

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of Philo
February 9, 2022

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: Lieutenant Tony Shaw, Kevin Chalmers, Janet Decker, David Traxler, Kathy & Jim Forrest, Mike Buzicky, Marc Miller and Karl Helmink.

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

MINUTES: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ, to approve the minutes of January 12, 2022. Voice vote, all "ayes". Motion passed unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ, to approve the bills as presented, including the addition of \$140.80 to the Postmaster for newsletter postage. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and Garrett. Motion passed unanimously.

GUESTS: The Forrests commented that Dave Traxler and crew did a great job plowing snow. They added the hill was quite busy.

President Franks welcomed Lieutenant Shaw. Mr. Shaw stated he is from the control division and he does most of the scheduling of the patrols. They currently have 37 that are working routes and 7 of them are in training. Trustee Kelley asked about the times and said since State Police has Route 130- what if we don't want County on 130, but throughout town? Officer Shaw indicated we get 1 hour during the week and 2 to 2 ½ hours on the weekend. He added that the Village can reach out at anytime with concerns but he prefers a one on one conversation. Trustee Pioletti commented he thought it best not to have a fixed routine and added if they run radar on 130 we don't receive income from it. Officer Shaw replied no issue with that direction. President Franks added residents can voice concern about speed on 130.

Trustee Kelley asked what is going in the newsletter with regards to crime/safety in the community. Trustee Happ indicated he had received about 20 things that a community can do to prevent crime and offered to share with the Board. Attorney Marc Miller advised the best practice would be to discuss as Board, but only one person giving direction (to Sheriff's department). President Franks thanked Lieutenant Shaw for attending the meeting.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Mike Buzicky summarized the Zoning & Subdivision meeting saying there will be one more minor plat text change that the committee will clean-up and then it will come to the Board at the March meeting and then approve the entire subdivision ordinance in entirety. Mike also reported to the Board that the ARPA fed grant has opened up to anything, where it was limited to Water, Sewage and Broadband. Regarding MFT, he will be submitting plan documents to IDOT. President Franks set a Street and Alley Committee meeting for Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7:00 AM in his office. Committee is Trustee Pioletti, Trustee Kelley and Trustee Happ. A meeting was also set for Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 6:00 PM. for the Parks Committee to discuss the playground. President Franks said Renee with Game Time equipment to speak to Mike Buzicky.

The 2008 proposed drainage map was presented. President Franks indicated the need for a catch basin East off Adams – Hayes and then tile to alley at Forrest's (207 E. Washington St.). In 2015 the cost was estimated at \$169,000.00. He offered this as food for thought. There are several pieces that will go from large to small (tile).

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Marc did not have any issues to present and no questions for Marc at this time.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: Dave reported no building permits in January. He asked the Village to consider adding heat on the south side of the shed in order to have a place to warm up the equipment and trucks. The Board wants him to get cost estimates for an insulated door and heat. Trustee Pioletti commented we need to keep the maintenance building looking good and suggested updating it cosmetically. Trustee Messman asked where we were with a new maintenance shed near the water tower. President Franks commented it would be on the south side of the hill. He agrees with Trustee Pioletti to maintain the appearance of the existing shed.

Dave Traxler said the heater in the Board room is the last one to replace.

Trustee Pioletti asked Dave to tell how the Village handles salt. Dave explained he tries to get all intersections, the hill on Garfield, at St. Thomas and the approaches to 130 and all of Washington between Adams and 130 street. They had a breakdown so not all intersections were done.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Kevin Chalmers said the balance sheet is in order and similar to last year. He reported there are 40 payments left for the street project (CCRPC loan), 68 payments left for the drainage project (CCRPC loan) and 1 tractor payment left to Philo Exchange Bank. Our income was up \$132 thousand noting sales tax was up and income tax less, expenses are down about \$60 thousand and building maintenance down about \$37 thousand.

OLD BUSINESS: The playground equipment has been received and is stored at the Philo Township shed. President Franks also noted we added insurance coverage for it.

NEW BUSINESS: President Franks noted as soon as snow gets off, we need to get a culvert installed for the alley located between 401 and 407 S. Cleveland so the homeowners can access from the east off Cleveland.

The contract for rugs will be up soon. Janet explained the cost is approximately \$105.00 per month and has worked out well. Trustee Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kelley, to renew the contract. Trustee Pioletti asked if the price will be the same. Janet wasn't sure, but will check and report at the next meeting. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and Garrett. Motion passed unanimously.

Good Energy-Prices moving around a little and Trustee Pioletti noted that there are 4 responders, 4 bidders and 4 terms. The biggest savings is with Mid America. Both President Franks and Trustee Pioletti think we should do a 48 month and lock the rate, which are the Village rate not resident's rate. Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman to authorize Janet Decker to sign the Good Energy document. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and Garrett. Motion passed unanimously.

Janet Decker presented her REFMC report, commenting that she is finally able to report some numbers after COVID. She added that Monday – Friday evenings there are basketball practices and is having one event per day and weekends; the AYBT teams are coming and softball practices are ongoing.

Hugs and Bugs continue to pay rent at a discount, but they are doing a lot of cleaning. Janet said they are still actively looking for a replacement for Allan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Trustee Tom Kelley made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ, to enter into Executive Session for the limited purpose of discussing the employment, performance and compensation of one or more Village employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/ (c) (1). Roll call vote: “aye’s” Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and Garrett. Motion passed unanimously.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Present at return to regular session-Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and Garrett, President Franks, Clerk Kirby and Attorney Miller.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Garrett-Nothing

Trustee Pioletti-Nothing

Clerk Kirby-Nothing

Trustee Happ-Clarification-not on park committee but curious about how we will pay for rest of project and understands we can't spend money until April. Trustee Pioletti explained there is fundraising money, money from donors and we may need to make a loan. Both the drainage project and park improvements are looking at same ARPA money; it has not been earmarked yet. The park improvements project still has costs of the installation and the site-work. Trustee Happ asked if there is a budget and Trustee Pioletti responded early on they did, but not currently. Pat said we “pay as we go” if project is spring to summer and added the park project was first and drainage (project) may be too much and need to borrow. Trustee Happ suggest President Franks tell Mike Buzicky give us cost for alley to retention.

Trustee Messman-Asked to revisit sheriff issue/no just kidding.

Trustee Kelley- Tom says he still struggles with what patrol is. Last two Friday nights they sat at Casey's for 20 minutes facing north, not sure what they were watching. President Franks will call officer Shaw. The Police committee (Pat, Rachael & David) will compose a letter with general points, not what to do, but points such as being more visible and present to the Board at our next 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 8:35 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT