

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF PHILO, ILLINOIS  
March 9, 2011

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 Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Tarter and Brady. Absent-Trustee Mumma.

GUESTS: Stephanie Joos, Paul Hendren, Dave Phillippe, Herschel Hammerschmidt, Rod Schweighart, Dave Traxler, Barb Socha, Leo Clennon, Christine Walsh and Rachel Garrett.

President Eckert asked for a moment of silence for the Village's former Treasurer Bob Rice, who passed away.

MINUTES: Trustee Pat Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Franks, to approve the meeting minutes of February 9, 2011. Voice vote; all "ayes," motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Trustee Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Franks, to approve the accounts payable as presented. Roll call vote; "aye's", Trustees Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Tarter and Brady. Motion carried unanimously.

STEPHANIE JOOS: Ms. Joos was present to discuss the Champaign County Animal Control agreement with the Village and answer any questions the Board might have. If a dog is RAL (running at large) the animal picked up and for 7 days, with the fee being \$10.00 per day. She stated they find if the animal is not claimed after 24 hours, they usually have them for the full 7 days. The number of held days has been changed to 5 days if no ID on the animal. If the animal bit someone it is a 10 day hold period. The pickup fee is \$35.00 plus \$10.00 per day. If it is a citation for an ordinance violation, they charge and we have to collect. If the animal has a microchip, tattoo or tags, they try to reach the owner by phone and then by mail. Trustee Tarter asked "What about if they don't have shots?" Stephanie stated they are impounded and they have to have shots and tags before they leave. The second offense the animal has to be neutered; all these fees are charged to the owner. The common problem is by the time animal control arrives the animal is not found or already home. She commented that some Village maintenance personnel handle these calls. Trustee Tarter also asked if residents can call to have animal control issue a citation. Trustee Pioletti stated they can respond to injured animals. Trustee Brady asked about animal cruelty and Ms. Joos indicated they can send a letter and if the animal is in the county they can impound. The rate is \$31.50 per hour, service 24/7. Available from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and then from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. an officer is "on call" for emergencies. Village Attorney Hendren asked for clarification of the Intergovernmental Agreement. The Village of Philo's agreement allows anyone to call. If there wasn't an agreement, they would only be allowed to investigate animal bites and vicious/dangerous dogs. Paul also asked if our contract was current or expired. Stephanie stated it renews automatically annually until they are notified of a change. Mr. Hendren also stated "You (animal control) can

issue a citation, only if the Village wants you to and if we prosecute.” Ms. Joos added with a written notice first. Trustee Tarter indicated we have repeat offenders. Trustee Franks suggested the Village write 2 or 3 times and then have a citation issued. He doesn’t feel any need to change our policy/ordinance and thinks we are getting “bang for our money.” Dave Traxler noted we are not having a great deal of violations.

Mr. Hendren asked if Ms. Joos had any suggestions for us and she stated she would suggest changing the holding period from 7 to 5 days. Paul noted that this would mean he would need to prepare a revised ordinance. Stephanie noted we currently contract for 2 hours each month at \$31.85 per hour and we are charged portal to portal.

DAVE LAKER: Absent at meeting.

DAVE PHILLIPPE: Dave P. indicated he was asked about the need for tuck pointing on the gym and presented the Board a proposal for architectural services, for “Scope of Work” by MSA. Trustee Franks said he was shocked at the figure, but felt the need to do this and continue to maintain the facility. Trustee Franks moved, seconded by Trustee Sappenfield, to accept the proposal by MSA for architectural services in the amount of \$3,900.00. Roll call vote; “aye’s” Trustees Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Tarter and Brady. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Phillippe indicated he received a report from IDOT from a survey regarding the speed limits on Route 130. They suggest a speed limit of 45 mph from Roosevelt to Van Buren and a 40 mph speed limit going north of Van Buren.

The streets and alley committee will meet sometime this month prior to the next Board meeting.

PAUL HENDREN: Mr. Hendren noted he hasn’t heard anything more in regard to the possible rental at 120 W. Washington. The Village has not heard any more from the person that expressed interest. President Eckert stated he will tell Susan Helmink to suggest a time frame to that interested party.

Paul and Craig had discussed St. Thomas’ need of a Class D liquor license for their “Trivia Night.” President Eckert prepared a letter and the representative from St. Thomas was going to drive it over to Springfield. A license will be prepared and signed for them as well.

The Village will continue their “wait and see” attitude in regard to a Comcast franchise agreement.

DAVE TRAXLER: Dave reported it has been too wet and muddy for D. J. Stewart to start the work at the burn site. Dave T. will price a gate. If the site isn’t ready by April 1<sup>st</sup>, he may have to haul brush to Urbana. Clerk Kirby noted she forwarded a price increase notice to Dave T., but he didn’t recall the exact amount of the increase. When Trustee Pioletti asked if there was a place to put the brush temporarily, Traxler replied “no.” In regard to the generator, Dave T. indicated he will take care of the maintenance on it, unless any problems are found. Three

Christmas decorations have been ordered and the bill should come in July. Trustee Brady asked about infected elm trees in the Village. Dave T. said he and Richard Krause looked at all of them and found the one at the library is in really bad shape. He also stated a crane will be needed for the tree at Jefferson and Adams. Dave will get estimates and the Board noted the additional expense should be appropriated for the Village's next fiscal year.

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Pioletti reported he completed the 21-page lighting grant application, the State of Illinois received it and he was told it "looked good". The project cost is \$6,272 with \$4,942 eligible for reimbursement from the State if the grant is approved. Trustee Pioletti suggested the Board consider a motion to commit to spend this money, should the grant be approved, because the Board doesn't meet again before the deadline. Trustee Pioletti made a motion, seconded by Trustee Franks, to commit to spending \$6,272 for the lighting project. Roll call vote; "aye's" Trustees Franks, Sappenfield, Pioletti, Tarter and Brady. Motion passed unanimously. Trustee Pioletti commented that this project will take care of the lighting issue in the gym and will also be a great overall savings for the Village.

Trustee Larry Franks felt we should hold off on ordering any chairs and tables, as well as bleacher covers. Trustee Sappenfield agrees, but appreciated the information provided by Susan.

President Eckert asked Christine Walsh to check to see if *The County Star* will be running a second ad that was approved by the Board. Craig said the survey is going very well, with about a 72-73% response rate. Some of the comments have been, no signature on form, question anonymity, number is on form, not anonymous, only confidential. President Eckert pointed out that the people entering information don't live in Philo and once in Excel, all surveys will be shredded. We would like to see 80% response and Clerk Kirby volunteered to have the bank run a notice on their sign asking residents to return their survey.

Treasurer Schweighart told the Board he and Don Rice have discussed scheduling a time for Rod to remove Village records from Bob's home.

NEW BUSINESS: In Susan's absence, President Eckert presented her R.E. Franks Meeting Center report. Trustee Sappenfield asked Dave Traxler to fix the broken bleacher in the gym. President Eckert reminded the Board that a date for the finance committee to meet and determine appropriations for the 2011-2012 fiscal year should be scheduled.

Trustee Tarter indicated the Philo Fall Festival committee decided to hold another festival, but it will be scaled down. They are awaiting information from the survey before setting a date. They want it to continue as a community, family event and be moved to the park (Hale Park).

MSCCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:

**Trustee Brady:** Nothing

**Trustee Tarter:** Nothing

**Trustee Pioletti:** Asked if there is an ordinance or procedure for abandoned cars. Trustee Sappenfield said there is, but it is a lengthy process. Trustee Franks said it has to be in our

parkway and we should get the VIN (vehicle identification number) and license plate number. Trustee Tarter added County Sheriff's Department will come down.

**Clerk Kirby:** Nothing

**Trustee Sappenfield:** Asked Clerk and Treasurer to check on amount of deposit for Road and Bridge. Steve also stated the railroad is close to set a closing date with Bob Daly. He also said the former Philo Country Store, now Philo Gas & Car Wash is now open.

**Trustee Franks:** Noted that Dave T. and crew did a good job with the snow removal.

**President Eckert:** Asked the Board to give serious thought about a memorial for Bob Rice to honor his memory. Craig also asked Judy to purchase a plant or some other fitting welcome for the Philo Gas & Car Wash business.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Trustee Franks made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pioletti, to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote; all "aye's," meeting adjourned.

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VILLAGE CLERK

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT