

## **REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2007**

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**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 Cropper, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION** to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #1, Water Abstract #1, Sewer Abstract #1, Library Abstract #1, T&A Abstract #1, Building Maintenance Abstract #1, Summit Lake Abstract #1, Building Renovations Abstract #1, Ellsworth Street Project Abstract #1) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

### **PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

Skip Krein thanked the DPW for the work done on the wall/drainage by his house on Elm Street. He also noted that there were some remarks made to his mother regarding removing dirt from a neighbor's yard, which were not appreciated and just wanted to note that, however did appreciate all the work that was done.

### **CLERK/TREASURER REPORT**

- Annual taxes were mailed June 1<sup>st</sup> and will be due without penalty through July 2<sup>nd</sup> (due to July 1<sup>st</sup> being a Sunday).
- The Village Office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, 2007 for Independence Day.
- Water/Sewer meter readings will be taken soon and bills will be mailed out July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**LIBRARY REPORT** (Given by Director Karen Garafalo). A copy is available in the village office for review. She noted that she is very pleased with the results of the Capital Campaign Letter recently mailed, and also encouraged everyone to participate in the "Read-A-Ton" program.

**MAIN STREET COMMITTEE** (Given by Trustee Robin Andrews). Reported on the "Healthy Heart Run", and thanked all for their help and participation. She also gave a Community Day update.

**MAYOR SPEED:** Reported he marched in the parade on Memorial Day along with the company of the two lady trustees and it was a pleasure. He also noted that he is looking into getting a "garbage container on wheels" for downstairs at the firehouse. Also reported that he and Trustee Johnson met with Rescue Squad/Fire Company personnel. He has been working with the DPW to solve the Elm Street problem at the Krein property. He also noted that he needed money for a "tub grinder" and would discuss it further with the clerk.

**ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:** Noted that he has received a copy of a letter from Chris Hoppe relating to concerns with the Summit Heights Project (Phase I). The Attorney suggested to the board that an engineer should be requested to address the situation and inspect the work.

**TRUSTEE CROPPER:** Reported that he has been working on union contract negotiations. Also noted that there were problems at the Kiosk, but all seem to be okay now (beer cans etc. removed). He thanked Mike for putting up signs. He stated that someone keeps locking Forest Lake and he continues to **unlock** it when he sees it locked. He asked that it remain **unlocked** as the Board previously agreed. He also noted that the MOPAR Club is ready for Community Day. He explained that he was ill (lime disease) on Memorial Day and was unable to march in the parade. Asked that departments review the draft of the Emergency Management Plan – it is now ready and available for review in the village office. He also reported no new information on the upper dam yet. He or the Mayor will call to check on the progress.

**TRUSTEE SAGAL:** Noted that she and Sally Baker planted flowers. She thanked Sally for her help. She has been working on the “Signage Law” and noted that little will be changed in the law. Reported that a Community Visioning Workshop will be held on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 8:00 pm in the Village Hall. It is being sponsored by PB Inc. Sally Baker noted that Planning and Zoning members can apply this meeting for training credits. The Mayor will be attending and Sally suggested that he encourage other board members and planning and zoning board members to attend.

**TRUSTEE ANDREWS:** Reported that Brett Cobb completed the painting at the Community Center and Trustee Johnson has agreed to look into having the concrete sealed. She also noted that she helped pick up beer bottles from the Kiosk. She also noted that the village is on the list for crosswalks. Also reported that she marched in the Memorial Day Parade and had an enjoyable time. She reported that the “Village Green” sign was knocked down and needed to be put back up. The Mayor noted that the “West Street” sign was also down again.

**TRUSTEE JOHNSON:** Gave DPW/WA/SW Reports. Copies are available in the village office for review. He is speaking with masons to see what it will cost to seal the blocks. Flooring will be decided after having a professional assess the area for the best application (he will call Schraders).

**POLICE REPORT:** (Given by OIC Doyle) a copy is available in the Village Office for review. Sally Baker asked why the police were pulling people over as they left Local 111. He noted that they would never intentionally pull someone over in front of a business just because they were leaving there. He noted that an officer did pull someone over in that area because he was driving erratically and his suspicions were confirmed. The board asked that once a traffic stop has been made and the vehicle in question is off the road that the police turn the flashing lights off as not to draw attention to the surrounding area. Winnie Speed asked a question of the police regarding a truck she was holding. OIC Doyle handled the question. Russell Jenner complained that a truck often parked by a fire hydrant on Elm Street and the yellow line is no longer painted on the curb in that area. Officer Doyle will check it and speak with Mike Scheller about getting the yellow line repainted

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

### **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

1. **MOTION** to approve the expenditure of \$1800.00 from the Renovations Account for the Library land survey by Plass, Rockefeller & Nucci made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. **ALL AYES, NO NAYS.**
2. **MOTION** to approve the expenditures from the Building Maintenance Reserve Account of \$1246.00 in engineering fees and \$2300.00 in surveying fees for the proposed DPW Garage made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. **ALL AYES, NO NAYS.**
3. **MOTION** to appoint Lawrence Ostrander as an alternate member of the Philmont Planning Board per the recommendation of Chairperson Mary Prazma made by Trustee Andrews, seconded by Trustee Johnson. **ALL AYES, NO NAYS.**
4. **MOTION** to accept the resignation of Jeffrey McCutchen as a part-time police officer made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Andrews. **ALL AYES, NO NAYS.**
5. **MOTION** to hire Gregory Leone as a part-time police officer made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. **ALL AYES, NO NAYS.**
6. **MOTION** to appoint Sally Baker of PB Inc. to write a grant relating to clearing the reservoir for a fee of \$1500.00 with “matching funds” to be in volunteer services not money made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Andrews ...After much discussion regarding the grant writing funds...The following board members voted **NO:** Trustee Johnson, Trustee Cropper, Mayor Speed. **MOTION DENIED.**
7. **MOTION** to appoint Sally Baker of PB Inc. to write a grant relating to clearing the reservoir for NO FEE with matching funds to be in volunteer services not money and with

the understanding that there will be absolutely no cost to the village made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

(Prior to Motion #7 – there was discussion on the reservoir and Trustee Johnson was opposed to using the “grant writer” funds for the reservoir as he would like to first see the completion of the Community Center and any grant writer funding should be dedicated to that completion. There will be programming and organization fees to be paid for and a grant writer may be necessary for those obligations. He said there was much discussion at the LDC meeting regarding funding for the completion of the Community Center and that needs to be the primary focus at this time, so therefore he feels it is not an appropriate time for funding for PB Inc.)

#### **UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS**

Russell Jenner questioned the balance of funding necessary to complete the Community Center. Trustee Johnson noted that the balance was unknown at this point.

Matt Perry asked that the Village Board write a letter of recommendation to Claverack/County Planning asking that a directional sign be put up for the High Falls Trail. He will write the draft letter and get it to the Village Board for approval and signing.

Chris Hoppe noted that the “Summit Heights” sign was down. The Mayor will see that the sign is put back up.

Philip Gellert approached the board again regarding having separate meters on each of his apartments instead of having one meter for the building. There was discussion and it was decided that it would have to be thought through before making a decision and he would be notified by letter after further board discussion.

Sally Baker (PB Inc.) requested permission/approval for her proposed “Art Project” for Community Day. The Mayor saw no reason to deny the project as long as everything will be taken down at the end of the day. Trustee Cropper noted that the utility poles she would like to use do not belong to the village.

At this point Sally Baker offered to write the “Reservoir Clearing” grant for no fee (see MOTION #7).

A gentleman from the audience asked that a large rock on Summit Street (by Williams house) be removed. The Mayor said he would speak to Mike Scheller about it..

**MOTION** to adjourn made by Trustee Andrews, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris  
Clerk/Treasurer  
Village of Philmont