

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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 Cropper, seconded by Trustee Krein. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #4, Water Abstract #4, Sewer Abstract #4, Library Abstract #4, T&A Abstract #4) made by Trustee Krein, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Larry Lafrado was here regarding his disputed July, 2006 water bill (\$1416.00). He felt the meter was not working property and explained his situation. After discussion, it was decided that another meter would be installed next to the one that is there and regular, frequent readings would be taken from both meters to see if they correspond. No penalties will be assessed until a solution has been reached.

Mr. Farrington and Mr. Howard complained about the condition of 137 Main Street (owned by F&M Associates). They noted that the tenants were a real problem in the area and that garbage, etc. littered the area. They noted that garbage was actually thrown out of the windows of the apartments. OIC Doyle will instruct his officers to visit the area and to issue a summons to those violating the garbage law. It was suggested that other properties be looked at also. Mr. Farrington and Mr. Howard thanked the Police Department for their persistent presence in the area and noted that it helped.

Mr. Davala asked about the status of Mr. Casivant's property at 52 Block Street. It was noted that Mr. Casivant will be going to court for illegally renting the apartment and tenants have been notified by the building department that the apartment is illegal.

Mr. Howard reported he suspected that a similar situation existed in another apartment in the village (mold present), however the attorney cautioned that the building inspector could not inspect an apartment without cause. Mr. Howard inquired about the status of the Catholic Church building, noting that the area has not been maintained lately. It was reported that the property is for sale.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

*One water service has been turned off for non payment of the April, 2006 bill.

*The Village Office will be closed on Monday, October 9th in observance of Columbus Day.

*The Regular Monthly Board Meeting scheduled to be held on October 9th will be changed to October 10th due to the holiday.

DPW/WA/SW REPORT

Reports given by Supt. Scheller. Copies of all are available in the Village Office for review.

LIBRARY REPORT

Report given by Library Director Karen Garafalo. A copy is available in the Village Office for review.

MAYOR SPEED

Reported that he met with the Engineer along with Trustee Johnson and Supt. Scheller regarding work on Phase I Summit Heights project. He also check on water problems on Highland Avenue. He also noted that he helped a resident who was in need of assistance through Social Services and said it was a “learning” experience. Also reported that he attended the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at the Town Park (reason for being late).

TRUSTEE CROPPER

Reported that aquatic signs have been ordered for Forest Lake. He noted that the area has been very clean lately. He also reported that the issue of an emergency management plan need to be further discussed. Also inquired about broken meter list. Reported that residents would be allowed to call to have their meter repaired at village expense up to 30 days after receipt of the letter.

TRUSTEE SAGAL

Reported that nothing was received from the State regarding the reservoir drawdown. She noted that she would be willing to pay a visit to the Albany Office. The mayor suggested that the village handle the draw down of the water on their own.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON

(No Report)

TRUSTEE KREIN

Reported that he was in need of a hot water heater for the Community Center. He is also meeting with NYS DOT tomorrow morning (9/12) regarding crosswalks for Main Street. Mathew Perry asked about programming for the center. It was suggested that a committee be set up. Trustee Krein noted that painting etc still had to be done. OIC Doyle asked that his department be kept informed of the progress and upcoming events so that the officers can be involved with programs.

ATTORNEY

There was discussion on the proposed resolution to bring to a vote creating an monetary incentive for fire fighters. It will be voted on at the Workshop on September 20th after the board has had time to read the proposed resolution. Also, he reported that he is awaiting a decision on Summit Heights.

POLICE

OIC Doyle gave report. A copy is available in the Village Office for review. (See motions and resolutions for more police business).

CORRESPONDENCE – LIST PROVIDED FOR THE AUDIENCE

MAIN STREET COMMITTEE

Report given by Trustee Cropper. A copy is available in the village office for review.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

1. **MOTION** to sponsor Nicholas Hodges, Victoria Hill, Gregory Leone, Gerardo Conti and Megin Miller at the Zone 14 Law Enforcement Academy held at Columbia Greene Community College made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Krein. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to appoint Mathew Perry as a member of the Philmont Library Board to fill out an unexpired term of Rain Whittaker with his term to expire 2008 made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to put out for bid the furnishing of #2 fuel oil, service and maintenance for the Village of Philmont municipal buildings including the DPW garage from October 10, 2006 through October 9, 2007 made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to change the meeting date for the October 2006 board meeting to Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at 6:30 PM due to the Columbus Day holiday

made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

5. **MOTION** to appoint Charles Hoag Esq. as Village of Philmont Acting Justice per request of Justice Rick E. Tracey made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Krein. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
6. **MOTION** to approve the appointment of Michael Boehn as a member of the Philmont Fire Company made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
7. **MOTION** to accept the resignation of Police Officer Timothy Dohert effective immediately made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
8. **MOTION** to hire Keith J. Zobel as a part time police officer made by Trustee Krein, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Mathew Perry questioned why the recycles were being dumped into the garbage. He said he e-mailed Columbia County Solid Waste and noted that they were agreeable to picking up the recycle bin whenever necessary. They implied that the bin was there only for residential overflow of recycles and as a convenience for Pine Haven. He suggested that after calling in about the full bin, the Columbia County Solid Waste Department should be e-mailed.

(Decision to review further the fire company resolution and bring to a vote at the workshop meeting)

MOTION to adjourn with a moment of silence in memory of the 9/11 fifth anniversary made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Krein. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris

Clerk/Treasurer