

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of Philo
November 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, Janet Decker, Chad Osterbur, Marc Miller, Kris Bolt, Chris Payne and Kevin Chalmers.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

MINUTES: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman, to approve the minutes of October 9, 2024. Voice vote, all "aye's", motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pat Pioletti, to approve the bills as presented. The payment to a resident for a mowing incident was explained. Roll call vote, "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti, Grubb and Shipley, motion passed unanimously.

GUEST: Kris Bolt addressed the board with questions regarding Hugs & Bugs change in ownership to his wife and daughter. One of the requirements was an inspection of the sewer system. This was conducted by Dale Shipley in July and he provided a written statement of the inspection of the tank and that it was in working order. Blackford of the Champaign County Public Health Department stated he needed leach field information which was not part of the prior inspection. Kris feels this is overreach and wanted to know if this is legal. Marc Miller responded "probably". Dale Shipley has run camera through tile that leads to a field. The REFM system has been operating without any septic issues but requirements have been changed since the former owners of Hugs & Bugs had their inspection. The sale to the new owners of the business prompted this inspection following the new requirements. Attorney Marc Miller will draft a letter for President Franks to hand deliver since the extension by DCFS ends November 30th.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Chad Osterbur presented a quote from Cross Construction for the drainage work on Route 130 in the amount of \$35,200.00. Trustee Pioletti & Trustee Happ were concerned of the lack of detail on the quote. Pat asked Chad if he had reviewed and if the quote was reasonable. He also commented there was no bond listed. Chad stated he can ask them to add a bond and ask for more detail. President Franks requested another quote after Chad receives the detail from Cross to be sure description is same for both quotes. Dave Traxler explained the highway is settling due to our broken manhole caused by age and traffic.

The oil & chip issue in Southpoint is somewhat better since recent rains. They tried to use the brush on it but settings could not be adjusted to do the job properly. President Franks noted next time should use different rock. Chad noted we are at their mercy on the timing of road work but can possibly add a completion dates. It was noted not to complete the work during the 150th celebration planned in July.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Marc Miller presented the Tax Levy Ordinance for review. He noted it reflects a 3.4% increase for inflation. Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to approve Ordinance No. 2024-666, Tax Levy Ordinance for the Year 2024-2025. Roll call vote, "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti, Grubb and Shipley, motion passed unanimously.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: Dave handed out information from Rahn Equipment Co regarding a “dumper dogg” truck bed insert and also said it may be time for new pickup and mower. The truck is a 2012 with 69,000 miles and the mower is a 2017 with approximately 2,000 hours. He has two zero turns and a bat wing. The pickup is used for snow plowing. It was suggested Dave check into dump trailers, hold off on pickup and wait until spring for mower. Trustee Messman suggested checking at Johnsons in Ogden.

The water will be shut off everywhere except Hazen Park will be done after the parade Dec. 1st. Trustee Happ will continue to unlock bathrooms until he hears from Dave.

Dave reported they filled 8 dumpsters at Clean-Up Day. Trustee Kelley noted the trees look good. Tom inquired what was going on at Madison Street near drainage work. It will be a garden walk and owners have been working on paths. It was noted Scott Short did cleanup work at the Welcome to Philo sign and also added plants. Some of Dave’s equipment has been moved to where recycling bins used to be.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Kevin presented his normal reports and reported the certificate of deposit that was discussed at a prior meeting was re-invested as a one year CD at 4.25%. We have another 6-month CD that will mature in January. If one year rate is still available at 4.25% he will most likely change that investment as well.

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Kelley gave a rundown on what was discussed at the Sesquicentennial Committee meeting. Online apparel is close to being available; received one large pledge so far; Glow Bingo will be in February; working on booking bands; basic agenda of happenings; working on list of staffing/community engagement; stock certificates are being designed and 150th committee plans to have an entry in the Christmas Parade.

NEW BUSINESS: Request to donate to Santa Breakfast was reviewed. Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pat Pioletti, to approve a \$200 donation to the Philo Exchange Bank. Roll call vote, “aye’s” Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti, Grubb and Shipley, motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Shipley-Nothing

Trustee Grubb-Nothing

Trustee Pioletti-Announced he is not running for Trustee in 2025. The Christmas Parade will have a Hot Cocoa booth and the Philo Tavern will be open from 4-8 p.m.

Clerk Kirby- Asked if Village will provide gates/barricades

Trustee Happ-Hoped Village decorations will be up prior to parade

Trustee Messman-Nothing

Trustee Kelley-Nothing

President Franks-Asked board to review his handout regarding funding for sewer

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pat Pioletti, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote; all “aye’s”, meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT