plans to sell engraved bricks for \$100 per brick. President Franks indicated he is working on another donor. Trustee Kelley asked about the surface underneath the equipment. It will be engineered wood like that at Hessel Park. President Franks stated the improvements at the park are long overdue. The installers will receive prevailing wage and it will take a week to 10 days to erect. The underlayment has an egg carton like product. Trustee Pioletti indicated the Elks thing will be pursued separately. Pat also noted we will have more definite figures in October.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Mike Buzicky made recommendations for changes to zoning regarding fencing. The owner needs to locate the boundaries. The ZBA will meet at 6:00pm on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 to amend the code and then present to the Village Board of Trustees at the October meeting. Mike will give Janet the language for the notice that will need to be posted.

Mr. Buzicky also commented that he was not able to reach Arlene (at county office) but left a message. President Franks said he will call the Champaign County Board member, too. It will be late September for the Willow Run drainage project and Mike will get us exact date from Mid Illinois.

There was a mix-up on the IDOT on letting and award approval for summer road work. The contractor needed IDOT paperwork. We can either do first thing in the spring or wait and do next year. Trustee Happ suggested acting on tonight to wait and do next year. All trustees agreed. The need to crack fill and striping on Washington and Harrison Streets was discussed. MSA will provide estimate of costs.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Marc Miller discussed the FOIA request that was received by multiple Villages that they provide legal services. He provided a response for us. President Franks asked Marc's input on the grant money that the Treasurer did not feel comfortable signing. Mr. Miller commented that the criteria are loose and he doesn't see any issue with the Village applying. Larry noted Kevin was exposed to Covid and unable to attend tonight's meeting.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: Dave Traxler reported he had one demo permit and two fence permits. Dave presented the Board with quotes for a new mower. President Franks asked how much money down? After reviewing the quotes from John Deere, Dedicated Diesel LLC and Birkey's, Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley to approve the purchase of a John Deere mower from AHW for \$13,672.76 and make payment of all or part of it as necessary. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

The dehumidifier will not work on the air conditioner unit. He is suggesting we get two dehumidifiers, one for each side. The vents in the floor previously discussed were for heat. Chris Payne said to be sure and get warranties. Trustee Pioletti said floor level units would work better than up high.

Dave reported he has selected 15 trees (from the approved list) at a cost of \$2,253 plus planting at \$825 for a total of \$3,078. Locations need to be determined. The trees are 2" trunk and will be staked with water bags. Ingram's will dig and plant with Village staff help. Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion,

seconded by Trustee Steve Messman to approve the purchase for trees. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and Brady. Motion passed unanimously. The trees will be planted in mid-October.

The right-of-way survey was discussed earlier. Dave T. is to talk to the power company to see about moving guide wire and possibly the poles. He will also explain situation with Frick and possibly get updated proposal from them.

Dave presented pictures of the old condensation tank in the boiler that needs to be replaced. He explained the tank holds circulated water for the boiler. Dave also presented a quote from A&R Mechanical. It was decided since this item was not on the agenda that a Special Meeting will be needed to act on this issue.

Residents have complained of drivers blowing the stop sign at Roosevelt and Adams. President Franks will ask sheriff to patrol that area. Also, the pine trees at that location need to be pruned or removed. Trustee Happ will confirm the new resident wants them gone. President Franks also noted the stumps need to be removed just north of his house at the corner of Garfield and Jefferson where the trees were recently cut down.

VILLAGE TREASURER: The reports were presented with no questions by the Board. President Franks will contact Kevin and direct him to apply for the ARPA grant.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing-playground covered earlier.

NEW BUSINESS: Audit-discussed earlier with Stan Feller. Plan Commission new member covered earlier. Trustee Pioletti stated we were presented with an opportunity to purchase the 40' storage container located behind the bank in the alley for \$1,500. This could be placed near the township building and be used to store the park equipment prior to its installation or use for speed bumps and barricades. Trustee Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Brady to approve this purchase. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and Brady. Motion passed unanimously. We will need to find out who the check will be payable to for the purchase.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Trustee Brady-Nothing

Trustee Garrett-Absent

Trustee Pioletti-Nothing

Clerk Kirby-Nothing

Trustee Happ-Nothing

Trustee Messman-Nothing

Trustee Kelley-Asked if all residents for the Willow Run drainage project have been notified. All know except one, letters were sent. The new street sign for "Horseshoe" was installed. Tom stated new addition to subdivision needs to be added to Google. Janet Decker will take care of that.

President Franks-A Special Meeting will be arranged sometime next week.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pioletti to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote; all “aye’s” meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT