

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of Philo
May 10, 2023

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: Janet Decker, Kevin Chalmers, David Traxler, Mike Buzicky, Marc Miller, Jim & Kathy Forrest, Chris Payne and Steve Sappenfield.

SWEAR IN ELECTED OFFICIAL: President Franks said only one seat of three was filled by the election. Clerk Kirby swore in Steve Messman as Trustee. President Franks then thanked retiring Trustee Rachael Garrett for her service on the Village Board. Rachael presented a check for \$10,000 from the Kids Fall Festival Committee as a donation to the Hazen Park playground project.

ROLL CALL: Present -Trustees Kelley, Messman and Happ. Absent-Trustee Pioletti. President Franks commented that he hopes to bring forth recommendations to the Board to appoint the remaining two seats at the next meeting.

MINUTES: Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ, to approve the minutes of April 12, 2023. Voice vote, all "ayes", motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman to approve the bills as presented. This included the addition of a reimbursement payment to Trustee Pioletti for Awesome Machines rental of a saw and compactor in the amount of \$134.00. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman and Happ. Motion passed unanimously.

GUESTS: Nothing

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Mike Buzicky reviewed the IDOT letting stage. After bid opening, if correct, President Franks to sign. The 2022 MFT Washington Street is to be coordinated to do in May. He will check with Varsity Striping and keep Board up-to-date. Regarding the drainage project, they are pot holing and staking man holes. He asked if there was a place they could stage materials for the project. The pipe and plastic can be stored at the hill by the water tower. Mike noted they hope to re-use some material to use in low spots in alley.

The 2023 sidewalk plan was discussed and the proper appropriated amounts will be noted for the Appropriations Ordinance for 2023-24. Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman to approve \$9,400 for new sidewalks and up to \$51,000 for removal and replacement of sidewalks. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman and Happ. Motion passed unanimously.

The IDOT Safe Route to School Grant opportunity was brought up and the Board felt we could use part of the prior application some 8-9 years ago. We would probably need to gather new information as well. Mike will send the last report to the Trustees.

Trustee Messman asked Mike if Varsity Striping agreed to do the basketball court painting at Hale Park. They will need to know color and dimensions. In regard to the Washington Street work Trustee Kelley said to keep on them as his confidence level is about at 50%.

Mike said once pipe and materials get delivered, expect them to start to dig as they want to get started.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: President Franks said a vendor wants to do a pop-up food cart and wanted to know if Village wants to allow. Is there an ordinance to prohibit? Both resident Chris Payne and Trustee Kelley had concerns about public health and asked if they are required to have food permits. LR said the one he saw at Dollar General in Tolono was like a two-wheel cart and working out of a car trunk. Marc Miller said if zoned commercial or private, yes, but not in private (drive) or streets.

Trustee David Happ had a question on the appraisal discussed at the last meeting and Marc commented that it may run about \$1,500 to \$2,000.00 for lots (2) and building by Webster and Associates. He suggested getting the appraisals ordered and then having an executive session. Marc added to clearly do a contract. The area is zoned commercial. Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman to authorize Marc Miller order the appraisals and draw up a contract for the purchase of two lots and building.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: Building permits were provided in the packet from David Traxler and were a building permit at 708 E Jefferson – Sean & Kelly Donoho for a new home and a fence permit at 507 S Adams – Terry & Shannon Reno. Dave reported that the two drainage jobs are both done.

Dave has the serial # for the tractor that will hopefully be done the 25th or 27th. Leaving the bathrooms unlocked at Hazen park was discussed. It was decided to leave one unlocked for a month to see how it goes. The bathroom will be checked by the concession stand people. Janet Decker will check with the security camera group about programmable locks.

A “dead end” sign for Horseshoe Lane was discussed. Trustee Kelley noted it is about a 4’ ditch. President Franks thought they should get two. Concern of liability was expressed if no signs were there. Marc Miller said no danger of that, but said it is good idea for the signage.

Prices for park picnic tables, trash receptacles and benches were reviewed. It was decided one picnic table would be moved to Hazen Park and purchase an ADA picnic table, two trash cans and one bench. Color selected was blue to match playground equipment. Trustee Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Messman to approve the purchase of an ADA picnic table, two trash cans and one bench from Hawkins, Inc. Roll call vote; “aye’s” Trustees Kelley, Messman and Happ. Motion passed unanimously.

The Stalker Sports Floors proposal was handed out for review. This item will be on the June meeting agenda for action. If approved it will be done the week before Thanksgiving.

President Franks asked the crew to work on the pot holes around town. Larry said the new signs look great.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Kevin noted the Income Statement and Balance Sheet all look good.

OLD BUSINESS: Rise Broadband Information was given to Board. Hazen Park Dedication will be June 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. We hope to have snow cones, popcorn and fire trucks at the event. Steve Sappenfield commented that the Philo Park Association has a PA system if needed for any speeches. We will want to invite the Schumacher family and other donors. PC purchase discussed earlier.

NEW BUSINESS: 2023 Sidewalks plan discussed and approved earlier in the meeting.

Electric Aggregation: Trustee Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman, to authorize President Larry Franks to sign new Good Energy Residential Electric Aggregation Bid. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman and Happ. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee Meeting: Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Clerk Kirby-She will contact Stan Feller of Feller-Kuester regarding the Village audit.

President Franks-Noted residents like new radar speed signs. Trustee Kelley noted very effective on Jefferson adding only 1 speeder recorded. Hot spots are 6-7:30 a.m. (going to work) and 6:30-7:00 p.m. (leaving for activities). This was gathered information from May 1st-10th.

President Franks said we are two board members down and that Tim Grubb has expressed interest and Larry will have him come to June meeting. He would like to fill the other seat with a woman.

Trustee Happ-Nothing

Trustee Messman-Nothing

Trustee Kelley-Nothing

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote; all "aye's", meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT