

# **REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

## **MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2007**

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Clarence Speed, Trustees (Brian Johnson, absent) Barbara Sagal, Douglas Cropper, Robin Andrews, Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Simmons

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

**MOTION** to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to approve payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, & T&A Abstract #11, Ellsworth St. Project Abstract #22) made by Trustee Andrews, seconded by Trustee Sagal ALL AYES NO NAYS

### **PUBLIC REQUESTS**

Karen Garafalo was disappointed that there was not a paper pick-up last week. She was told that notice was put in the paper as well as having notification posted at the village office.

Jeff Bancroft asked that the trash can be placed back at the Village Green and also questioned clean-up day. He was told that clean-up day will be held on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>; DPW Superintendent Mike Scheller would like to request that the Police are present to help again this year because it worked out very well last year. He also told Mr. Bancroft that he would put the trash can back at the Village Green.

### **CLERK/TREASURER REPORT**

Water bills were mailed out on March 30, 2007 and are due without penalty through April 30<sup>th</sup>. The Annual Water Quality Report was mailed out with the water bills as is required by law.

Also, the budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 was completed and approved on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **DPW/WA/SW/ REPORTS:**

Reports were given by Supt. Michael Scheller. Copies are available in the Village Office for review. He noted that the street sweeper is being repaired at this time.

### **POLICE REPORT:**

No report given.

### **LIBRARY REPORT:**

Report was given by Interim Director Karen Garafalo. Copies are available in the Village Office for review. She asked that the police might keep an extra eye on the library because of a flag they thought had blown down might actually have been broken. Two of the neighboring properties also had broken flags at the same time.

### **MAIN STREET COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Report was given by Robin Andrews. She noted that they were working on meeting with various boards to decide if Philmont should have a certain "look" that they should pursue. She also noted they will be holding a social on April 30<sup>th</sup> at Johnnie Walkers between 5-7 pm. Invitations have been sent.

**MAYORS SPEED:**

Noted that he is working on the Elm Street drainage and retaining wall problem. He met with the building inspector, Stanley Koloski, DPW Supt. Michael Scheller, and the village insurance representative Richard Nesbit. Drains have been ordered and they are hoping to start work soon.

Reported that Christine Ryan's employer would like to help with various jobs around the village to get a jump start on clean-up day. They will be doing this on May 10<sup>th</sup> and are asking for volunteers to help.

He also reported that the Vanderbilt Inn owners Ken and Marcy have donated a commercial refrigerator to the community center.

Also noted that Assemblyman Marc Molinaro has secured \$5000.00 for new police radio equipment.

Clough Harbour & Associates have paperwork concerning the upper dam. Some work has been done on the upper dam (rocks being put in), but he is still concerned about potential problems.

Mentioned that a "flea market" type of sale might take place at the softball field this spring with some of the proceeds going toward payment of the electric bill for the lights at the park.

The Mayor also noted that the Columbia County Health Department took water samples today at 6 – 10 Main Street, after reports that they are using an old well instead of the municipal water.

**TRUSTEE ANDREWS:**

Reported that she and Jeffrey Bancroft met with the Columbia Hudson Partnership about Economic Development. Also wanted to thank the mayor for such a quick response on the Elm Street problem.

She also reported that Gary Miller has donated an entertainment center to the community center. She hopes to pick it up soon.

The Main Street Committee would like to help with clean-up day.

**TRUSTEE CROPPER:**

Reported that he needs inventories of all village buildings for the Emergency Management Plan. Mr. Scheller is working on it. Also reported that on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm he will meet with risk management.

**TRUSTEE SAGAL:**

Reported that Karen Garafalo has worked hard with fundraising for the library, and would like to thank her for all of her work. She also asked about putting a fence around the new found property at the library.

Gave an update about the Comprehensive Plan Committee. She is looking for members as well as a chairperson for the committee who would be separate and impartial. All members will have to be approved by the village board.

Also would like to extend the moratorium on signage but was told that it now needs to be done by local law at the next workshop meeting.

Also had questions about Storm water Management, Phase II. She would like to hire Morris Associates to enforce DEC regulations. She was asked to bring a sample law to the next workshop meeting before any decisions are made.

**ATTORNEY ROBERT FITZSIMMONS:**

Reported that he drafted an agreement for Sam Wright regarding roadway paving reimbursement. The agreement is in the village office for Mr. Wright to review and sign.

**CORRESPONDENCE – LIST WAS PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE.**

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **MOTION** to accept the tax levy of \$9.47/1000 to raise the amount of \$465,490.00 for the fiscal year June 1, 2007 – May 31, 2008 made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS
2. **MOTION** to transfer between subsidiary accounts as necessary made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to accept with regret, the resignation of Josephine Tortorici from the Philmont Zoning Board of Appeals effective March 31, 2007 made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS
4. **MOTION** to appoint Matthew Perry as a full time member of the Philmont Zoning Board of Appeals effective March 31, 2007 to fill the unexpired term of Josephine Tortorici with his term ending March 1, 2008 made by Trustee Andrews seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
5. **MOTION** to approve the following Line Officers for the year 2007 -2008  
Chief Jose Ortiz  
1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief Chris Carlsen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief Richard Howard  
Captain Brian Wheeler  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. Mark Beaumont  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Frank Langdon  
made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Andrews, ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
6. **MOTION** to extend a three month moratorium on signage by local law at the April 25<sup>th</sup> workshop meeting made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Casivant inquired about a decision with his 10 Main Street property. Mayor Speed informed him that we have not had a full board and therefore have not made a decision. The board would discuss the matter at the workshop meeting and have the clerk send him a letter with their decision.

Charles Bridgham told the board that he recently had his water meter fixed and has received his first bill. His bill is quite high and he did find and fix a leak. He asked about setting up a payment plan over the next three months to pay the bill and wanted the board to wave any penalties. The board will check with the clerk about billing and will have her get back to him.

Sally Baker would like to have a job description drawn up for the new Economic Development committee. Trustee Andrews will work on that for her.

With no further business to come before the board, Mayor Speed asked for a moment of silence and requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of *Mary Ann Miller, Joseph Klima, Floyd Dallas Jr., and Lois Alspach.*

**MOTION** to adjourn in the memory of *Mary Ann Miller, Joseph Klima, Floyd Dallas Jr., and Lois Alspach* was made by Trustee Sagal and seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer  
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT