

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of Philo
April 8, 2026

GUESTS: Leslie Kirby, Michael Murphy, Sam Herriot, Dave Traxler, Kevin Chalmers, Jim & Kathy Forrest, Nicole Miller, Jean Cothron, Father Keith Walder, Karl Helmink, Chris Payne, Marc Miller and Chad Osterbur. Janet Decker recording minutes for Judy Kirby.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES: Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tim Grubb to approve the minutes of March 11, 2026. 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, including noted additions. Roll call vote, “aye’s” Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, and Grubb. Motion passed unanimously.

ST. THOMAS FENCE VARIANCE: A Public Hearing was held prior to the start of the April 8, 2026 monthly board meeting regarding the requested fence variance by St. Thomas Catholic School. No questions were asked of the board members at the monthly board meeting and the Planning Commission recommended the approval of the variance for St. Thomas. A motion was made by Trustee Craig Kirby, seconded by Trustee Steve Messman to adopt Ordinance 2026-673 ORDINANCE APPROVING VARIANCE FOR FENCE CONSTRUCTION AT 311 E. MADISON STREET, PHILO, IL COMMONLY KNOWN AS ST. THOMAS SCHOOL. Roll call vote, “aye’s” Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, and Grubb. Motion passed unanimously.

BALL PARK ASSOCIATION: Current members of the Ball Park Association were in attendance to discuss and finalize the creation of the Village of Philo Park Commission. They requested clarification on the years of terms as listed in the proposed ordinance. All other information was clear and they were ready to accept the ordinance if approved by the Board of Trustees. Trustee Steve Messman made a motion, seconded by David Happ to adopt Ordinance number 2026-674 AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE VILLAGE OF PHILO PARK COMMISSION. Roll call vote, “aye’s” Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ and Grubb. Motion passed unanimously. Commission members will be appointed at the May 13, 2026 monthly meeting.

Dave Traxler to help install new scoreboard at Hazen Park.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: MFT bid was presented in the Amount of \$37,768.00 which was slightly higher than Chad’s earlier estimate of \$35,768.00. Chad indicated there was an increase due to paint for the pavement markings. Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tim Grubb to accept the bid from Evergreen Roadworks, LLC in the amount of \$37,768.00. Roll call vote, “aye’s” Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ, and Grubb. Motion passed unanimously.

Larry Franks asked for a meeting of the Streets, Alleys & Sidewalks committee to discuss the Washington Street sidewalk project. The committee will meet on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 8:30am in the mayor’s office. Deputy Clerk Decker will post the notice.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: A Resolution supporting the proposed moratorium on the development of large-scale data centers proposed by Champaign County Zoning Board was presented. Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Craig Kirby to pass Resolution 2026-R2. Roll call vote, “aye’s” Trustees Kelley, Messman, Happ and Grubb. Motion passed unanimously.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: Dave Traxler was waiting to hear back from Joey White regarding leaks and repairs. Tim Grubb has spoke with Joey and clarified the bids that were previously presented. Kevin said there is money, but since we are coming up on end of the year it should be revisited. Larry agreed there are funds to cover.

Dave has names for asbestos removal after getting verification that the hallway floor under the tile does have asbestos.

Drainage at 709 S. Garfield was discussed. An emergency vote was taken to approve the rerouting of tile. The Board will approve the bill at the May 13, 2026 meeting. Issue: tile was cut when installing fiber optic. Also discovered are tree roots growing through the tile. Resident claims this broken tile is causing excessive electric bills due to secondary sump pump constantly running.

Craig Kirby asked Dave about cleaning out culverts. Dave clarified that keeping culverts clear is the homeowner’s responsibility unless damaged by the village during brush pick up or snow removal.

VILLAGE TREASURER: Kevin indicated all reports are good. Aqua bills can be moved to auto pay.

OLD BUSINESS: Gaither property – some progress has been made, but they are not picking up certified letters being sent. Craig Kirby also had a personal conversation with him offering help. Larry said another 15 days will be given to show improvement then will move forward with court action.

Tom Kelley presented bids he had received through Eric Beckett for the brick walkway repairs. After review and discussion, it was decided that Tom would follow up to verify the proposal and possibly get on their schedule. He will bring the information to the May 13, 2026 meeting. David Happ made a motion, seconded by Steve Messman to approve the proposal from Interlaken Ventures, LLC in the amount of \$5,000 not to exceed \$5,100.

Hugs & Bugs flooring replacement was tabled. Janet has not received any additional request or information.

NEW BUSINESS: No New Business

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Trustee Kirby-Nothing

Trustee Grubb-Nothing

Trustee Beckett-Nothing

Clerk Kirby-Absent

Deputy Clerk Decker – Reminded everyone that SEI's are due May 1. Offered to scan and email to the County Clerk if completed at the meeting tonight.

Trustee Happ-Nothing

Trustee Messman-Nothing

Trustee Kelley-Thank you for the flowers for his father's funeral.

President Franks-Received email from resident on the north side of the corner at Washington & Cleveland wanting to know if there was anything that the village can do to protect them from vehicles that miss the curve and run into their parked vehicles and property. They already have boulders up.

Trustees discussed options and decided to install a directional sign like the one seen when driving east on Washington Street to turn right onto Cleveland. Agreement was unanimous.

Forrest's mentioned repair of the sidewalk in front of their house. Larry reiterated that any work done to that sidewalk by the village would result in replacement with cement sidewalk not brick.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee David Happ made a motion, seconded by Trustee Craig Kirby to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote, all "aye's" meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT