

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2007 – 6:30 PM

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 Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

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

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #3, Water Abstract #3, Sewer Abstract #3, Library Abstract #3, T&A Abstract #3, Summit Lake Abstract #3, Ellsworth Street Abstract #24) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Mr. Mattikow, representing Philmont Ventures Inc., discussed the proposed draft agreement referencing the Summit Heights Subdivision. Questions presented in writing by Trustee Sagal were addressed and modifications were made to the draft contract with everyone's approval. The Attorney will implement the changes and provide a new contract for signing (a copy of the written questions and the proposed draft contract with changes "written" in ink is attached to the original minutes). After discussion in length regarding the changes and language of the contract and after all agreed to modifications to the proposed contract the following MOTION was made and voted on by roll call.

MOTION to authorize the Mayor to sign the Financial Security Agreement with approved changes (Philmont Ventures/Village of Philmont)...

Trustee Brian Johnson – YES

Trustee Douglas Cropper – YES

Trustee Robin Andrews – YES

Trustee Barbara Sagal – NO

Mayor Clarence Speed – YES

MOTION APPROVED.

Ms. Jones, from Richardson's Hall asked about the proposed crosswalk in that area. Trustee Andrews noted that it is on the schedule (NYS DOT) for September or October. Ms. Jones also expressed concern about bicycles with no lights racing down the sidewalk at night. She noted that the cyclists were talented but dangerous. OIC Doyle will notify the officers to be more aware of the situation.

A resident requested relief from having to pay for their water meter and having to pay to have it installed because she neglected to read the notifications (3) sent to her in her water bills over the past three quarters, nor had she read the newspaper or the postings on the bulletin board regarding the new laws. After the meeting the board discussed the situation and felt that it was her responsibility to read the information mailed to her and that others have already paid for meters and installation and it would be unfair to make an exception in her case. The clerk will write her a letter to address the situation.

Mr. Hoppe expressed concern regarding a "house" sitting in front of a fire hydrant and an open foundation on Overlook Court. The Mayor noted that the house will be going on the foundation on Wednesday (8/14) and will speak to the builder regarding safety provisions if a situation like this arises again.

Fire Chief Jose Ortiz reported that the "dry hydrants" at Summit Lake are no longer operational and need to be replaced. John Blaauw and Jose will research cost, etc. and report back to the board.

Matt Perry was concerned about parking on both sides of West Street (usually during events at the "Pub") He does not think emergency vehicles can get through. He also complained about a large truck parked on the sidewalk on Church Street. OIC Doyle will investigate.

An inquiry was made about the graffiti on the Catholic Church on Main Street. The Mayor has already talked to Deacon Dorsch about it. The deacon promised to paint it over.

Mr. Hoppe asked that the Fire Chief to check out the cable boxes installed in the area of the fire hydrant (on Overlook Court) to insure the safety of the installation.

CLERK/TREASURER:

Reported that the Village Office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd – Labor Day, and noted that water turn-off is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12th for those still owing their April, 2007 water/sewer bills.

WA/SW/DPW:

Reports given by Trustee Johnson. Copies are available in the Village Office for review.

POLICE:

Report given OIC Doyle. A copy is available in the Village office for review. Trustee Sagal inquired about an incident of a person getting bit by a dog on Maple Avenue. Also Trustee Andrews asked the best way to get in touch with Philmont officers. He noted that if there was a patrol on duty, the best way to get in touch with them would be to call the Sheriff's Department and the officers would be dispatched.

LIBRARY:

Report was given by Library Director Karen Garafalo. Updated all on the "Mongo the Monkey" caper and noted that she would have preferred that the Philmont Police handle the case. She also complimented Matt Perry on being chosen to receive an award from Columbia County for his work with libraries. A copy of the report is available for review in the Village Office.

MAIN STREET COMMITTEE:

Report was given by Trustee Robin Andrews. Thanked all connected with the successful Community Day and noted that there would be a meeting to "rehash" the events and take suggestions.

COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT:

Given by Director Cathy McDarby. Reported that the Ice Cream Social was a big success and reminded all that a Pot Luck Picnic is scheduled for this weekend. There is a sign in front of the Village Office advertising the events as they come up. She also noted that a list of events is available in the village office. She is continuing to search for grants with the assistance of Jeff Bancroft. Trustee Cropper reminded her that he works with the Taconic Hills school newspaper and suggested that she may want to advertise the Community Center events in that publication.

MAYOR SPEED:

Reported that he had a great time at Community Day and enjoyed riding around in the golf cart! He had a productive discussion with Assemblyman Mark Molinaro and will schedule a meeting with Assemblyman Molinaro and Senator Saland about the reservoir situation with the goal of finding funding for the problem. He also asked the police to speak with the owner of the Hilltop Hotel (Lari Manz) regarding garbage and old furniture being left out front of the building. Neighbors are complaining. He thanked the DPW for making a special trip to pick up several bags of "smelly" garbage after the owner put stickers on them (after garbage pick up day). He also asked for a volunteer to act as Census Bureau liaison for the upcoming 2010 census. He noted that the village property on Band Street was being cleaned up. He also reported that he met with the Rescue Squad and the Fire Company to solve the space problem, however there is not much progress with the Rescue Squad finding a new home. He hopes for a solution soon.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON:

Reported that a job description for the Community Center Director has been submitted by the LDC. Also the board approved a budget submitted from Director McDarby totaling \$5000.00 to be taken from the Ellsworth Street Project Account. At this point a meeting

date was set for SEPTEMBER 5th with the Fire Company and the Rescue Squad. The date was OK'd by Trustee Johnson, Mayor Speed, and John Blaauw. Jeff Bancroft noted that a meeting with the new owners of the Village Green Property is scheduled for the first week in September and he will report back to the Village Board.

TRUSTEE ANDREWS:

Reported that she attended the NIMS school and passed the test. She has been working on the Community Center and thanked Cathy (McDarby) for her enthusiasm in completing the work (painting etc.) in time for Community Day. She also thanked the board for her certificate. She reported that she has been attending signage meetings and has attended her first Library Board meeting. She has also taken her first trip to Forest Lake.

TRUSTEE SAGAL:

Asked that a fence be installed at the Library to discourage bicycle drive thru traffic (about 41 feet of fencing is needed). The Clerk will check available funding through the buildings account. She also reported that she is checking into "rural mail delivery" questions. She has asked the attorney to look into restrictions for putting mail boxes on sidewalks. The village board agreed that they would prefer home (walking) delivery where the mail boxes are installed on individual houses or put in individual yards rather than having mail boxes on sidewalks which would impede snow plowing. It was noted that Chatham has home delivery and they are about the size of Philmont. She also reported that Vernon Higgins gave her a list of complaints regarding disturbances by his neighbors – loud cars, running a motor vehicle repair shop, loud motor bikes, etc. – Trustee Cropper said he already talked to the neighbor involved and he hopes that the situation will improve.

TRUSTEE CROPPER:

Reported that the Union Contract has been settled. Also reported that Mike Needham will attend the September 26th Workshop meeting to finalize the Emergency Preparedness Plan. He noted that he worked on Community Day, and also that new signage will be installed at Forest Lake. He asked that the Mayor follow up on the NYS report on the "upper" reservoir and let him know the results. He also noted that he has attended two Comprehensive Plan meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE – A LIST WAS PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to reappoint Treacy Osterhoudt to the Philmont Library Board for a five year term to expire September 2012 made by Trustee Andrews, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to appoint Robert Macfarlane to the Philmont Library Board for a six year term to expire September 2013 made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS. (Note: This is a six year term so that the "staggered year" appointment system can continue since this is a new position rather than a replacement or reappointment).
3. **MOTION** to set up a Library Building Reserve Account to be used specifically for the proposed Library Building Addition made by Trustee Andrews, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to enforce the water turn off law (a copy of delinquent accounts has been presented to each board member) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
5. **MOTION** to approve the sponsorship of 6 (six) recruits to the Basic Course for Police Officers at no cost to the village made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
6. **MOTION** to reschedule the October board meeting to Tuesday, October 9th due to the Columbus Day holiday and the November board meeting to Tuesday, November

13th due to the Veterans Day holiday made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

Richard Minkler complimented the police force on their professionalism and also complimented the Village Board on how smoothly the meeting went.

MOTION to adjourn in memory of **Anne Smith, Junius Trantham, and Myrtle Gaylord** (a moment of silence was observed) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Philmont