

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

GUESTS: Roger Quinn, Pat Pioletti, Chris Payne, Chad Osterbur, Marc Miller, Nicole Miller, Jim & Kathy Forrest, Janet Decker and Dave Traxler.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES: Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman to approve the minutes of October 8, 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 & Grubb. Motion passed unanimously.

ZONING BOARD: President Franks introduced Roger Quinn and Pat Pioletti and asked the Board to approve his selection. Trustee Tom Kelley made a motion, seconded by Trustee Eric Beckett, to appoint Roger Quinn and Pat Pioletti to the Zoning Board committee. Roll call vote, “aye’s” Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Beckett & Grubb. Motion passed unanimously.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Chad Osterbur reported we have permits from Public Health, materials have been ordered and that he will follow up regarding the start date for the septic issue at the REPMC. Chad also stated confirmation for the need of a second pump.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Marc Miller reviewed what the tax levy is and how real estate taxes are determined. Marc noted the 2.9% increase from last year. A motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-670, Tax Levy Ordinance for the Year 2025-2026 was made by Trustee David Happ and seconded by Trustee Steve Messman. Roll call vote, “aye’s” Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Beckett & Grubb. Motion passed unanimously.

President Franks informed the Board of an email received from Leslie Kirby, a Park Association member. They are requesting clarity if their association falls under Village’s umbrella. She had questions regarding the structure of their association, its exempt status and insurance. They want to have official votes, minutes and bylaws. Attorney Miller noted larger communities have a Park District whereas smaller ones have a loose agreement with the entity and Open Meeting Act does not apply. Our understanding is they receive money from sign-ups and concession stands along with an annual donation from the Village. The Village’s insurance includes insurance on our parks. It was suggested that we invite Leslie or other representative(s) from the current park association to discuss the topic. We agree clarity is needed; however, we are not certain how their organization currently operates.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: Dave reported he has road salt and that sidewalk salt is coming. Trustee Kelley asked about Willow Run subdivision work. Dave said it has started. They lowered a culvert that was raised up going to the north. It was bubbling up and now will run behind houses as there was no tile to hook up to. White rock was removed.

President Franks congratulated Dave on being selected as the Grand Marshal for the Christmas Parade.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Kevin's October treasurer reports were reviewed with no questions. He was not in attendance as he was at the Champaign County Board meeting in regard to a grant for the fire department.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing

NEW BUSINESS: President Franks brought up Janet's suggestion to name the hill and detention park area for John Mumma who was a board member, friend and longtime resident. A motion by Trustee Kelley, seconded by Trustee Beckett was made to appoint them to research options for signage. Roll call vote, "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Beckett & Grubb. Motion passed unanimously. They will bring their suggestions to the January meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Grubb-Nothing

Trustee Beckett-Nothing

Clerk Kirby-Nothing

Trustee Happ-Still looking for the tree. He has two fall back options, but neither measure up to prior trees. Chris Payne suggested David contact Chuck Sollers.

Trustee Kelley-Reported Trunk or Treat was a success. He noted the fire department was there, they used barricades and they followed our suggestions.

President Franks-Indicated he was approached by person that has a business that vacuums up leaves. Leaves have to be at curb and cost is \$25.00. Person wanted to know if Village might be interested to offer to residents and be able to dump at our burn pile. Board feels business can approach residents himself, not have it be an offering by the Village. Clerk Kirby suggested the Village contract him as downtown businesses fight the leaves all winter and might help to keep storm drains free of debris. President Franks will talk to Cain Sappenfield.

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

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT