

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of Philo
April 13, 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: Kevin Chalmers, Janet Decker, David Traxler, Kathy & Jim Forrest, Mike Buzicky, Marc Miller, Karl Helmink, Chris Payne, Ed Decker and Darrel Rice.

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

ZONING BOARD: The Zoning Board approved the changes at their meeting and presented the Amended Zoning Ordinance No. 2018-622 and the amended Subdivision Ordinance Adopted Nov. 21, 2018. Trustee Paul Brady made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman, to approve the Ordinances as presented which are Ordinance No. 2022-652 Zoning Ordinance amended April 13, 2022 and Ordinance No. 2022-653 Subdivision Ordinance amended April 13, 2022. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Brady, to approve the minutes of March 9, 2022. Voice vote, all "ayes". Motion passed unanimously.

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

DARREL RICE & ED DECKER: Ed spoke to the Board expressing area farmer's concerns with a proposed wind farm about a mile from the Village. He and others were approached in February by Mixed Air Energy. The project would cover about 74 square miles, approximately 50,000 acres and to erect about 64 turbines. Ed noted problems with noise and drainage and the plan includes at least 2 towers that would be within the 1.5 miles of Philo. It was noted there is about 1,000 yards of concrete below the ground for each tower. President Franks commented that the towers are legal in the county with a current height requirement of 500'. There are proposed changes being considered by the county. Trustee Brady said there are about 600 around Newman and about 500 at Royal. Darrel Rice said they can't "condemn" and force it on landowners. The towers take about one acre out of production plus the driveway. The contract is usually 96 years (90 with a 6 year option). Trustee Happ asked if the Village objects, does it trigger the county board to have a super majority. President Franks said the Village Board could do a straw vote regarding what action they want to take. He added that our Board can weigh in but we have no authority and can't legislate. The Board feels it would be good to voice the Village's concerns to the county board.

PHILO FESTIVAL COMMITTEE: Stacy Lueth was not able to attend so Rachael Garrett informed the Board that the event will be June 11, 2022. It will be similar to last year with inflatables, fair food, bags tournament, parade and vendors. They are hopeful the Firemen will do a firehouse open house. The Signal Men old time baseball group may have games that day as well. They asked if the Village would provide porta potties for the event. A straw vote was taken with all in agreement to authorize three (3) units. This request will be added to the May meeting. The cut-off date for taking orders for bricks will be June 18th. Janet will add this information to the June 1st newsletter.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Mike Buzicky presented IDOT information including a map and had numbers from Illiana and Open Road for all three projects. Treasurer Kevin Chalmers noted the balance sheet reflects \$212,000 for MFT and said there is also approximately \$53,000 road & bridge money in the general fund. Trustee Pioletti asked Mike to give the board a brief recap. Mike said the Roosevelt project is to raise the street up with pug like mix, similar to asphalt but cheaper. It drains well and will be 4" of top surface and rest of project is ditch work and culverts with new shoulder work that will taper at driveways. Washington Street work is a sealer on top of asphalt and striping. The current striping will be sanded off. The last project is last year and this year's oil and chip, which includes parking areas.

Trustee Brady asked what keeps shoulders from dropping/chipping off. Trustee Happ asked when will need to be redressed? President Franks stated this product should last 7 – 8 years and noted Tolono did not do any shoulder work. Trustee Kelley asked about price to recoat and it is estimated at about \$11,000.00. Tom also asked if blue area noted on map is still good and Trustee Pioletti said no changes were made and still good. President Franks added if trouble areas are found, Dave Traxler and staff can take care of them. Trustee Pioletti would like Mike to clean up map so it can be included in the next newsletter. The schedule was discussed. Bids due June 9th which means we may need to have a special meeting to keep things moving.

Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ, to approve the two (2) IDOT MFT Resolutions for Maintenance for 2022, one in the amount of \$80,000.00 and the other in the amount of \$130,000.00. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to approve the engineering MFT maintenance for 2022 in the amount of \$20,000.00. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

The second phase of the original storm sewer plan was discussed. It was noted the pump runs year round at the corner of Adams & Madison (Deb Olson now Chris Cain property). Thirty-six, thirty and twelve inch pipe to catch basin to new pipe and basin. Dave Traxler noted there is holding water by shop and old Fyffe house south on Hays. Mike Buzicky explained they are working off original plan with multiple phases and suggested this stand alone agreement. Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pat Pioletti, to approve the MSA Professional Services Agreement dated April 13, 2022, Project Name: Village of Philo, IL Northeast Storm Sewer Phase II MSA #12409038 in the amount of \$18,991.00. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Paul Brady made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pat Pioletti, to let bids for the Northeast Storm Sewer Phase II project. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

Hazen Park update by Mike Buzicky. MSA is staking for sidewalk adjacent to play area. Bids were received by Frick. It will be done within two weeks, weather permitting. A change order was approved by President Franks for GameTime to include a 12" playground border, play curb with end caps and additional site work that includes installation of curbs noted above at a cost of \$7,833.15. The area will be graded and they will have to lift the playground equipment over the sidewalk.

Mike Buzicky presented the Sidewalk Improvements-Fillmore Street information by MSA. It was noted there are some trees that the sidewalk will need to go around or take down the tree(s). President Franks does not want to take down the large walnut tree. The original metal arch will need to be moved or temporarily removed during the project. Trustee Happ noted the size of the sidewalk should be 5' and asked if seeding should be in bid. It was noted backfill and seeding is to be included.

President Franks wants Mike to take a look at Willow Run, look at shots as some ditch work may need to be done there reshape.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Marc Miller reviewed the request to join an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Champaign that was discussed at last month's meeting. Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman, to authorize the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the city of Champaign and other municipalities to have special counsel to challenge water rate increases before the ICC and cost share in the cost of same all consistent with a prior agreement in 2016 and with the approval of the Village Board President in consultation with the Village Attorney. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

President Franks conducted a straw poll regarding the board's view to express concern regarding the wind farm. Marc Miller will prepare a resolution for the May meeting.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: Dave Traxler presented a folder of his information to the Board. First item was March permits which included one fence permit (Luan Petkus at 306 S. Harrison) and two building permits (garage at 208 N. Harrison for Steve & Fay Kern and basement addition at 8 Truman Ct. for Joshua Reifsteck). Dave then presented three (3) quotes for insulation of his shop (Kile Spray Foam- \$9,324; Assured Installation- \$11,272; Phoenix – \$9,739.). Trustee Brady asked if Dave knew any of the companies and Dave responded "no". Phoenix is out of Bondville. They suggested they close gable, clean/ put on pallets and 2" of spray foam up to 8'. Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley to approve the bid from Phoenix in the amount of \$9,739.00. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave presented a proposed maintenance agreement from A & R Mechanical Contractors, Inc. Covered equipment includes the boiler, RTU, unit heaters and BFP. Trustee Steve Messman made a motion seconded by Tom Kelley to approve the Maintenance Agreement with A & R Mechanical Contractors, Inc. for an annual amount of \$3,798.40. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

Sidewalk project bids from Randy Frick Concrete were reviewed. Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to approve the two bids that include the Hazen Park project in the amount of \$15,000.00 and the Fillmore Street project in the amount of \$33,000.00. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Happ voiced drainage concerns at the south west corner of Hazen Park. Trustee Kelley asked if we should have a tree policy and President Franks responded probably. Larry stated again not to take down the walnut tree during the Fillmore sidewalk project.

Dave noted that the Village has a 10-year plan to replace the tractor. He was asked to get quotes and presented them tonight from Birkey's \$66,452.64, Altorfer \$113,089.00 and John Deere \$94,000.00. Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Brady, to place the order to purchase the Case tractor from Birkey's in the amount of \$66,452.64. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously. Trustee Messman suggested Dave ask them

to include CMI. Treasurer Chalmers noted we have one more payment for the John Deere for \$9,887 plus interest. Funding and loan options will be considered.

Dave would like the Village Board consider the purchase of a roller. Last year we had rental expense of a roller of around \$12,000.00 and past rentals averaged \$7,376.00. He presented quotes from Rahn Equipment \$32,300; Altorfer CAT \$33,500 and two from Birkey's for different machines \$17,500 & \$49,932.75). Trustee Tom Kelley made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman, to purchase the CAT from Altorfer in the amount of \$33,500.00 to be paid from the general fund. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

President Franks asked Dave T. to keep on top of catch basins. The drainage issue at Jefferson and Adams is on the homeowner as Lanz determined our area clean and running and the manhole is clean. It was noted the brush pick up crew needs to be sure and rake back in the area where pickups are done.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Kevin Chalmers said sales tax is up as well as gaming income. He noted the sidewalk expense has exceeded appropriations. The balance sheet is good and Kevin noted we expect the balance of the franchise fees to come in this month. Kevin stated we would be under the dollar amount to report regarding the ARPA grant.

OLD BUSINESS: We hope to have the work done prior to activity at ball park but it is contingent on the weather. The balance of the sidewalk installation as well as the brick path hopefully will be done in August. One tree will be moved, it is the largest of the new trees on the outside area. The committee is still looking into benches and concrete pads and a new sign. They plan to meet with the Park Association. They are also investigating south end of the park's water issue. A local contractor will be doing the install of the playground equipment and they hope the weather cooperates.

NEW BUSINESS: President Franks indicated he will be out of town April 24-April 30 and would like to appoint senior board member Pat Pioletti as President Pro-temp. Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rachael Garrett to appoint Pat Pioletti as President Pro-temp in Larry's absence. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti, Garrett and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

The request to donate to the Champaign County Residential Electronics Collection events in 2022 was denied.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Brady-Nothing

Trustee Garrett-Nothing

Trustee Pioletti-Pat reported Hugs and Bugs will pay 100% rent as of May 1, 2022. He also voiced concern of Illinois Power coming on to property to check wooden poles. He understands the reasoning, but did not like their liberal access to yards, felt they should stay within easements. President Franks will make a call to them.

Trustee Happ-Nothing

Trustee Messman-Nothing

Trustee Kelley-Nothing

President Franks-Had a call from a resident requesting a four way stop sign at Valley View and Country View. Currently it is a one way stop on Valley View. Dave Traxler will check out the area and report back to the board.

Kevin-Noted he attended a three-hour class regarding rail road derailments and willing to share information as to how to evacuate if necessary. He also has information regarding wind farms if anyone is interested.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Tom Kelley made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rachael Garrett to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote; all "aye's" meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT