

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of Philo
March 13, 2024

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: David Traxler, Chad Osterbur, Marc Miller, Kevin Chalmers, Janet Decker, Chris Payne and Jim and Kathy Forrest.

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

MINUTES: Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to approve the minutes of February 14, 2024. Voice vote, all “aye’s” motion passed unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Trustee Kelley inquired about the Birkey’s bill and Dave Traxler stated it was repairs on the brush roller and maintenance on both mowers. Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ, to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote; all “aye’s”, motion passed unanimously.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Chad presented the 2024 MFT budget for review. He also updated the board on the situation regarding the 2022 program and IDOT paperwork. Trustee Happ noted that 2022 overlapped to 2023 and amount in excess was paid from our General Fund. If the documents are not located, we plan to recreate. We have a liaison with Chapin Rose and higher up at IDOT but not (working) at lightning speed. Trustee Pioletti added that Illiana got paid, but documents to IDOT are missing and asked if they (IDOT) can withhold money. Oil and chip is usually done in August. Chad said IDOT will not approve this year’s MFT until prior years are closed. He is trying to get appointment with IDOT. Attorney Miller has not sent a letter to MSA yet. President Franks is going to MSA tomorrow.

Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to pass a Resolution and preliminary budget costs for 2024 MFT as presented. Roll call vote; all “aye’s”, motion passed unanimously.

The Jefferson drainage project was discussed. We will need easements. Chad has met with resident Hulsizer and Rund. Problem is cistern and seed bed cross with solid wall pipe. Details are forthcoming, not concerned with leach field but a few utilities to cross (water main or gas). Trustee Pioletti commented on the nice drawing. Worst concern is close to trees, if they die, we take down. Attorney Miller will need detail before letters can be sent out to residents. May be dealing with small stretch of fiber and suggested pay fees in accordance with ordinance. If any ambivalence, Marc suggested not to charge.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Marc explained the intergovernmental agreement for purposes of supporting the intervention in the Illinois American Water Company rate case before the ICC. The board agreed we should continue to participate and Marc will prepare the contract.

Trustee Pioletti commented in regard to the MSA issue, that we may have to sue & his initial suggestion would be a refund of fees paid to MSA. During the transition, his recollection was paperwork to be ours. Chad indicated they have shared some and he has flash drive.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: Dave reported no permits. He presented quotes for asphalt for the south side and west side parking at Fireman Field. The consensus was the paving would look good but is a lot of money and board not comfortable approving at this time.

A proposal from Specialty Commercial Flooring was presented for work on the kitchenette floor in the amount of \$10,879.00. Most of the cost was for asbestos abatement. The board suggested Dave call the person that repaired the foyer in the gym and also try to get another quote.

Dave reminded the board that the boiler has to be replaced and timing of both the tear out and replacement needs to be determined.

The contract for rock salt was discussed. Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ, to approve the agreement with Central Management Services for CY2024-CY2025 for rock salt. Roll call vote; all “aye’s”, motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Happ brought up the locking of the bathrooms. President Franks stated they don’t want to leave unlocked. Josh Kirkland has a key. Dave Traxler commented new toilet paper holders and garbage cans were purchased. He added there was a leak at Hazen bathroom. Currently Trustee Happ uses the remote access on his phone to lock the bathrooms.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Financial reports were presented and Kevin noted on page 2, Building Maintenance (0111-511) entry was moved to 0300-511 and on page 3 he noted office supplies was high due to purchase of envelopes and noted sidewalk expense, both new and maintenance. Everything else is in line.

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Happ reported on the 150th celebration. An insert about the sesquicentennial will be in the next newsletter. Executive Committee is to meet March 19th and all committees to meet April 20th at 11:00 a.m. It is believed the time capsule may be under the Philo Veterans Monument. President Franks stated he has a VHS tape of the 125th. Marc Miller said he can convert videos to DVD or digital.

NEW BUSINESS: President Franks noted the northwest end of the post office building is crumbling and taking on water. Worried about mold and we need to tuck point and water proof it, estimate is around \$5,200.00. Larry clarified Bob’s Will left the Post Office to the Village and if it is sold, we get 20% of the proceeds.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Shipley-nothing

Trustee Grubb-nothing

Trustee Pioletti-nothing

Trustee Happ-nothing

Trustee Messman-nothing

Trustee Kelley-Noted State wide building code January of 2025

President Franks-Noted connectivity issue with computers to TV in boardroom will be addressed. No polling place in Philo due to lack of staff with Clerk's Office. Flowers will be sent for Don Rice.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote; all "aye's" motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT