

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of Philo
October 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Franks at 7:00 p.m. at the R.E. Franks Center in the Eileen Painter room.

GUESTS: Kevin Chalmers, Janet Decker, Marc Miller, David Traxler and Jim & Kathy Forrest.

ROLL CALL: Present -Trustees Kelley, Happ, Pioletti, Grubb and Shipley. Absent-Trustee Messman.

MINUTES: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to approve the minutes of September 13, 2023. Voice vote, all “ayes”, motion carried unanimously.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: The drainage and street work was discussed. Forrest’s commented the area where they cut across driveway now has a bump at the corner where you enter the alley. Is rutted up pretty bad and Jim noted Wright Tree Service and Ameren used steel plates in order to get down alley. President Franks said the alley problem, especially the east end needs to be addressed. Illiana can add more rock per Mike Buzicky. The pay requests were presented and discussed. The board decided to pay the additional cost of MFT project be paid from the general fund rather than having the engineer re-submit to IDOT.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ, to approve the bills as presented with the addition of three payments; 1) Check payable to Mid-Illinois in the amount of \$8,050.50; 2) Check payable to Illiana Construction Company for 2022 MFT for \$54,895.95; 3) Checks payable to Illiana Construction Company for 2023 MFT one for \$63,072.80 from the MFT Fund and one check from the General Fund in the amount of \$6,367.48. His motion also stated to delete the payment of \$3,786.24 to Champaign County Animal Control (check # 18771 to be held until further review and possible approval). Roll call vote; all “aye’s” motion carried unanimously.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: The Right-of-Way Management Regulations Ordinance was presented by attorney Marc Miller. After review and comments by the Board, Trustee Tom Kelley made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ, to approve Ordinance No. 2023-660 An Ordinance Adopting Right-of-Way Management Regulations as presented except that the name Philo shall be substituted for Sidney in Section 2 defining “village” the first sentence of Section 26 shall be deleted, and the sentence “no equipment or vehicles shall be parked in the roadway outside of the permitted construction hour” in Section 17. Roll call vote; all “aye’s” motion carried unanimously.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: Dave stated he had two building permits for September. Both were fence permits, one for Katie Kleiss at 605 E. Jefferson and one for Eric and Mary Wooten at 104 W. Tyler. Two bids were presented to replace the mop sink and install a new floor mounted sink. The bids were from A&R in the amount of \$4,146.49 and other from Roto-Rooter in the amount of \$5,287.16. Trustee Tom Kelley made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ to approve the bid from A&R in the amount of \$4,146.49. Roll call vote; all “aye’s” motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Kelley brought up the plans for trees. David Traxler commented that the new trees are ordered and hope to move around a bit. He will talk to Brad from Villa Grove. Trustee Pioletti wondered about spring planting. They also discussed either doing half this fall or double up next year. Trustee Pioletti said they could plant five (5) now. Also have new houses in Willow Run. President Franks told Dave to check with availability (to take trees down) and then decide how to proceed.

President Franks also asked about equipment readiness and salt. Dave said he has received two loads.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Kevin noted the treasurer's reports are in their packets. He also noted the bank offered better rate on existing Certificate of Deposit.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that Champaign County Animal Control has not been able to provide the normal reports regarding call outs or impoundments. Trustee Grubb felt per capita cost was high. Attorney Marc Miller stated the contract may be canceled. But no contract, no service. President Franks said if we get a call, what's our course of action? Trustee Pioletti said we can't go without recourse. Can we pay per call? Trustee Happ noted in the letter he (Jerry Kellems, Director) would come down to discuss. Trustee Pioletti said we can't go naked on it. Trustee Happ hopes something more palatable can be decided. Trustee Shipley agreed we can't do without. The board decided to invite Mr. Kellems to the November meeting.

Trustee David Happ volunteered to be the liaison for the Philo Sesquicentennial. The December newsletter will invite the general public to express interest to be or chair the sesquicentennial committee. A January date will be set for a meeting. Resident Chris Payne commented that several in the Thursday coffee group know how the last centennial worked.

The bids for a new laptop computer for the Village Clerk, docking station, cloud storage, storage server, professional service, website hosting and migration to server were presented to the board. Trustee Tom Kelley made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pat Pioletti, to approve the three bids from Area Wide Technology as presented (Quote 3485 - \$1,369.93, Quote 3486 - \$1,553.95 and Quote 3487 - \$272.99) Roll call vote; all "aye's" motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: The Food Truck Ordinance was reviewed. Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to provide direction to staff that the Village Food Truck Ordinance shall apply to food trucks selling to the public but shall not apply to food trucks in service for private events held at the Village community center (REFMC). Further, for not-for-profit events utilizing food trucks which sell to the public the Village Board President be authorized to waive the fee associated with a related food truck license. Roll call vote; all "aye's" motion carried unanimously.

The Champaign County Animal Control invoice is due in October. We have not been receiving any reports. The rate has increased to \$3,786.24. This issue is tabled until the November meeting.

Trustee Kelley asked about the clerk's new computer as it was appropriated in this year's budget. He suggested Area Wide do an inventory, determine age of computers and find solution for backups. We will decide if a laptop would be a good option.

NEW BUSINESS: President Franks commented that the Village had sent a letter of protest some time ago regarding solar/wind farms. That protest meant the county board had to have a 2/3 majority. The State of Illinois is now trumping our Ordinance. The question is if we should withdraw and trust the county board. Trustee Happ said he has been going to the Champaign County Zoning Board meetings. He feels a “wait and see” attitude should be taken. Trustee Kelley has mixed emotions, he likes the idea of giving Larry agility. Trustee Pioletti read Mahomet letter regarding giving mayor, not board authority. Trustee Grubb and Shipley had no comment. President Franks taken back at it, saying won’t lose anything if given authority. Trustee Pioletti doesn’t want to relinquish and suggested inviting Mahomet Mayor to our next meeting. Our board did not act to give Village President the authority to act.

Santa Breakfast donation was reviewed. Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to approve a \$200.00 donation to Philo Exchange Bank for the Santa Breakfast.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Shipley-Nothing

Trustee Grubb-Nothing

Trustee Pioletti-Announced the Christmas Parade will be the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

Clerk Kirby-Nothing

Trustee Happ-Nothing

Trustee Messman-Absent

Trustee Kelley-Nothing

President Franks-Nothing

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Tom Kelley made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pioletti, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote, all “aye’s”. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT