

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

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 (with correction requested by Matt Perry referencing his complaint regarding a truck parked on Church Street. The complaint was that it was parked on the *sidewalk*) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. 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 #4, Water Abstract #4, Sewer Abstract #4, Library Abstract #4, T&A Abstract #4, Summit Lake Abstract #4, Ellsworth Street Abstract #26) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Karen Garafalo requested assistance from Sergeant Thomas with a "barking dog problem" in the area of Ham Street. Sergeant Thomas will investigate and Attorney Fitzsimmons will check for the appropriate law.

A resident from Elm Street has been having problems with youths in the area, sighting vulgar language, vandalism and throwing garbage on the Memorial Park (provided a letter and pictures for the board's review). She thanked the Philmont Police for their help in the past in forcing the kids to pick up the garbage. Sergeant Thomas will follow up on the complaint.

Dorothy Bowes asked about the DPW picking up large items. She has been told that items such as chairs, mattresses, and refrigerators have been taken away and wonders if they are paying to get rid of these items. Sergeant Thomas will remind anyone with large items out on garbage day, that they are responsible for disposing of them and that the DPW does not pick them up. Matt Perry noted as well, that the DPW was seen throwing recycles in the back of the truck. Trustee Johnson will speak to them about the above complaints.

John Porecca from the Baptist Church in Ghent was interested in running a "youth discipline program" at the Community Center on Saturday mornings. He noted he would be willing to provide an insurance certificate. There were questions about "religious affiliation". The board referred Mr. Porecca to the Community Center Director, Cathy McDarby. Trustee Cropper suggested contacting the school for a meeting place as well.

Sally Baker from PB Inc. presented plaques to the winners and thanked all for their participation. The winners were as follows:

Best Maintained	-	Key Bank
Most Spectacular	-	Nelson Sterner (Philmont Trader)
Mostest	-	Bill Ritchie (and Sherry)
Dedication	-	Philmont Library

She also displayed the names plates that were made up for next year.

Matt Perry asked if the graffiti on the Catholic Church building had been painted over. The Mayor noted that he spoke to Mr. Dorsch about it and he promised to take care of it but it had not been painted over yet.

CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT

- Mailed out by certified mail 39 notices to those eligible for water turn-off for not paying their April, 2007 water/sewer bills. Water turn-off is scheduled for September 12th. Sixteen people remain on the list.
- The Village Office will be closed on Monday, October 8th for the Columbus Day Holiday.
- We also performed our regular daily, weekly, monthly and quarterly duties.

DPW/WATER/SEWER REPORTS:

Reports were given by Trustee Brian Johnson. A copy of the reports are available in the Village Office for review.

POLICE REPORT:

Report given by Sergeant Thomas. A copy is available in the village office for review.

LIBRARY REPORT:

Report given by *Interim* Director Karen Garafalo. A copy is available in the Village Office for review (picture and all!).

MAIN STREET COMMITTEE/LDC/COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

All three reports given by Jeffrey Bancroft. The board was asked to consider paying for fireworks for next year's Community Day which is scheduled for July 19, 2008.

Copies are available in the village office for review.

COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT:

Report given by Director Cathy McDarby. She was please with the participation in the events thus far. She reported that about 30 attended the Pot Luck Supper, 12 attended the Farming Program, and 20 kids and 6 chaperones attended the first Game Night. She was also pleased with the newspaper coverage and noted that she spoke with District Attorney Beth Cozzolino about doing a drug awareness program by her department to be accompanied by a climbing rock wall for the kids. She also made arrangements for the Girls Scouts to pick up a key in order to hold their meetings at the center.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Reported that he and Trustee Johnson have been meeting with the Fire Company and the Rescue Squad about the "space problem" down stairs and they are making progress.

He also noted that he is still in need of someone to take over the Census Liaison position.

He has been investigating the clean-up of garbage dumping areas in the village most recently on Band Street regarding a complaint lodged by Sally Baker.

He also responded to a "cat" problem on Prospect Street and contacted the Animal Control officers.

Reported that the transfer station recycle area on Maple Avenue has been cleaned up by the DPW. He also reported that he and Jeffrey Bancroft met with the owners of the Village Green.

He also spoke with a friend that runs a drug store outside the village and found that it is very expensive to start up a new operation and not very profitable and it was unlikely that anyone would be receptive to opening a drug store here in the village.

TRUSTEE CROPPER:

He reported that he has been checking Forest Lake regularly and all was going fine. He noted that the Emergency Management Plan will be finalized at the next workshop.

TRUSTEE SAGAL:

Noted she has been working on ongoing projects and has been attending meetings of the Signage Committee and the Main Street Committee. The amendments for the signage portion of the zoning law are almost ready for review.

TRUSTEE ANDREWS:

Noted that she has been attending Main Street Committee meetings and Streetscape Committee meetings. She suggested that a record be kept of Community Day events so that the committees of the future will know what works and what needs improvement.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON:

Reported that the street sweeper was broken and suggested that the Village pay someone to sweep the streets and not put any more money into this piece of equipment. He wants to put it in the Columbia County DPW auction. He also reported that Martindale Road will be paved in the near future by the County. He also noted that the Summit Heights road will be paved by the Village. He is also working on getting the warehouse appraised.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:

No longer present – had to leave to attend another meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE – LIST MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to put out for bid the furnishing of #2 fuel oil, service and maintenance for the Village of Philmont Municipal Buildings including the DPW garage from October 11, 2007 – October 14, 2008 made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

2. **MOTION** to appoint Cathy McDarby to the LDC Committee made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

3. **MOTION** to approve Library Salary increases as follows:

Librarian (*Interim Director*) from \$12.50 to \$13.00/hour

Assistant Librarian from \$9.00 to \$9.25/hour

Substitute Librarian from \$8.25 to \$8.50/hour

Made by Trustee Andrews, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

4. **MOTION** to appoint Jeffrey Bancroft as Chairperson of the Philmont Main Street Committee replacing Chairperson Robin Andrews who will remain as a member of the Committee made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

(**MOTION** to pass Union Contract delayed until Workshop Meeting awaiting copy of the contract)

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

Dorothy Bowes noted that a new memorial tree has been planted for the Ringer Family and she has inquiries about two (2) more. She wanted to publicly thank Chuck Bradway for all his hard work and donated time and energy assisting with the planting of the trees. The Clerk was asked to write him a letter of appreciation.

MOTION to adjourn in memory of 9/11 victims (moment of silence was observed) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris

Clerk/Treasurer