

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of Philo
August 14, 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, Janet Decker, Dustin Reifsteck, Chad Osterbur, Larry Johnson, Marc Miller, Jim and Kathy Forrest, Karl Helmink, Luke Meharry, and Chris Payne.

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

MINUTES: Trustee Tom Kelley made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ, to approve the minutes of July 10, 2024. Voice vote, all “aye’s”, motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to approve the bills as presented, including the additional payment to Fehr Graham of \$158.55 for Jefferson sidewalk work. Roll call vote, “aye’s” Trustees Kelley, Happ, Grubb and Shipley, motion passed unanimously.

LUCAS MEHARRY: Lucas (representing Fertilizer Dealer Supply) summarized the requested variance of 15’ in order to add on to their existing building to the south and parking lot to be asphalt to road. The plan is to uncover the culvert and extend it and connect downspouts. Zoning chair Karl Helmink noted their committee recommends approving the variance. Trustee Tom Kelley made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tim Grubb, to approve the variance as recommended and presented. Roll call vote, “aye’s” Trustees Kelley, Happ, Grubb and Shipley, motion passed unanimously.

DUSTIN REIFSTECK: Dustin addressed the board representing the Junior Football League. They are planning a fundraiser for September 14th and would like to close a portion of Washington Street for the event. They would like to close from the alley to Jackson Street around 2:00 p.m. to set up for the event to be either 6-8 or 7-9 p.m. David Traxler will get cattle gates.

JIM FORREST: Resident commented that work at end of their drive-way looks great. Jim noted about 3 ½ blocks of sidewalks need maintenance. President Franks commented that we have used this year’s entire budget for sidewalks but suggested they submit request to Streets/Alley Committee for consideration next year.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: President Franks noted oil and chip should be done before Labor Day adding townships are not done yet either. A Street/Alley Committee (Tom, Steve, Pat & LR) meeting was scheduled for Monday at 7:00 a.m. Janet to post.

Larry Johnson of Fehr Graham indicated we need to submit a facility plan for waste water in order to obtain a \$9,000.00 reimbursement. He understands this is a riveting discussion and asked how much time the board wants to listen to him. Larry stated the plan of 15/20 years is pretty antiquated. He updated where possible and said he did not find a present worth analysis in the document. The interest rates mentioned in the document were a little understated. It was suggested the document can be

submitted “as is” and if kicked back, we can update parts as needed. The cost is normally \$25-\$30 per hour with an estimate of \$25,000.00. The question of rules and rates with CU Sanitary District were discussed with Larry indicating they have their own rules and after connecting with them we would have to abide by their rates. President Franks said 10 years ago they (CU Sanitary District) really wanted us but now they have different board and circumstances change. The estimate monthly fee by resident would be \$138.00 per month. Trustee Grubb asked if EPA is saying we have to have it. Larry Johnson said “no” we are under Champaign County Public Health. After discussing, the Board was in agreement to submit it and see what happens.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Marc presented and the Board discussed the RESOLUTION OPPOSING McCLEAN COUNTY CO2 SEQUESTRATION PROJECT. Trustee Grubb made a motion, seconded by Trustee Happ to approve Resolution No. 2024-R-1, A Resolution Opposing McClean County CO2 Sequestration Project. Roll call vote, “aye’s” Trustees Kelley, Happ, Grubb and Shipley, motion passed unanimously. Janet to send copies to Senator Rose, Mahomet mayor, and McLean & News-Gazette papers.

President Franks informed the Board both he and Trustee Grubb received complaints about the property at the southeast corner of Harrison and McKinley. The letters to the resident have not done any good so President Franks contacted the village attorney to start the necessary paperwork to take the next steps. The resident had responded saying they were not living in the camper, just remodeling it. The property has gone downhill and one of the sheds fell down. The engagement letter was reviewed. Trustee Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Grubb to authorize the Village President, as authorized agent, to sign the engagement letter with Thomas Mamer, Attorneys at Law.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: David noted the clean-up of the brush pile may not be until November. The concrete pad at Hazen Park was poured. The sidewalk on Garfield will be poured next. The wiring is done at Hale Park. Trustee Happ noted we need Comcast internet service and then in about two weeks be able to hook up camera and then locks on bathroom doors.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Kevin Chalmers was not present, but Judy indicated all reports are good.

OLD BUSINESS: Sesquicentennial Update-Trustee Happ did not attend last meeting so Judy summarized.

The parade route was determined. It will start at St. Thomas parking lot going east to Cleveland and then turning onto Washington to Jackson. It will then turn east on Madison to Harrison traveling north to Hale Park. No prizes will be awarded. The parade committee will provide items for kids to decorate their bikes the day before the parade and leave at St. Thomas old gym overnight.

Logo winners will be announced in the next newsletter.

Fundraising committee is working on obtaining stock certificates as well as sponsor letters. They plan on selling 50/50 tickets and looking into a “Glow Bingo” event to raise funds.

No word on carnival or fireworks yet.

NEW BUSINESS: Janet was contacted about doing a Trunk or Treat, not in lieu of normal Trick or Treat but extra on the Sunday before Halloween. It was determined if businesses or individuals want to do that, its okay but no Village affiliation.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Shipley-Nothing

Trustee Grubb-Asked if any word on playground equipment. President Franks said he sent info but no response yet.

Trustee Happ-Nothing

Trustee Kelley-Nothing

President Franks-Hale Park sign should be back up soon.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Happ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Kelley. Voice vote, all "aye's". Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT