

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS

November 10, 2010

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 Sappenfield, Pioletti and Tarter. Absent-Trustees Mumma and Franks.

GUESTS: See attached guest list.

MINUTES: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steve Sappenfield, to approve the meeting minutes of October 13, 2010. Voice vote; all “ayes,” motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT: Trustee Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tarter, to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote; “ayes” Trustees Sappenfield, Pioletti, Tarter and President Eckert. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT: President Eckert informed the Board of his selection of Paul Brady to fill the vacant Trustee seat from Nov. 10, 2010 to May of 2011. Trustee Tarter made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pioletti to advise and consent to the appointment of Paul Brady as Trustee. Roll call vote; “ayes” Trustees Sappenfield, Pioletti and Tarter. Motion passed unanimously. Clerk Kirby conducted the Oath of Office and Mr. Brady to his seat on the Board.

LISTED GUESTS: Dave Laker, nothing at this time, but reserves the right to speak later. Stephanie Joos, not able to attend tonight, but will be invited to the January 2011 meeting.

Dinesh Chawla: Paul Hendren explained he has engaged in emails with Dinesh about the liquor license and explained what the ordinance required, including the application, dram shop insurance and \$250.00 payment from him or the corporation. The last step is clearance through the Illinois State Police (ISP), but clarification is needed on some of the documents. Mr. Chawla indicated the formal closing is to be November 15th. Paul would like to review documents provided with Dinesh while the meeting continues.

VILLAGE ENGINEER: Since there were no pressing issues for Dave Phillippe, he is not present tonight. President Eckert stated Mr. Phillippe has been trying to speak with Larry Johnson in regard to the feasibility of a joint venture in a sanitary sewer system and long range planning and hopes by the December meeting Dave P. will have a review of the information exchanged. Craig noted Tolono has a lot of pressing issues right now. President Eckert asked if anyone had any concerns he should convey to the Village Engineer and there were none.

PHILO FALL FESTIVAL: The chair of the committee, Jamie Chandler, reported that the event was a success besides the rain on Saturday night. She said they have the funds to do another festival. They had good support from the Village, but commented that Monday’s meeting only

brought one email and two people at the meeting to discuss the last festival. The committee is struggling to answer the question of whether it is worth doing again (i.e., putting on the Philo Fall Festival). They plan to think about it until January and then decide.

President Eckert noted that the questionnaire being sent to all residents will ask questions such as: Should this be an annual event? Did you volunteer? Why or why not? Jamie stated the problem is getting people to volunteer since most of the issues are already ironed out. Trustee Tarter said people gave Dustin Reifsteck so much grief about the bands that were selected that he had to leave the tavern during dinner. He doesn't plan to help next year. Members of the committee that have been criticized have asked those people to join their group and help with the planning. President Eckert is respectful of the committee and thankful for their hard work. He would like to meet with Jamie over coffee and bounce some ideas around.

DAVE TRAXLER: Dave is still looking into the sewer smell at the catch basin just outside the Philo Tavern's north entrance.

Bryant of BT Trucking gave Dave T. a proposal of a one year contract of \$7,000 per year with a down payment of \$2,500 to pick up brush. It would not have to be sorted and would end up in Vermilion County. Trustee Pioletti stated while it is good to save money, he would want to be sure the brush is disposed of properly. Trustee Brady felt it was worth looking into, but should be done correctly. Dave T. said he knows Homer uses this service and Sidney has been looking into it as well. President Eckert said when Trustee Tarter brought this up, he was concerned and suggested Darwin Fields at EPA be contacted. Craig added that Gene Christian used to take care of the brush and we were not sure where it went. Dave T. reminded the Board that the last brush pickup is in December and would resume in May. Attorney Hendren stated any contract should be in accordance with applicable laws of disposal.

The heaters for the Franks Center are not in yet. The condensation pumps were changed on the boiler. Some bolts were broke off, but they will be replaced. Hugs & Bugs are okay in regard to heat since there has been good weather.

ATTORNEY HENDREN: Paul stated he went over the material and timetable with Mr. Chawla as well as the dram shop requirement. Mr. Hendren will brief President Eckert and if the Liquor Commissioner is satisfied, he could issue license before the store's opening.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Animal Control contract will be discussed at the January 2011 meeting.

The door chimes have been installed on the north and west doors at the REFMC at Hugs & Bugs expense.

Ryan and Mitch Keeler (Fuzzy Bikes) will not be renewing their lease to rent the Village building at 120 W. Washington. They will vacate the building by November 15th. For the time

being, notices will be posted at the post office and businesses in town publicizing the availability of the building. Ads will be run later if there is no interest from the posted notice. In the interim, the building can be rented "by event."

Thank you letters were sent to Rod Schweighart and Bob Daly for the "clean-up" of several residences.

PAUL HENDREN: Mr. Hendren reported on the sale of the lot and alley vacation. The Board has completed all its requirements; he has the title and all the relevant information was sent to the Village and Rod Schweighart. President Eckert and Clerk Kirby will sign the deed later after this meeting.

Keeler property can be discussed at open meeting or executive session. President Eckert preferred to have it be discussed in executive session but will defer to the Board.

Mr. Hendren feels there should not be any issues with the possible vegetable stand as it is presented.

TAX LEVY: Members of the Board discussed their options in regard to the levy and listened to Paul's explanation of tax caps. Trustee Sappenfield made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tarter, to increase the tax levy, adding \$1,000 to the Audit Fund and \$1,150 to the Police Fund. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Sappenfield, Pioletti, Tarter and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Susan Helmink presented her REFMC report.

Dinish Chawla: Discussed earlier.

Friends of Santa: Kim Henning called Clerk Kirby to request the Board consideration making a donation to Friends of Santa. This group purchases gifts for needy children in the area, including families in Philo. Trustee Sappenfield made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tarter, to make the same donation as last year. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Sappenfield, Pioletti, Tarter and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

Paul Brady: Just a reminder to plan ahead for the Emerald Ash Borer and that the Village has approximately 25 trees that may be affected.

Alta Tarter: Nothing

Pat Pioletti: Nothing

Judy Kirby: Nothing

Craig Eckert: Nothing

Steve Sappenfield: Made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel and the possible acquisition of specific property. Roll call vote; “aye’s” Trustees Sappenfield, Pioletti, Tarter and Brady. Motion carried unanimously.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSIION: The following people are in attendance: Paul Hendren, Susan Helmink, Clerk Kirby, President Eckert and Trustees Sappenfield, Pioletti, Tarter and Brady.

Bob Rice tendered his resignation on November 9th and Paul Hendren stated no action to accept. Trustee Pioletti asked about the normal personnel procedure and Mr. Hendren indicated it would be determined by President Eckert, since this is an appointed position.

Craig stated his first consideration would be to determine a way to honor Bob for his years of service and then to select a person that is knowledgeable and able to work with Judy, Stan Feller and Paul Hendren. Trustee Tarter asked if they should bring names or ideas to President Eckert. Requirements of the position will be determined. Paul Hendren will be going to see Bob tomorrow or Friday. Trustee Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tarter, to authorize the Village Clerk to make deposits and conduct routine banking transactions due to Mr. Rice’s resignation.

BUILDING SUPERVISOR: Trustee Sappenfield made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pioletti, to eliminate the position of Building Supervisor effective January 1, 2011. Roll call vote; “aye’s” Trustees Sappenfield, Pioletti, Tarter and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Sappenfield made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tarter, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote; all “aye’s” motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



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VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Guests 11/10/10

Please print or write clearly

Swam D. Lakey

David Baker

Christine Woodh

Samie Chandler

Herschel Hammerschmidt

Jeckie Bradley

Barbara Socha

Amesh Chowla

DAVID TRAXLER

Bill BOLOER

Leo J. Lennon

Susan Helmink