

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

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

MINUTES: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ, to approve the minutes of June 8, 2022. Voice vote, all "ayes", motion carried unanimously.

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

GUESTS: President Franks indicated Scott Martin was not able to be present to voice his concerns of cars speeding on Jefferson Street. Larry said he has also heard of issues at the corner of Jefferson and Jackson and also Harrison and Jackson and that speeding seems to be a never-ending problem. He noted about 100% of drivers are residents. President Franks asked the Trustee's thoughts or plan to alleviate the problem, Trustee Messman noted when officer is present at Mumma corner, drivers stop. Trustee Kelley brought up the idea of portable flashing sign. Attorney Marc Miller said this is not the first time he's heard of this. He noted radar signs (that indicate speed) in Sidney worked well, adding cost is about \$3,500 and has a battery with solar power. Marc said they are able to download data. The Village could lower the speed to 25 mph after a traffic study, which can be an official study or generic. Mike Buzicky commented portable or rental units are available, too. Trustee Happ said increasing the number of stop signs will not help. His suggestion was doing a "blitz" and indicating to Sheriff's office that tickets should be issued. Trustee Kelley likes either option. Marc Miller noted officers have discretion and that we can set policy/speed. Trustee Happ said if speed signs are not posted the speed is still 30 mph. Trustee Pioletti believes enforcement is most effective. President Franks said he has good rapport with Sheriff and agrees a "blitz" should be tried and asked Trustees for their thoughts on where and when. Trustee Pioletti thinks Van Buren at peak time of day as well as the streets where residents are complaining (Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Cleveland and Roosevelt) should be targeted. The object is to slow traffic. President Franks will contact the Sheriff to do randomized blitzes.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Mike Buzicky presented several reports to the Board consisting of the Storm Sewer Extension, Phase II Project Schedule, IDOT Schedule of Prices and MFT 2022 report. After much discussion regarding the difference in the MFT 2022 preliminary estimate and the bid costs, the Board decided to complete the Washington Street work and do as much oil and chip as we can. The test project on Roosevelt is on hold.

Trustee Kelley made a motion, seconded by Trustee Happ to award the MFT project to Illiana conditioned on the President, in consultation with the Village engineer, being able to reduce the project cost to \$265,000.00 or less all subject to approval by IDOT. Roll call vote; “aye’s” Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

A new Resolution to lower the local amount will be completed. IDOT has to answer to what we want to do. Trustee Happ asked Mike Buzicky to provide bid cap reports so David can review to other towns.

Storm Sewer Extension, Phase II Project was discussed. Ad will run next Sunday, July 24, 2022, and bids to be opened before August meeting (August 10, 2022). Trustee Kelley inquired as to how many phases in total. Mike B. responded there are five (5).

Hazen Park project was discussed including any ADA issues and detectable warning standards. We will have ramps to another sidewalk. The bid for sidewalk work from Frick Concrete in the amount of \$8,400.00 was reviewed. See April minutes for prior approval. The Board agreed that the Hazen Park sidewalk work should be completed before the Fillmore sidewalk.

President Franks reported that he contacted Renee and the broken piece on the playground equipment will be replaced under our one (1) year warranty.

The Jefferson Street/Emerald Lane drainage may be a side quote if needed, after bid of storm sewer project.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Marc Miller presented the 2022 – 2023 Appropriations Ordinance. There were no questions or comments. Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Paul Brady to pass Ordinance 2022-654. Roll call vote; “aye’s” Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

The next item was the loan resolution. Trustee Paul Brady made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman, to pass Resolution No. 2022-R-4, “A Resolution Regarding a \$66,452.00 Loan from Philo Exchange Bank to Purchase a New 2023 Case 570N EP Tractor.” Roll call vote; “aye’s” Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: Dave Traxler reported one building permit. He notified the Board that he will be on vacation July 23rd through July 30th. Discussing care of the grounds and the hill; from the three companies that were suggested by Trustee Kelley, one was negative and others no response. He thought we can hold off until we hear from someone. Trustee Pioletti was concerned about water bags being removed. Dave said he talked to Scott, only worried about one tree, the one that was moved. President Franks stressed Dave and crew should keep the patching going on.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Kevin Chalmers indicated the financial reports are in the Board packets. He reported no issues and the Board did not have any questions.

OLD BUSINESS: The Board reviewed the media equipment handout and discussed the location for the equipment and may add the Geek Squad Plan later. Trustee Kelley made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ, to purchase the media equipment from Best Buy at an estimated cost of \$1,600-\$1,700.00. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Happ presented information of email correspondence from Karl Newton of Vid-Com Systems that included video surveillance bids along with other notes from their meeting. Trustee Pioletti commented that he is not put off by the capital expense, but voiced concern about the cost per month for cable. It was noted it would be about 8 weeks for Comcast and about 8 weeks for Vid-Com to complete the work. President Franks said David Happ did a great job and wants to table the decision until the August meeting. Trustee Happ will invite the representative from Vid-Com to that meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: President Franks explained the Appropriations Committee had built in a 3% increase across the Board for employees. He added the Board could enter into Executive Session to discuss or make a motion if they were in agreement with the increase. Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ, to approve the 3% increase for Village employees as presented, which will be retro-active to May 1, 2022. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee-Brady-Nothing

Trustee-Garrett-Absent

Trustee-Pioletti-Asked about old playground equipment to be erected at Hugs & Bugs. Dave T. said he is still waiting on parts.

Clerk Kirby-Indicated Stan Feller of Feller-Kuester plans to complete audit.

Trustee Happ-Nothing

Trustee Messman-Nothing

Trustee Kelley-Nothing

President Franks-Reminder to Mike to contact IDOT regarding MFT for 2022

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Paul Brady made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pat Pioletti, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote; all "aye's" motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT