

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of Philo
May 8, 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: Jean Holmes (St. Thomas Principal), David Traxler, Chad Osterbur, Marc Miller, Kevin Chalmers, Karl Helmink, Joe Kampmueller, Filipe Contreas, Steve Sappenfield, Janet Decker and Chris Payne. Dave Traxler and Kevin Chalmers left meeting for fire call.

ROLL CALL: Present -Trustees Kelley, Happ, Messman, Pioletti, Grubb and Shipley. Trustee Pioletti had to leave meeting early.

DRAINAGE ISSUE DISCUSSION: The Jefferson drainage project was discussed. The bids were received and substantially higher than expected. Trustee Pioletti feels we are over a barrel due to the difference in the low bid and the engineer's estimate adding lines 4 & 5 are whacked. Chad agrees and feels due to inflation and it was a "wild card" estimate and feels better price for bigger project. It was noted the board relies on the estimate in order to make a decision. Trustee Happ asked and Chad responded that eight (8) letters were sent out (not to Mid Illinois) requesting bids. Easements for the project are being prepared by Chad and Marc. They do not feel cistern will be a problem. When asked about the trees north of alley there is no problem there. No one has asked for compensation. President Franks indicated both the treasurer and clerk feel project can be handled without obtaining a loan. Chad stated Ted Rund said not to worry about leach field as it can be cut off. However, since not sure of liability to do that, the Board feels it best to stay with plan and replace it. President Franks stated the bids were three times the estimate. Cross did not bid. Larry asked for comments or questions from the Trustees. Trustee Kelley asked what we know about S & S (Schomburg & Schomburg Construction). They are believed to be established company.

Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to approve the bid from Schomburg & Schomburg Construction in the amount of \$108,711.21 for the Jefferson Drainage Project. Roll call vote; all "aye's" motion passed unanimously. Trustee Pioletti had to leave the meeting at this time.

MINUTES: Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to approve the minutes of April 10, 2024. Voice vote, all "aye's" motion passed unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: 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.

GUEST: Jean Holmes, principal at St. Thomas School requested the Village not burn the brush pile during school hours. It was noted the Village will take that into consideration and thanked her for bringing the issue to their attention. The wind had changed direction after the fire was lit. additionally, St. Thomas has offered part of their playground equipment to the Village that they are replacing with new.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Regarding MFT, they received signed paperwork from IDOT. Tomorrow or next Thursday they will run ad and then bid opening on the 24th and then award at next Village meeting.

As noted previously, Fehr-Graham is now the building inspector for the Village. Their decisions will be based on the Village's Zoning Ordinance. A proposal was presented for review and action. Trustee Tom Kelley made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ, to approve Village of Philo 2024-2028 General Services Work Order #02-General Permit Review (estimated not to exceed \$5,000.00). Roll call vote; all "aye's", motion passed unanimously. If the not-to-exceed amount is exhausted, supplemental approval of additional fees will be requested.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Attorney Marc Miller will prepare the revised Zoning Ordinance.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: Dave had to leave for fire call. Permits for April were presented.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Kevin Chalmers had to leave for a fire call. No questions on the treasurer's reports.

OLD BUSINESS: Zoning - no additional comment. Sesquicentennial update - Steve Sappenfield is concerned about the lack of number of people that have come forward. He noted the committee plans to do a Wednesday evening Kick-Off. Then the event will be Thursday, Friday evenings and Saturday all day with Sunday afternoon events and fireworks if we find site to have them. The theme has not been determined. They plan to have an AG Day, Kid Day, Happy Birthday Philo and a car show. They are working on fund raising. Steve asked about an insurance waiver. Village Clerk, Kirby will contact IMRLMA regarding insurance since the event is under the Village. Janet will need to post the 150th Sesquicentennial minutes. Steve also noted additional electrical needs with the majority at Hale Park. A bags tournament is planned on Washington Street to be run by Daly's Sports Bar. Goal was to have carnival, but one has not been booked yet. If not available, may have to do blow ups. The marketing committee for the event will be sending out information regarding the Logo Contest with a deadline by July 24th. Steve also thanked the Village for the donation to the Park District and also the staffs help at getting the ball diamond ready for the season.

NEW BUSINESS: Deputy Clerk Decker presented information and asked for clarification regarding peddlers/salesman and solicitors. The last ordinance is dated 1981. She provided our current application and a copy of Villa Grove's application. Currently the fee is \$10.00 per person and good from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday – Saturday. The consensus was to follow Villa Grove's application making it applicable to Philo.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Shipley - Nothing

Trustee Grubb - Nothing

Clerk Kirby - We need to set meeting for 2024-25 appropriations. The Appropriations Ordinance must be acted on by end of July. The meeting was set for May 22, 2024, at 7:00 a.m. in the boardroom. Deputy Clerk Decker will post the notice. Committee members are Trustee Grubb, Trustee Kelley, Trustee Happ, President Franks, Treasurer Chalmers and Clerk Kirby.

Trustee Happ - Nothing

Trustee Messman - Dollar General needs to mow. President Franks obtained contact person and they have been notified to mow.

Trustee Kelley - Question for Dave Traxler regarding the need to clean the water tower. President Franks will reach out to Aqua.

President Franks - Reported that letters have been sent regarding temporary storage units on Jefferson Street; letter regarding vehicles on Eisenhower and to residents that need to mow.

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 7:55 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT