

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS
November 18, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Eckert at 7:02 p.m. at the R.E. Franks Meeting Center in the Eileen Painter room.

ROLL CALL: Present-Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Tarter and Asklund. Absent Trustee Miller.

GUESTS: See the attached list of guests present. Attorney Paul Hendren is also present.

MINUTES: Trustee Alta Tarter made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Sappenfield, to approve the meeting minutes of November 4, 2009. Voice vote; all "ayes," motion carried unanimously.

BILLS: Trustee Larry Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Alta Tarter, to pay the \$500.00 MFT bill that was not included at the November 4th meeting. Roll call vote; "ayes" Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Tarter and Asklund. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee John Mumma, to pay \$3,000.00 of the \$7,000.00 bill from Dale Shipley for the concession/bathroom septic system at Hale Park. Roll call vote; "ayes" Trustees Mumma, Franks, Tarter and Asklund. Trustee Sappenfield abstained. Motion passed 4-0 with one abstention. The Park Association will pay the balance. Steve Sappenfield also presented the Trustees with a break-down of the bills for the project and the loan balance. The loan was extended to February and the Village will pay the \$24,500.00 that was approved for the project then.

JAMIE KLEISS: Jamie spoke to the Board, saying she has been a resident for about two years and is unhappy with leaf burning. She feels the policy doesn't work and suggested leaf pick-up or mowing the leaves for compost. Jamie stated those with asthma or COPD are bothered by the burning the most and the smell from the smoke doesn't allow residents to open their windows during nice fall weather. She would like the Village to change their ordinance and either not allow burning or limit when leaves may be burned. President Eckert asked if anyone had questions or comments and thanked Jamie for her time and comments. Trustee Tarter noted this topic has been brought up before and the only way to stop it is to ban it. Certain days don't work, because of the weather. President Eckert recalled Paul Hendren's comments that Homer had a similar problem and it was one of the most divisive topics every discussed. Trustee Mumma commented that he gets aggravated that residents dump their leaves and yard waste in the ditches or his farm ground. Trustee Tarter suggested that the existing ordinance needs to be reviewed.

DAVE PHILLIPPE: Mr. Phillippe stated there was nothing new to report on the Facilities Plan Study. President Eckert will defer to the Trustees on his offer to create a survey for the proposed sanitary sewer project. The issue has re-risen in Sidney.

President Eckert will prepare a statement for the next newsletter in regard to Leo Clennon's request for clarification about ownership from the middle of the street to the sidewalk.

Dave notified the Board that he will prepare an updated map of the Village, due in part by preparations for the Census.

PAUL HENDREN: Paul pointed out the areas of the Liquor Ordinance that still need to be reviewed and decisions made by the Trustees. While the meeting continues he will write an Exhibit A to be attached to the ordinance, prior to a motion for the liquor ordinance. The issue of gambling machines and the State of Illinois changes were discussed. The Board requested President Eckert direct Attorney Hendren to research and find out how the Village gets a share of the profits from gambling machines.

Paul presented the Tax Levy he prepared for the Trustees to review, indicating it is exactly like last year. The Tax Levy must be passed in December. President Eckert noted it should be on our December 2nd agenda.

DAVE TRAXLER: There were 5 or 6 loads of brush picked up. The pipe on Cleveland Street is still there. Since it is on Village property, the Trustees told him to cut it off and cap it. The trees will be planted by Wandell's when weather allows. Two of the trees are for homeowners and the rest are for the parks. Dave explained that residents normally receive a tree to replace one that is lost or damaged from storms or disease.

The glass in the ticket booth at the Melohn Gym was removed because the hole in it was not large enough to be able to hear patrons. The replacement glass will be saved for possible installation at a later date.

Trustee Franks received a call from Kathy Stacey in regard to a drainage problem in her backyard. L.R. explained to her that the Village is working feverishly on the project. In the meantime, Dave Traxler has been pumping off water to a catch basin. Trustee Mumma wondered if the Village should invest in a 2-inch gas transfer pump and some additional hose. Dave reported that the check valve worked for the Forrests, the problem is that everything is saturated. Trustee Franks reminded Dave to keep the leaves out of the basins.

Dave will put down some cold patch on Eisenhower Street where Shroyer's drainage work was done.

The snow equipment is ready for the season.

ROBERT RICE: Bob presented his monthly report and there were no questions for him.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bundy Business Systems: We will table this until their summary of the problem (existing password cannot be changed) and options are received.

Volo: President Eckert drafted and sent a letter of support for Volo.

Sheriff Walsh: President Eckert will wait to contact Dan Walsh in regard to residents not stopping at stop signs near a school pick-up location, until Trustee Franks reports to him. The Village would like to have the school better coordinate the bus stops and Larry volunteered to talk to the school.

NEW BUSINESS: No issues or comments from the Trustees or Clerks.

President Eckert stated he received a letter from Trustee Miller on October 7th. He read the letter of resignation from the Village Board of Trustees from Susan Miller. Craig regretfully accepted her resignation. President Eckert will notify news reporter Christine Walsh of the vacancy and will also determine from Paul Hendren how long the seat may be vacant. The vacancy would be filled by appointment until the next consolidated election. Residents may contact any Village official to express their desire to be a Trustee. The Village President may then announce who he would like to appoint and ask the Trustees to confirm.

RECESS: Trustee John Mumma made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Sappenfield, to take a 5-10 minute recess. Voice vote; all “ayes,” motion passed unanimously. The recess started at 8:20 and reconvened after 10 minutes with all Trustees that answered the roll present, as well as President Eckert, Clerk Kirby, Dave Phillippe and Paul Hendren.

LIQUOR ORDINANCE: Paul asked the Trustees to review Exhibit A, the Hours of Operation attachment for the Liquor Control Ordinance No. 2009-558. Trustee Steve Sappenfield made a motion, seconded by Trustee John Mumma, to pass Ordinance No. 2009-558, Liquor Control and Licensing Ordinance for the Village of Philo, IL as presented with Exhibit A. Roll call vote; “ayes,” Trustees Mumma, Franks, Sappenfield, Tarter and Asklund. Motion passed 5-0.

President Eckert commented that he appreciated the amount of input in regard to the ordinance. He felt people were courteous and respectful adding that while Tom & Chris Payne were not in favor of a new bar in town, they were able to express their desire to “do it right.” Craig also appreciated the hard work of the Board and Bob Daly’s patience to be given the “right to fail” and stated publicly he hoped R.J. will run his business as he presented himself at the meetings. Bob Daly responded that it has been a long time, struggled to meet his goal and wanted to verbally apply for a liquor license. He presented Craig, Village Liquor Commissioner, with a check for half of the license fee and stated he will bring in the paperwork for a Class B License.

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

VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE PRESIDENT