

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2006

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mayor Clarence Speed, Trustees Brian Johnson, Barbara Sagal, Joseph Krein, Douglas Cropper, Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons, Clerk/Treasurer Eilene Morris.

MOTION to approve minutes of the previous meeting made by Trustee Krein, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve the treasurer's report made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Krein. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #3, Water Abstract #3, Sewer Abstract #3, Library Abstract #3, T&A Abstract #3, Building Maintenance Abstract #3) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS: Mr. Davala noted that a street sign was needed for Block Street. The one that was there was stolen. (Clerk will notify Supt. Scheller)

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

Given by Clerk/Treasurer Eilene Morris. Reported that water turn-off letters were mailed today for those accounts still owing the April, 2006 water/sewer bill. A copy of the list was provided to each board member. Turn-off is scheduled for September 7, 2006 at noon. She also noted that the village office will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2006 in observance of Labor Day.

DPW/WATER/SEWER REPORTS

(Given by Trustee Johnson – Supt. Scheller absent). Copies are available in the village office for review.

LIBRARY REPORT

Given by Library Director Karen Garafalo. Copies are available in the village office for review.

MAIN ST COMMITTEE

(No Report)

MAYOR SPEED

Noted that he was on a week-long vacation. He attended the ribbon cutting at the Philmont Trader on Friday (8/11/06). He also worked with Supt. Scheller on determining what was necessary in truck repair. He read a letter from Sam Wright regarding Ellsworth Street properties. In the letter an extension for replacement of the structures (after intended demolition)

was requested. The attorney noted that was not within the Village Board's power and would have to be dealt with through the Zoning Board. At this time Marian Davala asked if a full time officer could be a possibility. She noted that the residents at Richardson's Hall would like to see a full time officer on the force. The Mayor noted that it was not likely an option due to the cost of a full time officer. However, if there is an emergency and our officers are not on duty, residents should call 911...if there is a situation which is not considered an immediate emergency then residents should call the Columbia County Sheriff's Department at 828-3344. If a resident just has a question or information for our local police department they can call 672-4000 and leave a message. (Clerk was asked to put this information in the newspaper). A complaint was also received from Ms. Meyers regarding concerns about recent break-ins.

TRUSTEE CROPPER

Proceeding with signs for Forest Lake. Rules have been completed and cards are ready. Also noted that he "welcomed" the firemen at the County Convention held in Philmont this year.

TRUSTEE SAGAL

(No Report)

TRUSTEE KREIN

Reported that he needs an electrical switch moved in the bathroom at the Community Center. Trustee Johnson agreed to meet him 8:00 AM tomorrow morning to move the switch.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON

Reported that he has been working with the men on the roof of the garage. He also noted that the DPW had damaged a wall on Summit Street while working on what they thought was a water break. He feels that the village must pay for repair of the wall. He also had the men take care of a complaint of a blocked ditch on Summit Street. He also reminded all that water and sewer line work will be starting on the 6 lots left in Phase One of Summit Heights. Sam Wright will be doing the work and Mike Scheller will be working with Sam on this project – on his own time – and wanted the board to know, when receiving calls on this, that this was the case.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS

(Requested an executive session to discuss lawsuits brought against employees by Henry Casivant).

CORRESPONDENCE LIST – COPIES AVAILABLE TO THE AUDIENCE

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

1. **MOTION** to pay the Penflex bill in the amount of \$1500.00 referencing the responders retirement benefits. Any future bills relating to this project will be motioned through the Village Board made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Krein. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

2. **MOTION** to pay \$1700 from the Building Maintenance Account (H7) for the balance of the cost of the Fire Exhaust System for the firehouse made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to accept the resignation of Beverly Ballargeon as Justice Court Clerk effective August 31, 2006 made by Trustee Krein, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to appoint Cindy L. Tracey as Justice Court Clerk effective August 31, 2006 made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Krein. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Tom Costa reported that there is a fire hydrant leaking on Martindale Road. It was noted that Supt. Scheller is awaiting a part and knows of the problem.

MOTION to go into executive session to discuss Casivant litigation made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to close the executive session made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Krein. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to defend and indemnify Stanley Koloski as Village of Philmont Building Inspector and Dennis Callahan as Village of Philmont Code Enforcement Officer against claims by Henry Casivant made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Krein. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

POLICE REPORT

Given by OIC Vernon Doyle. Copies are available in the village office for review.

MOTION to adjourn made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Krein. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris

Clerk/Treasurer

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