

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS
December 2, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Eckert at 7:08 p.m. at the R.E. Franks Meeting Center in the Eileen Painter room.

ROLL CALL: Present-Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, and Asklund. Absent Trustee Tarter. Note: Trustee Miller's seat is vacated.

GUESTS: Christine Walsh, Susan Helmink, Dave Traxler, Herschel Hammerschmidt, Dave Laker, Barb Socha, Dave Phillippe and Bob Rice.

MINUTES: Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee John Mumma, to approve the meeting minutes of November 18, 2009. Voice vote; all "ayes," motion carried unanimously.

BILLS: Trustee Neal Asklund made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Sappenfield, to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote; "ayes" Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously.

DAVE LAKER: Reserved the right to comment.

DAVE PHILLIPPE: Dave reported that he, Trustee Mumma and Dave Traxler took a look at the tile problem at Washington and Hayes Streets. The tile is blocked with roots under Washington Street. A bid from Stewart & Stewart was reviewed. Dave Traxler stated the check valve did work. A 4" cutter was used on the clay tile that is full of roots. John believes DJ's work will be an effort, a "quick fix," until the other project can be completed. Guest Dave Laker asked for clarification that this work would be beneficial either way. Trustee Neal Asklund made a motion, seconded by Trustee John Mumma, to approve the bid of \$3,970.00 to Stewart & Stewart for tile work. Roll call vote; "ayes" Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously.

Another tile problem on Cleveland was discussed. Dave believes CILCO hit a 4" tile some time ago, and he has been pumping off water for a couple of days. Trustee Franks likes the idea of the project, but cautioned the Village should put this project out for bid. Dave Traxler will document the problem area. Trustee Asklund recalled someone had done some directional boring in that area. Since the area is on private property the homeowner will be notified. If we can't get camera, Dave Traxler will dig a pot hole to investigate. The Board also asked Dave to look at the standing water situation at Garfield and VanBuren.

President Eckert noted that the Sanitary Sewer Facilities Plan will be reviewed in January. Trustee Mumma enlightened the board about Sidney's situation. They are waiting on a referendum and looking into how they are going to pay for it (the study). It is rumored that another stimulus plan may come, with a 30-year pay back option.

DAVE TRAXLER: Dave said there were 4 loads of brush picked up and they are done until April 1st, with the exception of Christmas tree pick-up on January 15th. The pipe on Cleveland is not cut yet. The holiday decorations are up and new tree lights were purchased. Cold patch was put done on Eisenhower.

OLD BUSINESS: Susan stated Scott Yeazel, from Bundy Business Machines, informed her they are testing a new type of router and will contact her after their research is complete.

Trustee Franks has not had an opportunity to contact the school yet about the bus route.

The Opinion of Value should be ready by the next board meeting. The building has been measured and pictures taken.

President Eckert will check with Paul and confirm information about the vacant BOT seat. Craig hopes to fill the vacancy by the February meeting. He will bring his suggested appointment to the Board for approval.

The Grand Prairie (Premier Cooperative) board's reply was received and President Eckert suggested executive session if the Board chose to discuss it further, take place after the other regular business.

TAX LEVY: Trustee Sappenfield made a motion, seconded by Trustee Neal Asklund, to pass Ordinance 2009-559 in the amount of \$81,000. Roll call vote; "ayes" Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield and Asklund. Motion passed 4-0.

BOB RICE: Bob submitted his treasurer's report, noting it was a routine report. He added that his report was a little distorted because Hugs & Bugs' deposit was deposited after his report and that no income tax check was received by the Village. Susan Helmink clarified that the daycare was not delinquent on their rent; it was just the timing of her deposit.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk Kirby will prepare the Meeting Date Ordinance for 2010 for the December 16th meeting. The Board will meet only once a month, the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

President Eckert noted that Trustee Tarter expressed an interest to be on the Liquor Committee. The new ordinance calls for two Philo residents and one Board member to serve on the committee. Craig hopes to fill these by February.

The Keeler lease was reviewed and the Board was okay with the lease that will start January 1, 2010. President Eckert will contact Keelers, Paul Hendren and copy Susan Helmink.

Susan presented her monthly report for the Franks Meeting Center. She reported the Franks Center is strong on events right now and the money should start flowing in soon. Aramark has picked up their rugs and the Village is now using rugs that we purchased earlier

The Friends of Santa donation was discussed. Trustee Mumma made a motion, seconded by Trustee Franks, to authorize a check to Kim Henning for \$250 to purchase gifts for children for the Friends of Santa organization. Roll call vote; “ayes” Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave reported the boiler is operational and everything okay.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Neal-nothing; Judy-nothing; Craig-reminded everyone of the Village Holiday Dinner; Susan-recalled the time change for this meeting, 6:30 instead of 7:00 p.m.; Steve-nothing; Larry-nothing & John-nothing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mumma, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the possible acquisition of real estate. Roll call vote; “ayes” Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: All Trustees that answered the roll, Village President & Clerk are still present.

ESDA SIREN: Trustee Sappenfield reported that two sirens are not working, one in Shipley Estates and the other at Hale Park. We have the option to upgrade to a narrow band now or spend \$1,000.00 to fix the two sirens that are not operating. The Board considers this an emergency public safety situation. Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee John Mumma, to authorize Griffin Tower to fix the two sirens at a cost of \$1,000.00. Roll call vote; “ayes” Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee L.R. Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee John Mumma, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote; all “ayes.”

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT