

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of Philo
May 14, 2025

Results of the April 1st General Election were read by the Clerk. President Franks was then sworn in followed by the elected Trustees, Tom Kelley, David Happ and Eric Beckett. 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, Kari Beckett, and Pat and Julie Pioletti.

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

President Franks thanked former Trustee Pioletti for his 15 years of service to the Village and presented him with a commendation plaque. Pat stated he was comfortable and confident with the make-up of the new board. Pat added serving over the years was interesting and a pleasure.

MINUTES: Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to approve the minutes of April 9, 2025. Voice vote, all “aye’s”, motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee David Happ, to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote, “aye’s” Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Beckett, and Grubb, motion passed unanimously.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Chad Osterbur said the bid from Evergreen Roadworks, LLC was received and was the same and identical as proposed. Village will need to sign and submit to IDOT. Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley to approve the bid to Evergreen Roadworks, LLC in the amount of \$36,384.00. Roll call vote, “aye’s” Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Beckett, and Grubb, motion passed unanimously.

Chad then presented the Board with Work Order #02-Amendment 1 for General Permit Review. Trustee Tom Kelley made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tim Grubb, to approve Work Order #02 from Fehr Graham Engineering & Environmental for 2025 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Roll call vote, “aye’s” Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Beckett, and Grubb, motion passed unanimously. Chris Payne noted it has lightened the load for Planning Commission.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Marc Miller commented that the document for the Daren Kaisner variance will be done shortly.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: Dave Traxler noted he believes Pavlov may have cut through a tile. Several issues were noted at Jefferson in Willow Run, hole on Jackson and west on Garfield. The crowd control gates have been delivered. Dave said we should get the new mower in July. He is negotiating with Pete to see if they will pay for half of the repairs recently completed on our trade in mower.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Kevin Chalmers reported the CCRPC for the Washington Street loan was paid off in April. He also commented the Village had about \$34,500 in net income for the fiscal year. The one-year CD that recently matured was changed to a 6-month investment to receive a higher interest rate.

OLD BUSINESS: 150TH Centennial Update: Copies of the flyer were passed out to the Board. Trustee Happ asked if this was a final or draft. He noted there is a late \$500 sponsor that needs to be included. Trustee Kelley voiced concern about the budget for the event noting the flyers are 75 cents each. Both President Franks and Trustee Kelley noted the parade committee is very passionate about the parade not crossing the railroad tracks. Trustee Happ originally saw merit in ending the parade at the park, but changed his thought since nothing is going on there that morning. President Franks will speak with Steve Sappenfield and indicate the route should not cross the tracks. Deputy Clerk Decker is working on a shirt order for the Village Board and staff. Trustee Tim Grubb has been designated the parking czar for the event. See attached meeting minutes for more details.

Hugs and Bugs Amended Contract: The amendment was presented and reviewed by the board. Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tim Grubb, to approve the amendment as presented and authorize President Franks to sign. Roll call vote, “aye’s” Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Beckett, and Grubb, motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Dave Traxler presented a quote from M&E Plastic Repair in the amount of \$27,145.30 regarding the reassembling of the playground equipment donated to the Village from St. Thomas School. President Franks said we need to determine where to place it. Kevin Chalmers indicated he will check with someone he knows that may be able to do the work. He will talk to him and report back at our next meeting. It was suggested the project be done in the fall. There will be additional expense of damaged parts, mulch and plastic edging.

REFMC Cleaning: Janet provided a request from Marsha Smith dba MS Cleaning. Marsha provides cleaning on Sunday’s currently at \$90.00 per cleaning. Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley, to approve the request of \$120.00 per cleaning. Roll call vote, “aye’s” Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Beckett, and Grubb, motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustees Grubb, Beckett, Happ, Messman & Kelley-Nothing

Clerk Kirby-Nothing

President Franks-Notified the board that Terri Shipley is resigning as Trustee. She works for Health Alliance and has had to take on part-time work at night.

Larry also reported a problem at Hale Park. Someone had tried to set a fire in the bathroom and pictures from our camera were given to our deputy about 4:00 p.m. and by 6:00 p.m. a resource office determined who the kids were. They were reprimanded by the police and told if any other issues the Village would prosecute.

President Franks reminded everyone about the CIMOA meeting tomorrow at the Philo Tavern-cocktails at 6:00 followed by dinner and then the meeting here at the Village Boardroom.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Tim Grubb made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Eric Beckett. Voice vote; all “aye’s”, meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT