

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of Philo
March 12, 2025

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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

MINUTES: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tim Grubb, to approve the minutes of February 12, 2025. Voice vote, all "aye's", motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman, to approve the bills as presented with the deletion of invoices to Progressive and Casey's. Roll call vote, "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and Grubb, motion passed unanimously.

GUESTS: Forrest's-nothing

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Reported he met with Street & Alley committee and they plan to use steel slag instead of regular rock. He presented a map and budget including one map without Garfield. President Franks noted \$54,000 was spent last year. For the area north of Casey's they will use slag and preparation will be done by Village. Larry commented that Rocky indicated they like the slag better than oil and chip. He also reminded the Board that we are at Illiana's whim. Trustee Grubb stated the streets in Southpoint subdivision are like a gravel road when wet and dusty when dry. Trustee Kelley noted when challenged on issues he had answers. The estimated cost without Garfield is \$32,578.64 and with it is \$40,544.72. Trustee Pioletti commented with the swing in prices maybe have Garfield as an "option" so it could be left in or backed out. Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tim Grubb, to pass the MFT Resolution 2025-1 in the amount of \$40,544.72. Roll call vote, "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and Grubb, motion passed unanimously.

Chad presented Fehr-Graham General Services Work Order #04 in the amount of \$4,500.00 for discussion and review. This would be for survey work for upcoming sidewalk project from Cleveland to Adams on the south side of Washington Street. Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ, to approve the Work Order #04 in the amount of \$4,500.00 to Fehr-Graham. It was noted there is a brick sidewalk on the south side of Washington Street from Hayes to Adams.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: The Amended Food Truck Ordinance was presented reflecting the correction of \$100 per year under Section 2 of the ordinance. Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ to approve Ordinance No. 2025-667-An Ordinance Establishing Food Truck Vendor Licensing Fees for the Village of Philo. Roll call vote, "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and Grubb, motion passed unanimously.

The 150th Celebration Ordinance was discussed. Trustee Happ suggested approving as presented and then we can amend, if necessary, prior to event. This ordinance would be given out with application for vendors. Trustee Tom Kelley made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ, to approve Ordinance No. 2025-668-An Ordinance Prohibiting Certain Types of Vendors. Roll call vote, "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and Grubb, motion passed unanimously.

Zoning Board of Appeals-They are suggesting vacating part of easement to leave 10 feet. Chad and Marc will send letters to surrounding residents of 701 Country View, run notice in paper and prepare ordinance. There will be a public hearing prior to our April regular meeting. Trustee Pioletti asked about impact and Chad responded that a 20-foot setback is excessive and we should be prepared if all neighbors want (the same variance).

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: Nothing to report per Dave. He estimates the broom motor at \$2,000.00. President Franks asked about the status of the burn pile. Dave said not cleaned up yet but would have enough room if storm. The first brush pick up will be April 1st.

Trustee Happ inquired about the playground equipment that St. Thomas donated to the Village. President Franks has not received information from Renee at Cunningham Recreation yet. We did not receive any pictures or instructions from St. Thomas.

Dave will provide prices on a dump trailer.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Kevin reported that he, Larry and Judy met with Matthew of Feller & Kuester on February 21st to review and discuss the 2023-2024 audit. Matthew expressed gratitude to Judy and Janet for their prep work. Copies of the audit and letters from Feller & Kuester were presented to the Board. President Franks commented that we are lucky to have an auditor.

Kevin noted there are only three payments left of Loan #223 with CCRPC and that a payoff would be approximately \$4,133. He and Judy suggested paying off prior to the end of the fiscal year and the Board was okay with doing that in April.

OLD BUSINESS: 150th Sesquicentennial Update-Trustee Kelley stated Steve was absent and Molly led the meeting. See attached meeting notes from the March 3, 2025 meeting.

The stump by pavilion has been taken care of. Trustee Kelley asked about the fenced in horse-shoe pit. Is it being used? The Board discussed and directed Village maintenance remove the fence, concrete and pits in order to provide more space for the centennial event.

Hugs and Bugs contract-they are in discussion.

NEW BUSINESS: The request from Philo Park Association was discussed. Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to authorize a \$3,000 donation to the Philo Park Association. Roll call vote, "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and Grubb, motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Kirby explained the need to form a new corporation for the centennial because of changes in regulations and lack of registration with the State of the existing Philo Area Centennial Corporation. She asked the Board to authorize the formation of the Philo Celebrations Corporation with the three directors being Rod Schweighart, Steve Sappenfield and Larry Franks. Trustee David Happ so moved, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley. Roll call vote, "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and Grubb, motion passed unanimously.

Protect Mahomet Aquifer- Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to authorize the Village President sign the letter calling for Mahomet Aquifer protection and to send to Governor Pritzker and the Illinois General Assembly and also to Department of Ag and Chapin Rose. Roll call vote, "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Pioletti and Grubb, motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Shipley-Absent

Trustee Grubb-Nothing

Trustee Pioletti-Nothing

Clerk Kirby-Nothing

Trustee Happ-Nothing

Trustee Messman-Nothing

Trustee Kelley-Was prepared to discuss chicken issue and noted it is covered in our zoning ordinance.

He also noted downside of having them, smell, noise, cost of housing them, disease and predators.

President Franks-Reported he met with Lieutenant Herrig of Sheriff's Office regarding extra detail for the 150th. He presented copies of letter he received indicating the cost of extra security. Attorney Marc Miller suggested checking with Tolono or other officers outside of the area for extra help. The expense should be covered by the 150th Sesquicentennial group.

Garbage and parking are other issues that need to be addressed for the event. Dave Traxler said he has about 10-12 blue plastic garbage cans that can be used. He said he can put extra bags in bottom of each. He also said he's still working on the Hazen Park brick path issue. Roger Quinn volunteered to take it over but Larry hasn't been able to get in touch with current organizer.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Happ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Messman. All "aye's" meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT