

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of Philo
November 8, 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: Janet Decker, Mike Buzicky, Joy Wilson (Burrito King), Ted Hartke, Jim & Kathy Forrest, John Hall, Jerry Kellems and Steve Summers.

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

MINUTES: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to approve the minutes of October 11, 2023. Voice vote, all “ayes”, motion passed unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman, to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote; all “aye’s”, motion passed unanimously.

Guest John Hall with the Champaign County Planning and Zoning Board spoke to the Board explaining their position on the wind farms and solar farms and the fact they cannot contradict the State of Illinois. The communities of St. Joseph and Mahomet had submitted protest letters like that of the Village of Philo that would require 17 affirmative votes for any waiver. See letter addressed to Village President Larry R. Franks dated September 11, 2023 and letter to the Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals from Sean Widener, Village President of Mahomet. Our Board stands firm and sees no reason to rescind the protest letter at this time.

Guest Jerry Kellems with Champaign County Animal Control spoke to the Board indicating the amounts for the contract were based on a rolling contract and calculated by last year’s rate with a 5% increase. The Board believes animal control to be an important service but is concerned about the cost. Jerry explained it will take several more months to figure out the cost and new software coming this week. The reports that used to be mailed are now online. Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pat Pioletti, to approve the payment of \$3,786.24 (Check held from October meeting). Roll call vote; all “aye’s”, motion passed unanimously.

Guest Joy Wilson with Burrito King attending tonight’s meeting in regard to the \$100.00 per visit fee for food trucks and suggested the average cost of \$25.00. Trustee Happ commented he felt \$100.00 was too high when the ordinance first adopted. Trustee Pioletti added that this is the middle of the season and the board was aware they may need to re-visit the fees. He added one issue is with the food and beverage tax and not being able to know what it is by entity. We think it gets collected but not sure. Pat is open to possibly a weekly or monthly fee. President Franks noted that we have three businesses that pay sales tax and real estate taxes to the Village. He added he would be open to a six month fee and open to discussion about it, but also wants to protect existing businesses. Trustee Grubb would be good with monthly or bi-annual. Miss Wilson stated the health department is a six month fee. When asked what they average when they come to Philo, she stated around \$400.00 per night. Trustee Kelley

said we are feeling our way through it and likes option of paying daily or annual. President asked if the board wanted to act tonight or later. Trustee Pioletti would like to spend more time discussing before taking action. President Franks thanked Joy for coming to the meeting and said we would be in touch.

Guest Ted Hartke commented John Hall is pushing County Board on the Wind and Solar Ordinance. He talked about his personal issue with wind farms as he and his family suffered from severe sleep issues. Ted also indicated he sent letter to Champaign County Board requesting they challenge the States Attorney.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Mike Busicky did not have any action items. He stated the Phase II retainage is to be paid. The Adams and Hayes alley issue is still a concern and he noted Mid-Illinois should take care of it. Resident Jim Forrest noted the bag covers on the catch basin grates. Mike explained that was to get seeding going. Hayes end of alley has an 18" trench. Curbing to get to (Forrest's) drive-way (rock away from asphalt) need attention. Mike will call Mid-Illinois.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Attorney Marc Miller was not present but sent us Tax Levy Ordinance for review and possible action. Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to approve Tax Levy Ordinance 2023-661. Roll call vote; all "aye's", motion passed unanimously.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: Dave Traxler was absent at the meeting but informed President Franks that there was one (1) building permit. Wes Stone of CIE Company was present to answer any questions regarding the proposed new lighting project for the Franks Center. He completed a walk thru of the building estimating the cost to change from standard fluorescent fixtures to LED. Janet Decker asked if this included the locker rooms. It does not. The estimated time to complete the work is 3-4 days. The work would be completed over the Thanksgiving break. President Franks noted the gym floor must be protected and Wes said they won't damage the floor. The estimate includes a \$3,000.00 rebate from Ameren that will be handled by them. Trustee Tom Kelley made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ, to approve the estimate to Central Illinois Electric Co. in the amount of \$12,197.00 as presented. Roll call vote; all "aye's", motion passed unanimously.

President Franks asked if the board had any questions to relay to Dave Traxler. None were brought forward. The trees are getting taken down. Larry said he talked to cable guys and they felt they would be done in about a week and a half. Board is skeptical as they haven't even started in Shipley Estates.

OLD BUSINESS: Solar/Wind Farm Zoning-already discussed. Board sees no reason to change or withdraw protest.

Champaign County Animal Control Agreement-This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: The Hugs and Bugs rental agreement expired October 31, 2023. Only change in agreement was to raise the monthly fee by \$50.00, rest is the same. Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion,

seconded by Trustee Steve Messman, to approve the lease. Roll call vote; all “aye’s”, motion passed unanimously.

Fehr-Graham contract- President Franks stated they will take over at the beginning of the year.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Shipley-Nothing

Trustee Grubb-Nothing

Trustee Pioletti-Noted Christmas Parade will start at 5:00 p.m. followed by the tree lighting.

Clerk Kirby-We are still waiting on completion of audit.

Trustee Happ-Nothing

Trustee Messman-Nothing

Trustee Kelley-Asked about parking

President Franks-The Hale Park bathrooms were vandalized but not as serious as previously thought. All bathrooms are now locked for the winter.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote, all “aye’s”. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT