

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Village of Philo  
October 13, 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: Karl Helmink, Chris Payne, Marc Miller, Kevin Chalmers, Janet Decker, Mike Buzicky and David Traxler.

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

MINUTES: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to approve the minutes of September 8, 2021. Voice vote, all "ayes". Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rachael Garrett, to approve the Special Meeting minutes of September 13, 2021. Voice vote, all "ayes". Motion passed unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rachael Garrett, to pay the bills as presented. Trustee Kelley inquired about the truck repair bill and Dave Traxler said it was for the 2010 GMC. It had a bad seal leak and the air bag needed attention. He also had them prep the truck for winter. The MSA bill for \$7,000.00 will be pulled and voided until clarification of that bill can be made. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Happ, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

ZONING COMMITTEE: Karl reported that Fertilizer Dealer Supply, Inc. was at the zoning meeting and presented plans for a 1200' building adjacent to 6 acres they are purchasing. They are aware of possible water issues. The west third of those acres will be annexed into the Village. Drainage will be investigated and Mike Buzicky noted working with IDOT is not easy. They need 60' of access, still off Monroe. This will likely be a two-year project. Trustee Pioletti asked if we should consider an industrial subdivision. Mike felt it is time to look at area. Would this be something for ARPA grant? Karl Helmink said drawings were left for view.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: There is a pay request for 90% of the drainage work by Mid Illinois Concrete & Excavation, Inc. Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Brady to approve the pay request in the amount of \$26,469.00. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Happ, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

The Zoning and Subdivision ordinance text changes were tabled to the November meeting.

The sidewalk easement survey was completed. The property owner at Grant on east side of street is okay for removal of small trees/brush. President Franks noted this is better for visibility for trucks. Trustee Pioletti said the plan looks great. We still hope to get at least a couple of blocks in depending on weather. The tree on Tyler is in the right of way. It is a half dead Ash tree and it was decided to take it down. Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rachael Garrett, to approve the bid in

the amount of \$44,000.00 to Randy Brown to complete the Harrison Street sidewalk work. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Happ, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Buzicky will get two budget estimates for crack fill and striping and email to Street & Alley Committee. It will be priced both ways, either MFT program or from general fund to complete hopefully in early spring. Illiana swept the roads in prep for work not done and Village feels this expense should be MSA.

The grant was awarded for the \$9,000.00 to be used to update the sanitary sewer study.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Marc Miller indicated the tax Levy will be prepared for the November meeting. The current tax cap is 4% and it will probably be a much higher number next year.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: Dave Traxler reported one (1) fence permit. He is still working on the dehumidifier issue. They will pick up trees and mulch to plant the trees. The trucks are set up for winter. The white big truck is getting new tires. Two (2) semi loads of salt are coming. Locations for 15 trees have been marked, green now white stakes. New plow coming when we get mower.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Kevin noted the bills included a payment for the tractor. We have one more remaining payment. He informed the Board we received the first ARPA check for \$95,000.00 and it has been deposited the Village's Other Funds account. He noted we cannot "double dip" on any items we previously requested payment for. Reports were originally said to be due October are now April. The Treasurer's report is due October 31<sup>st</sup> and Kevin commented that Stan Feller is making minor corrections to the report before it can be posted. President Franks stated the second phase of the large drainage project would be a good way to use the ARPA funds. Trustee Pioletti asked when the next payment may come and Kevin Chalmers responded sooner than six (6) months.

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Pioletti explained the grant and went over the breakdown for the playground improvement project. The equipment is \$39,374, materials \$10,924 and freight is \$4,489. We have a \$20,000 donor, approximately \$22,000 in a reserve account and about \$12,784 for the project. We still need approximately \$56,000.00 to complete the project. Trustee Happ asked what the \$10,000 surcharge is and Pat explained it is for fluctuations in the market. It was noted the bank donated \$5,000 and the Volunteer Firemen donated \$10,000.00. Trustee Brady asked "so money tonight is \$55,000 for the equipment?" Trustee Pioletti clarified the vote tonight was to purchase the playground equipment by the deadline to receive matching grant money. The equipment would be stored inside, either at township or the REFMC garage. Everyone was in agreement of the orange and blue color scheme. Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ, to authorize the purchase of the playground equipment in the amount of \$54,784.34 to Gametime. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Happ, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Trick or Treat Hours were discussed and set for 5-8 p.m. October 31, 2021.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Brady-Nothing

Trustee Garrett-Kid's Festival was okay. Parade had two entries.

Trustee Pioletti-Encouraged trustees to buy a brick. They are \$100 for individuals and \$250 for business. He indicated the Christmas Parade will be December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the second Friday in December.

Clerk Krby-Nothing

Trustee Happ-Would like to help with newsletter by including a business profile or articles by junior high reporter.

Trustee Kelley-Noted door hangers worked out well and he appreciated the text (regarding drainage) and said there were no complaints.

President Franks-Commented that the signs along the grain delivery route worked out well.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Paul Brady made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote; all "aye's", meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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VILLAGE CLERK

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT