

**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007**

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Clarence Speed, Trustees Brian Johnson, Barbara Sagal, Joseph Krein, Douglas Cropper, Clerk/Treasurer Eilene Morris (attorney absent).

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

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

**MOTION** to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #8, Water Abstract #8, Sewer Abstract #8, Library Abstract #8, Building Maintenance Reserve #3, T&A Account #8) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Krein. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

Sam Wright asked about the Summit Heights Road situation. He needs the village approval on the road before he can receive *his* payment from owner (OD Builders). He would like the Village to accept the road and then, at a later date, the Village will resurface the road at Mr. Wright's expense. The board asked the clerk to write a letter to OD Builders regarding the approval of the above. (The clerk will contact the attorney for proper procedure and wording). Mr. Wright also noted that the water lines were good shape, however there were some problems with the sewer lines which the engineer is reviewing. He also asked the board about a time extension for a replacement of a non-conforming building on Ellsworth Street. The Mayor will check with the attorney for any "pitfalls" to the situation and will decide on an extension for the "set back" requirements.

Fire Chief Jose Ortiz read a "letter of thanks" from the fire company thanking the residents for their "yes" vote on the LOSAP program and for their "vote" of confidence. The Mayor commended the fire company on their quick response to the recent fire on Summit Street.

Mathew Perry asked about the graffiti in the area of the ball field on Main Street. Supt. Scheller noted that the "special" graffiti remover did not work and it is too cold to paint over it. It will be done in the spring along with the repair of the fence by the swings. Mr. Perry also asked if there were any plans to start up the softball leagues again. It was suggested that he get in touch with Sean Rowe or a Mr. Proper (Mike Scheller-has more contact information for Mr. Proper).

**CLERK/TREASURER REPORT:**

The village office will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2007 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Also, water bills were mailed out December 29, 2006 and will be due without penalty through January 31, 2007.

**WA/SW/DPW REPORTS:**

Reports were given by Supt. Michael Scheller. Copies are all available in the Village Office for review. Note that it would cost approximately \$3000 to level the land at the proposed "Garage Site".

**LIBRARY REPORT:**

Report was given by Library Director Karen Garafalo. A copy is available in the Village Office for review. Reminded all of the "SOUP SALE" on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

**POLICE REPORT:**

Report was given by OIC Doyle. A copy is available in the Village Office for review. He also thanked the Philmont Rescue Squad for providing AED & CPR training for the Police Department.

**MAIN STREET COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Report given by Jeffrey Bancroft. He made note of the upcoming agenda.  
Business/Social Network - March  
Community Day - July 14<sup>th</sup>

Pumpkin Walk - Third weekend in October

Trustee Sagal asked about fund-raisers for Community Day. He noted that they were still in the planning stages.

**MAYOR SPEED:**

Reported that it was fairly quiet around the holidays. Answered a few complaints. He and Jeff French took the holiday banners down.

**TRUSTEE JOHNSON:**

Reported the following activity on the LDC Board:

Robin Andrews resigned as president (remains as a member)

Jeffrey Bancroft appointed as member and president

Christine Ryan resigned as member

Paula Johnson appointed as member

ALSO reported that the estimate for labor for replacement of the wall at the Summit Lake (reservoir) was \$11,000.00 (noted that the widening of the boat ramp was not included in the estimate). He also got an estimate of \$9000.00 for the materials. The clerk noted that the \$11,000 may have to be put out for bid as it is over the \$10,000 bid limit-she will check with the attorney.

ALSO reported on information he received from DEC regarding the draw-down of the reservoir. He spoke with Mr.Clark from DEC and was told that just drawing down the water would not “kill” the growth problem. Trustee Sagal noted that she spoke to a Mr. Kishbaum and was told that if the water was drawn down for two winters the cold would kill off most of the growth. Trustee Johnson also suggested drawing down the water and banking the sludge at the bottom in a corner...the corner being located at the location of the Vanderbilt Inn. The owner of the Vanderbilt Inn was not pleased with this solution as it would significantly impair the view which was part of the “charm” of the property and part of what he paid for when he purchased the property. Mathew Perry suggested that the board or a committee review the impact on the owners of any properties in that area.

ALSO reported that a meeting will be held on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 PM in the Village Hall for all that have a connection to the village (Village Board, Zoning Board, Planning Board, Library Board and Librarian, All Village Employees, Building Inspectors, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Judge, Rescue Squad Chair, Main Street Committee Chair, Village Green Committee Chair, Web Team, LDC Board and PB Inc. Board). The purpose of the meeting is to share ideas and goals and work on preparing a mission statement.

**TRUSTEE KREIN:**

Reported that he worked on judging the lighting contest. Also reported that the crosswalks are coming as soon as the NYSDOT can get us on their schedule. Work on the Community Center has stopped for the winter and will resume in the spring.

**TRUSTEE SAGAL:**

Reported that she attended a Philmont Planning Board Meeting and noted that the discussion/application on signs for the new Family Dollar store got heated. She proposed a “moratorium” on signs for 6 months so the regulations could be studied. The clerk noted that a “Local Law” would be required for that and would check with the attorney. Trustee Sagal asked that the motion be made anyway, while awaiting the attorney’s decision.

**TRUSTEE CROPPER:**

Reported that he is still working on the proper aquatic signs for Forest Lake. Noted that he enjoyed the “limo ride” provided by the Mayor to judge Christmas lights. He also reported that he filled the opening for the Columbia County Sheriff’s Department Youth Explorer’s program with a worthy student that shows a lot of interest in the police work

**CORRESPONDENCE LIST – COPY PROVIDED FOR THE AUDIENCE**

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **MOTION** to accept – with regret- the resignation of Charles Nichols as member and chairperson of the Philmont Planning Board effective February 22, 2007 made by Trustee Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Krein. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to appoint Mary Prazma as Chairperson of the Philmont Planning Board to fill the one-year unexpired term of Charles Nichols made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

3. **MOTION** to appoint Harry Smith as a member of the Philmont Planning to fill the unexpired term of Charles Nichols (Mr. Smith now serves as an alternate) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to approve the appointment of Treacy Osterhoudt as a member of the Philmont Library Board made by Trustee made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Krein. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
5. **MOTION** to appoint Carol Mossman, Phyllis Nichols and Nancy Brousseau as Elections Inspectors for the March 20, 2007 Village Elections at a rate of \$8.00/hour and to appoint Laura Smith as Election Custodian at a fee of \$60.00 made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Krein. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
6. **MOTION** to accept the resignation of **Christine Ryan** as a member of the LDC, the resignation of **Robin Andrews** as president of the LDC (she remains a member), the appointment of **Paula Johnson** as a member of the LDC and the appointment of **Jeffrey Bancroft** as member and president of the LDC made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
7. **MOTION** to implement a 6-month moratorium on village signs made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Krein. ALL AYES, NO NAYS. (*a moratorium cannot be implemented by motion. It must be proposed as a Local Law*) (MOTION NOT LEGAL).
8. **MOTION** to grant a waiver for planning and zoning requirements and fees related to the addition to the Philmont Public Library with the understanding that they will comply with all building codes and building permit requirements made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Krein. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
9. **MOTION** to purchase Christmas Lights for next years' display in Memorial Park made by Trustee Krein, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Krein asked that the Village purchase new lights for the Christmas display at Memorial Park (see above motion).

Elizabeth Dallas requested the use of the village hall to have a baby shower for her daughter. She was informed that private use of the hall is not allowed. Only village related and/or non profit exceptions are made due to insurance issues.

Henry Casivant once again requested that the Village Board hire an independent building inspector to deal with his buildings, claiming that the building inspectors in the Village do not treat him fairly. The board once again denied his request and there was no further discussion due to pending litigation.

**MOTION** to adjourn made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris  
Clerk/Treasurer  
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT