

# **REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

## **MONDAY, MAY 14, 2007**

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Clarence Speed, Trustees Brian Johnson, Barbara Sagal, Douglas Cropper, Robin Andrews, Attorney Andrew Howard, Clerk/Treasurer Eilene Morris.

**MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING MADE BY** Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS. (Public Notice appeared in the Register Star).

### **“MILL DISTRICT II – SET BACK REGULATIONS”**

(Public Comment) Bruce Babjeck asked where the “Mill District II” was located and it was pointed out on the zoning map.

With no further public comment a motion was made to close the public hearing by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION** to adopt Local Law #3-2007 – “Amending the Village of Philmont Zoning Law to Establish Setback Regulations for the Mill District II” made by Trustee Andrews, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

(No significant impact on the environment within the village or the county)

### **REGULAR BOARD MEETING:**

**MOTION** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting (with a change to the “Main Street Committee Report” that a portion of the report referred to the “signage sub-committee”) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

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

**MOTION** to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #12, Water Abstract #12, Sewer Abstract #12, Library Abstract #12, T&A Abstract #12, Building Maintenance Abstract #6, Summit Lake Abstract #4) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

### **PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

Matt Perry noted that speeding cars are a real problem on Lower Main Street and asked for an additional police presence to slow traffic down. The Mayor asked for the help of those living in the area to see if they could get names or license plate numbers of the offenders.

Bruce Babjeck, John Blaauw, Bruce Olsen and Jose Ortiz were present representing the Fire Company. They inquired as to what the status was on the occupation of the downstairs rooms (problems between the fire company and the rescue squad). After discussion it was decided that there would be a meeting on Wednesday night (5/16) at 7:00 PM between the representatives of the rescue squad, the fire company and the village board to see if an equitable solution can be found. The Mayor suggested the Rescue Squad rent an apartment available through Jurgen Schnackenberg located on Elm Street. This suggestion will be discussed further at the Wednesday night meeting.

### **CLERK/TREASURER REPORT:**

The Village Office will be closed on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

Delinquent Water/Sewer turn-off letters went out today. Water is scheduled to be turned off on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Village taxes will be mailed on June 1<sup>st</sup> for the fiscal year 6/1/07 – 5/31/08 and will be due and payable through July 1<sup>st</sup> without penalty.

**TRUSTEE JOHNSON:**

Gave Water, Sewer and DPW Reports. Copies are available in the Village Office for review. Also noted that the water meter situation for Gellert properties needed to be discussed by the board and clerk.

**POLICE REPORT:**

Given by OIC Doyle. Copy is available in the Village Office for review. He also discussed the police department plans for hold a fishing derby for village children. Trustee Andrews asked that he consider holding it on Community Day. He noted that they had only tentatively set a date and would consider changing it to Community Day.

**LIBRARY REPORT:**

Given by Director Karen Garafalo. A copy is available in the Village Office for review. She also expressed her disappointment in the response she has received from the DPW on her requests for assistance in cleaning up debris and other tasks at the Library.

**TRUSTEE ANDREWS:**

Gave the Main Street Committee Report. Discussed the successful Business Social and the upcoming run at the Hearth. She requested police presence at the event.

**MAYOR SPEED:**

Reported that he, the clerk and their spouses attended the Mohawk/Hudson Village Officials Meeting in Coxsackie and felt the discussion at the meeting on water run-off ponds was informative.

He also noted that he worked on getting roll-off dumpsters for clean-up day.

He received a call about low water pressure on Summit Street. It was determined that the pumps were running a little slow for a short period of time, however corrected itself.

He reported speaking with the police department regarding various problems and meeting with some of the businesses about the recent rejuvenation day.

**TRUSTEE ANDREWS:**

Noted that an entertainment center was donated to the Community Center. Also reported on the “Rejuvenation Day” turn out. Thanked Matt Perry, Karen Garafalo, and Jeff Bancroft for their help. Reported that a good portion of the Community Center got painted. She also thanked all for assisting her in acclimating to the position of Trustee.

**TRUSTEE SAGAL:**

Reported that the Signage Committee (Matt Perry, Eileen Ordu, Robin Andrews, Barbara Sagal, Mary Prazma) are continuing to work on the new signage recommendations.

**TRUSTEE CROPPER:**

Reported meeting with Supt. Scheller about working on the ball field. He also has toured the privately owned dam with DEC engineers. He reported that he has been keeping an eye on Forest Lake and suggested that it be permanently unlocked for the fishing season. The Board agreed. He will unlock – but close – the gate. The police will continue to patrol the area and if problems arise, it will be locked again.

He attended the Main Street Committee meeting and Robin Andrews assigned his car show from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM with a parade to start at 2:00 PM

He commended the Fire Company on their efforts during the flooding.

He also noted that he was appointed to the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Attorney Andrew Howard was filling in for Attorney Fitzsimmons. No Report.

**CORRESPONDENCE – A LIST WAS PROVIDED FOR THE AUDIENCE.**

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **MOTION** to set the “end of year meeting” for Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at noon for the sole purpose of paying outstanding bills prior to the end of the fiscal year made by Trustee Andrews, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to take action against delinquent water/sewer accounts that have not yet paid their January 2007 bills with the water turn-off scheduled for June 11, 2007 at noon made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to expend \$ 1025.51 from the Building Maintenance Account for engineering fees related to the proposed DPW Garage made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to appoint Nicholas Hodges as a part time police officer made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
5. **MOTION** to accept the resignation of Christopher Bleau as part time police officer made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:**

The Mayor noted that the recycling center on Maple Avenue is temporarily closed.

He will also contact someone regarding the planned crosswalks.

The Mayor requested that the Clerk write a letter of to the Town of Claverack DPW/Louis Lamont thanking them for sweeping some of the village streets while our sweeper was down.

There was also more discussion on the Police sponsored fishing derby. They will be providing hot dogs and soda and prizes and they are looking into stocking some fish at the Rod and Gun club for the event.

**MOTION** to adjourn in memory of *Harry Smith* made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris

Clerk/Treasurer

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