

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 9, 2007 – 6:30 PM

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
(Public Hearing advertised for 7:00 PM – “Skip was right”)

PRESENT: Mayor Clarence “Skip” 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 – with corrections- (note that on Motion #6 and Motion #7 “PB, Inc” should have read “Sally Baker”) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

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

MOTION to pay bills (General Abstract #2, Water Abstract #2, Sewer Abstract #2, Library Abstract #2, T&A Abstract #2, Summit Lake Abstract #2, Ellsworth Street Abstract #2) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Scott Brandt of the Hudson Valley Softball League requested permission to use the Memorial Softball Field to revitalize the men’s softball league. Being aware of problems in the past with non-payment of lighting bills, he noted that they would be willing to put money in escrow with the village to insure payment of the bills. He said they would also work their schedule around the “girls softball league” now using the field. He will write up a proposal and tentative schedule for the board’s review. He can be reached at 518-537-5450.

Sally Baker requested a village representative sit on the “selection committee” to assist PB Inc. in awarding funding. A “stroll” of proposed areas of the village was scheduled for July 28th however, the Mayor wished to be involved so the date will be changed to accommodate him as he will be away on July 28th.

John Blaauw noted that he will be unable to attend the next Fire Company/Rescue Squad meeting. The Mayor said that the meeting would still go on, and asked John to pass along any suggestions to the representative of the Fire Company that would be attending the meeting (Bruce Babjeck).

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

1. Water/Sewer bills were mailed on June 29th for the July 1st billing. They are payable through July 31st without penalty. Fines were included in these bills for those who have not yet repaired their water meters. Warning letters were sent to those who are on the broken meter list for the first time.
2. The books are closed for the fiscal year ending 5/31/07. The annual report has been completed and filed with the New York State Department of Audit and Control. A copy is available in the village office for review.
3. FEMA paperwork has been completed for the DPW and the Fire Company for reimbursement of losses during the flooding in April. The funding should be received in about three weeks.

DPW-WATER-SEWER REPORTS

Reports given by Trustee Johnson. Copies of all are available in the Village Office for review. He also reported that work on the Community Center is almost completed and noted that it would be ready for Community Day.

POLICE REPORT

Sergeant Jay Mayo gave the report. A copy is available in the village office for review.

LIBRARY REPORT

Report given by Trustee Sagal (Director Garafalo absent). The highlight of the report noted that “Mongo” the Monkey was “poached” off the Library front lawn, and a squirrel swiped a “whoopie pie”. (the squirrel could not be identified in a line up, and the culprit who stole the monkey is being hunted down by the sheriff’s department).

MAIN STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Report given by Trustee Andrews. She gave an update on Community Day events. It was noted that the Police are sponsoring a fishing derby on that day. Reminded police that a portion of Maple Avenue needed to be closed to “thru traffic” from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. She reminded all that tables and booths are welcome – at no charge. July 16th will be the final meeting. Trustee Cropper requested that someone working on the parade meet with the “car show” group sometime prior to the parade to direct them.

PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW #4- 2007 ENACTING A THREE MONTH MORATORIUM ON SIGNS

Public Notice was read aloud.

No Public Comment – Close Public Hearing

MOTION to adopt Local Law #4 of 2007 made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Andrews. 3 AYES, 1 NAY (Trustee Johnson)

MAYOR’S REPORT

Noted that he discussed some complaints with the police. Also noted he was “followed” by an officer and had questions about the practice. Sergeant Mayo will follow through on the inquiry. He also met the Supt. Scheller to discuss pot holes, the fencing and the reservoir area. He also requested to purchase left over stone from the reservoir job which is not needed by the village. He is putting a wall at his home and would like to purchase the stone to use on the wall. The Clerk deferred to the attorney...Attorney Fitzsimmons noted that as long as the village paid market value for the material it would be okay for the Mayor to purchase the excess stone at the price the village paid for it.

He also reported that he met with union representatives and negotiations are ongoing. He stated that he has received many compliments from visitors to the village and he also feels that the village is looking very good.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON: (Given previously)

TRUSTEE ANDREWS

She had questions on the “Emergency Management Plan”. Also reported that she is following up on the cross walk situation (State contact is on vacation). She met with Cathy McDarby regarding the program director’s job. Reported on the Community Day activities and also noted that she attended the Blue Ribbon Boys concert.

TRUSTEE SAGAL

Reported she was redrafting the Signage Law and it should be ready for a public hearing in August. She also noted that she has been assisting with Community Day and she has also been working with PB Inc.

TRUSTEE CROPPER

Reported that he attended the Community Day meeting. He also admitted to being the trustee who did not attend the union negotiation meeting and apologized for not remembering.

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ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS

Reported working on Local Law #4-2007, and also working on on-going matters.

Sally Baker, from the audience, requested to give a report on Philmont Beautification Inc. A copy of the report was made available to the board and the clerk. It may be viewed in the village office.

CORRESPONDENCE – LIST MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

1. **MOTION** to approve records of the Village Justice from January, 2007 through June 2007 as reviewed by Mayor Speed on June 28, 2007 made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to support the suggestion of Matthew Perry to place a two sided directional sign for the High Falls Conservation Area in the Town of Claverack (motion to be forwarded to the Claverack Town Board) made by Trustee Andrews, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to approve the application for funding for a Justice Court Grant to provide a hand held metal detection wand made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to appoint the following people to the Village of Philmont Risk Management Committee: Jose Ortiz, Vernon Doyle, Clarence Speed (Chairperson), Douglas Cropper (Co-Chairperson), Rick Tracey, and all village board members as participants made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
5. **MOTION** to appoint Cathy McDarby as part-time Community Center Program Director at a rate of \$ 10.00/hour made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Discussed complaints regarding Forest Lake litter. Trustee Cropper noted that Kim (village employee) informed police that kids were smoking marijuana there. It was decided that “Philmont Residents Only” signs and “Patrolled by Police” signs and new “POSTED” signs would be put up and the gate would continue to remain unlocked (for the time being). Trustee Johnson said the DPW could make the signs, but Jose Ortiz suggested having Columbia County make the signs professionally. It was also suggested that board members take regular trips up there whenever possible to check on things to assist the police.

The Mayor noted that there have been complaints about the Philmont Banners being placed in Mellenville (not in Philmont) on Route 217. He promised to remove them from Mellenville.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT

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