

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of Philo
June 14, 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, Molly Kelley (with nephew Aiden), Ron Macek, Karl Helmink and Chris Payne.

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

TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS: President Franks indicated he would like to appoint Tim Grubb and Terri Shipley to fill the two vacant Trustee positions. He then introduced Tim and asked him to give a brief bio to the Board. Tim and his wife Elaine built their house on Eisenhower nineteen years ago and he has a four-county area business. He likes the town and would like to serve as Trustee. Trustee Tom Kelley made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman to approve President Franks recommendation to appointment Tim Grubb as Village Trustee. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ and Pioletti. Motion passed unanimously. Clerk Kirby swore in Tim Grubb as Trustee and he took his place on the Board.

President Franks then read Terri Shipley's bio that she provided. Terri recently moved back to Philo with her two children and works at Health Alliance. Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley to approve President Franks recommendation to appointment Terri Shipley as Village Trustee. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and Grubb. Motion passed unanimously. President Franks will notify Terri of her appointment as Trustee and she will be sworn in at the next Village meeting.

MINUTES: Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pat Pioletti, to approve the minutes of May 10, 2023. Voice vote, all "ayes", motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley to approve the bills as presented with the addition of the MFT payment to Illiana Construction in the amount of \$148,193.42. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and Grubb. Motion passed unanimously. There was a brief discussion regarding timing, the need to meet prior to work being completed and the engineer coordinating the job.

GUEST: Ron Macek introduced himself as a representative of Rise Broadband, an internet provider for home and business that wants to come to Philo. They started in 2004 providing small towns and rural areas in Texas and Oklahoma. While months away they want to work and communicate with us to do a smooth rollout. He asked about permit requirements and right of ways. He provided a Gigabit Fiber Project Review handout and also a proposed agreement between the Village of Philo and Essex Telcom, Inc. dba Rise Broadband. Attorney Marc Miller provided a summary after his review of that document. Project would probably start Nov/Dec or early 2024. It would be a 20-year lease and they need a place for a 4' x 4' footprint for cabinet that is typically 80" tall. They would like help to market and trade off

would be free internet. It was determined that Janet Decker and David Traxler would be our coordinators. If needed, Marc Miller is not sure of timing for a Right of Way Ordinance. Our equipment would not be allowed to be stored within their cabinet, but Mr. Macek talked about an extra cabinet that could be part of the lease agreement. He thought a smaller cabinet was about \$2,500.00. Engineer Buzicky commented the timing for the Mt. Pulaski project was about 4-5 months. The idea of determining where fiber (for any provider company) and future sewer can be coordinated i.e., left, right or side of street was discussed. Mike stated it could be based on water map, suggesting fiber could be on opposite side of water/sewer. Karl Helmink stated it is a funded project and it's coming to 41 Illinois municipalities.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Mike Buzicky will talk to Illiana. Board wants to do Washington Street as soon as possible. It will be July for MFT work. The NE storm project has started and so far, so good. They are down to Hayes Street and ready to go south. Trustee Kelley had concerns of dead grass at their staging area and the board determined they will have to reseed to get area back to original. Tom said the Emerald Lane work is done and they should seed that after summer. President Franks said he was by there today and they had already hydro seeded the area. The plan is to use some old man holes/catch basins for the low areas like at Stacey's.

The IDOT Safe Route to School was reviewed and the board agreed not to pursue since they want large areas, not work that fills in gaps.

Frick is moving ahead on sidewalks. Trustee Kelley stated Jefferson looks phenomenal. He voiced concerns about future drain issues regarding seven open lots in Willow Run. Comment was "no tile, we can have them shave ditch". Mike commented there are layers of checks and balances, one being the building permit. Trustee Happ stated catch basin on north side of road.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Marc commented he will call and give President Franks an update if special meeting is needed.

President Franks explained the issue of a resident wanting to put in a well (for their pond). He added there were some conflicts. When he talked to Aqua, they said there is nothing that says they can't have a well. Mike B. said there is no ordinance because we don't own the water department. There is an ordinance but it doesn't say definitely "yes" or "no". The resident that made the request has a 5-acre lot. President Franks said former Village attorney Paul Hendren years ago told us "No" which was when we owned the water system. Marc Miller suggested a document or ordinance for that use only. The board was polled and all were in agreement that we have Marc draw up an ordinance which will contain language to not allow a well unless for pond. President Franks asked Dave Traxler to call resident that made request. It was noted they will need permit from public health.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: Dave noted his building permit report is in their packet. The month of May included two fence permits, one demo permit, one pool permit and one building permit. Frick plans to

start at bank first. The Case tractor is in and we need to determine if the Village is borrowing the money to pay for it. Trustee Happ stated we already okayed the loan. Since it had been so long it was suggested the Board reaffirm that resolution. Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman, to reaffirm 2022 R-4. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and Grubb. Motion passed unanimously.

The Stalker bid to refinish the gym floor was presented. There were questions on the proposal and it was suggested Dave have them resubmit for our July meeting.

Speed control signs will be moved to Van Buren. Trustee Happ thought some street work needs to be done in front of former June Highsmith home. Dave thought they could grind it down a little before oil and chip work done on that street. Resident Chris Payne commented that rain does puddle there.

VILLAGE TREASURER: The normal monthly reports were presented with no questions. The 2023-24 Appropriations Ordinance was presented. Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to approve Ordinance No. 2023-656 The Annual Appropriation Ordinance for 2023-24. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and Grubb. Motion passed unanimously. The Estimate of Revenues will be attached to the Appropriations Ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS: The Hazen Park dedication was discussed. Nothing more was heard from the Kids Festival Committee. The Fire Department will have a truck there. President Franks stated he talked to Chuck Sollers and the brick sidewalk will be completed prior to the dedication. The bench, trash cans and picnic table have been installed. WCIA will be contacted.

Rise Broadband and PAVLOV pricing was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: The auto locks information was presented by Trustee Happ. The proposal by Access Locksmiths & Security was for \$935.00. The locks can be set manually or via WIFI. It was decided to open them at 8:00 a.m. and lock at 10:00 unless there is a ballgame. Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kelley to approve the proposal from Access Locksmiths & Security in the amount of \$935.00. They are backed up and probably won't be able to get to until September. It was determined that even if locked someone can get out of the bathrooms.

Discussion of additional cameras for approximately \$4,000.00 was discussed and additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

The option to have an ordinance for food trucks was discussed. If they are on personal property, it is not an issue. It was suggested we require a permit for food trucks and several options were discussed. Attorney Mac Miller will prepare an ordinance for the July meeting.

There was no need to go into Executive Session as there were no personnel issues and the Board already agreed to the 3% pay increase with the Appropriations Ordinance.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Grubb-Nothing

Clerk Kirby-Nothing

Trustee Happ-Nothing

Trustee Messman-Nothing

Trustee Kelley-Tom asked if computers have been replaced yet and about back-ups. We are checking into with Area Wide and looking into options.

President Franks-He is looking into recycling vendors. Larry will ask new lieutenant with county about issuing warning tickets for underage golf cart drivers. Trustee Kelley suggested a letter to licensed cart owners to remind them if caught it is a moving violation for that youngster and they might not get license until they are 18. Reminder too that you can get a DUI on a golf cart. Larry also made the trustees aware of a dog that attacked another dog being walked on a leash. A letter has been sent to the resident but no response has been received.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote; all "aye's". Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT