

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of Philo
October 8, 2025

GUESTS: Kevin Chalmers, Chad Osterbur, Marc Miller, Jim & Kathy Forrest, Steve Sappenfield, Karl Helmink, Janet Decker and Dave Traxler.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES: Trustee Tim Grubb made a motion, seconded by Trustee Eric Beckett, to approve the minutes of September 10, 2025. Voice vote, all "aye's", motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Eric Beckett to approve the bills as presented, including the three (3) additions noted by the clerk. Roll call vote, "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Happ, Beckett & Grubb, motion passed unanimously.

STEVE SAPPENFIELD: Presented an accounting of the Philo 150th Celebration. Steve commented the profit was approximately \$16,791.00. There is also still over \$11,000 in the savings account. It was noted the kids' activities were ran by volunteers on Friday and by the company on Saturday.

The organization needs to make sure both accounts are established in the newly formed Philo Celebrations Corporation rather than Philo Area Centennial to avoid any issues with liquor and gaming licenses in the future. It is established as a not for profit and filings are required to keep the organization active.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Chad Osterbur reported the bids were opened yesterday for the Franks Center Sewage Disposal project (see attached Bid Opening Tabulation Summary). Ezell Excavating, Inc. was the lowest bid. Since it was substantially lower, Chad asked them to double check their numbers. He sees no reason not to award bid to them. Trustee Grubb noted the price/bid sometimes depends on if they want work. Trustee Kelley asked about the perk test. It did pass. Trustee Kelley noted he looked Ezell up on website and they are licensed to do this type of work. Trustee Happ added Ezell has done work for the City of Champaign. Both Chad and President Franks think adding a second pump and a traffic lid to the project would be a good idea. Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tim Grubb, to approve the notice of award for Ezell Excavating, Inc for \$27,000.00 as presented and authorizes the Village President to spend up to an additional \$10,000.00 for use on upgrades to the pump and lid. Roll call vote, "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Happ, Beckett & Grubb, motion passed unanimously.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Marc indicated he will be putting together the tax levy for the Village and will present at the next meeting.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: The bean field is out so that drainage project will begin. The trees have been planted near the sledding hill. Trustee Kelley noted he helped with clean-up day and said it is well run. Trustee Happ commented the speed signs were moved to Madison and greatly improved traffic issues; residents expressed their appreciation. Trustee Beckett asked if tree trimming had started yet.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Kevin noted the tractor bill. David Traxler said the brakes went out and labor expensive. David said the door on the John Deere tractor fell off and broke and he anticipates about \$1,700.00 to fix.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing

NEW BUSINESS: Request for donation for Santa Breakfast. Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Eric Beckett, to donate \$200.00 to the Santa Breakfast sponsored by Philo Exchange Bank. Roll call vote, "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Happ, Beckett & Grubb, motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Grubb-Nothing

Trustee Beckett-Nothing

Clerk Kirby-CIMOA meeting is October 16th at TM Horse Haven hosted by Village of Tolono

Trustee Happ-Trunk or Treat will be in empty lot to east of St. Thomas school. Janet Decker said they will notify neighbors.

Trustee Messman-Absent

Trustee Kelley-Nothing

President Franks: Trick or Treat Hours are 6-8 p.m. October 31, 2025

No Burn notice

Karl Helmink-Zoning received request for 32' driveway for new home being constructed in South Pointe. The current maximum width is 24'.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tim Grubb, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote, all "aye's", meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT