

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of Philo
January 14, 2026

GUESTS: Chris Payne, Karl Helmink, Roger Quinn, Pat Pioletti, Chad Osterbur, Marc Miller, Janet Decker, Dave Traxler, Kevin Chalmers, Cain Sappenfield, Steve Sappenfield, Jim & Kathy Forrest, Janet Schiro, Jean Cothron & Father Walder.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC HEARING: The annexation of Cain & Steve Sappenfield piece of property within the 1.5 mile of Philo and the change to Industrial classification was discussed. They Planning to put up a 48 x 64 shed and office. There were no questions and it was the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the request. Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman, to approve Ordinance No. 2026-671 "An Ordinance Rezoning from AG to Industrial and Annexing Approximately 0.86 Acres of Land Located on Monroe Street to the Village of Philo. Roll call vote, "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Beckett, Grubb. Motion passed unanimously.

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Trustee Tim Grubb made a motion, seconded by Trustee Eric Beckett, to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote, "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Beckett, Grubb. Motion passed unanimously. Chad Osterbur noted payment to Ezell was 90% with 10% withheld for contingency. Trustee Kelley asked if working well and President Franks replied "Yes, no problems".

ST THOMAS: Jean Cothron presented St. Thomas' request for new a new fence on the northwest side of the school. It would be a 6' chain link fence extending to the sidewalk. Trustee Happ commented, with confirmation from Chad, that front yard ordinance is 3 ½ feet so a variance would be required. President Franks explained the process to apply for a variance by starting with the Planning Commission, a public hearing and then a meeting with the Planning Commission. It may possibly be acted on at the March meeting of the Board of Trustees. Father asked next thing for them to do. They would apply for a fence permit, the building inspector will deny and then they apply for a variance.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Chad Osterbur presented the supplemental amount for MFT of \$5,832.00. Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tom Kelley to pass Resolution 2026-R-1 for MFT maintenance this 14th day of January, 2026, for the Year 2025. Roll call vote, "aye's" Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, Beckett, Grubb. Motion passed unanimously.

President Franks requested the Sidewalk and Streets & Alley committees meet. The meeting will be Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 7:00 a.m. in the mayor's office. They hope to determine if oil and chip or steel slag will be used. Dave Traxler to draw up ideas and Chad will provide information for the Washington Street sidewalk project.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Marc Miller stated his agenda item was already presented and approved.

President Franks said no one from the Philo Park Association could come to this meeting. He asked David Traxler to prepare a list of what the Village does for that group and Marc Miller will prepare an outline.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: Dave reported the parts are in and they are doing the tear out and fixing the John Deere tractor. One snow plow is being worked on, it got twisted. Street signs at Lincoln and VanBuren need fixed. The one at Harrison and VanBuren is fixed already. Trustee Happ asked why speed signs aren't working. David said they removed batteries because of the cold weather.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Kevin said reports are in packet and everything in order. He also noted income was up from last year about \$37,000.00 and expenses down about \$95,000.00.

OLD BUSINESS: The CCES donation was discussed. Attorney Miller commented that the board could approve a pledge amount and cut a check or make payments over three (3) years. They Planning to construct a transfer facility with regular hours of operation on a North Lincoln property in Urbana. Three fourths of the money was pledged by Champaign-Urbana. Once built it would be sustained by fees collected on sales of paint, etc. Facility is regional, not just Champaign-Urbana. Trustee Grubb had asked Susan Monte who supports operations after built but he didn't feel good about her response. Trustee Kelley asked what kind of waste and board stated household hazardous waste. Trustee Beckett asked why burden on Village, not State. Trustee Messman asked if we don't donate can we still take (to their facility). President Franks requested Janet contact Susan Monte and invite her to our February meeting.

Tom Kelley and Eric Beckett updated the board on their ideas regarding naming the sledding hill in memory of Trustee John Mumma and a sign. Tom talked to John's daughter Misty Nelson about a large rock that he saw on their farm. He hinted to her about the Village's Planning and Misty and family are on board with it. A plaque with info to be determined would be mounted on the rock. Eric provided information about a manufactured smaller rock to be marked in memory of Trustee Paul Brady and placed by the tree planted in front of the REFMC north entrance. Janet Decker commented that nothing has been done for Trustee Jean McCormick. President Franks said he will talk with her daughter Kathleen for an idea. To be continued.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Grubb - Nothing

Trustee Beckett - Nothing

Clerk Kirby - Audit for Year 2024-25 is completed and Larry, Kevin and I are meeting with Matthew on Friday at 1:00.

Trustee Happ - Thanked David Traxler for help with the Christmas tree.

Trustee Messman - Nothing

Trustee Kelley - Tom shared an email he received from Kale Wallace who is a Philo resident and State Police officer with concerns of traffic issues. He would like to see stop signs near St. Thomas school.

Trustee Beckett suggested there be a four-way stop at Garfield and Jefferson rather than changing sign on Garfield from yield to stop. Trustee Happ indicated he would like to take a look at the two intersections mentioned. President Franks requested all trustees take a look and give their opinions at our next meeting.

President Franks - Nothing

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 7:56 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT