

**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2007 (Due to Veteran's Day Holiday)**

PRESENT: Mayor Clarence Speed, Trustees Brian Johnson, Douglas Cropper, Robin Andrews, Clerk/Treasurer Eilene Morris (Trustee Sagal and Attorney Fitzsimmons absent).

MOTION to approve minutes of the previous meeting made by Trustee Cropper, 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 approve payment of bills (General Abstract #6, Water Abstract #6, Sewer Abstract #6, Library Abstract #6, T&A Abstract #6, Summit Heights Operations Abstract #2, Summit Lake Abstract #6) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Jeff Bancroft asks that the DPW rake the Village Green after leaves are down. Trustee Johnson will handle the request.

Brian Wheeler noted that drug activity has slowed down, however the streets are littered with garbage in the Main Street area. He has been trying to pick it up but can no longer keep up with it. He said he will leave what he can pick up on the corner (Main and Church) in a white bag, and the Mayor said he will have the men pick it up (without a sticker on it). The Mayor also said he will have the police speak to the kids about the garbage situation. Brian Wheeler thanked the police, because when they catch kids littering they do make them pick up the garbage.

John Blaauw, speaking on behalf of the Fire Company noted that the Rescue Squad has now brought bunk beds into the meeting rooms and they have removed items from the walls. He also feels that nothing has been accomplished with the "committee" meetings. Also noted that parking has become a problem (squad parks one ambulance in the parking lot and makes it difficult to get fire trucks out). He feels that the village board needs to put more pressure on the Rescue Squad to move on. Trustee Johnson feels it is time to "push" to remove the Rescue Squad from the downstairs rooms. Robert Vivas asked who was responsible for paying for surveys for the warehouse (where the Rescue Squad hopes to get a grant to refurbish and occupy the building). The Mayor noted that the village would be paying for the surveys, however, if the Rescue Squad takes over/purchases the building, they will take over costs from that point. (The clerk was asked to write a letter to the Rescue Squad telling them that they need to remove the bunk beds and replace any items removed from the walls).

Matt Perry asked if the leaf pick-up could be extended as there are still many leaves left on the trees. The Mayor noted that the trucks need to be prepared for snow, which means removing the leafer and putting on the plows, therefore the pick-up could not be extended.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: (Given by Clerk Morris) A copy is available in the village office for review.

CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT: (Given by Clerk Morris) A copy is available in the village office for review.

DPW/WATER/SEWER REPORTS: (Given by Trustee Johnson) Copies are available in the village office for review.

POLICE REPORT: (Given by Sergeant Mayo) It was noted that Halloween was quiet even though there were many trick or treaters in the village. The Mayor asked that they have a few early patrols (5:00 PM) to look into the garbage situation on Main Street. John Blaauw thanked the officers for having kids pick up the garbage at Memorial Park.

LIBRARY REPORT: (Given by Trustee Andrews) A copy is available in the village office for review.

MAIN STREET/LDC/COMP.PLAN: (Given by Jeffrey Bancroft) Copies are available in the village office for review.

COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT: (Director McDarby-absent) It was noted that basket weaving classes, yoga classes and kids night were being offered.

MAYOR'S REPORT: (Given by Mayor Speed) Reported that he has been signing letters and attending meetings. He asked the fire company if they were aware of any problems with the fire hydrants as the village has received a FOIL request from Channel 6 News regarding fire hydrant information. He also reported that the crosswalk work on Main Street (by NYS DOT) will begin this week. He noted that in general people seem pleased with the progress in Philmont. He spent Sunday

hanging holiday banners and thanked people for their help and expected the Holiday Lights would be going up this week or next. He reminded all that the Holiday Lighting Contest will be judged on December 15th and all residents are encouraged to participate. It was reported that the reservoir will be lowered again this year and the new engineer (Morris Associates) is anxious to inspect the area.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: Reported that he has been working with Mike Needham on the Emergency Preparedness Plan and coordinating it with the Columbia County Plan.

TRUSTEE ANDREWS: Reported that the Pumpkin Walk was a big success (about 400 people attended) and thanked Jeff Bancroft for being the “driving force” behind the success of the event. She also thanked OIC Doyle for taking the time to talk to her about the workings of the Police Department. She reported that the signage workup was almost complete. She also reported that the Community Center Sign was done and ready to be put up at the site. She also met with the board of the Philmont Hearth regarding the pending parking lot project. She felt the meeting went well.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON: Set the date of Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00 PM to have a Committee Meeting with the Rescue Squad and the Fire Company (Trustee Johnson and Mayor Speed will represent the board). He also praised the fire company for the good job on the Halloween Party and their cooperative effort with the Mellenville Fire Company on the Haunted Hay Ride (The Mayor got to scare children with a chain saw!)

(CORRESPONDENCE - LIST MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC)

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to pay up to \$600.00 at a rate of \$45.00/hour to Michael Needham for additional services related to the Emergency Preparedness Plan made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to enforce the water turn-off law for those still owing their July 2007 water/sewer bill (list provided to the board for review) with water turn-off scheduled for December 13, 2007 made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to approve Richard Howard as Fire Police Officer for the Philmont Fire Company made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

Bruce Olson noted that the lights in the fire company parking lot need to be checked. They do not always work.

Al Brousseau thanked the Village Board and the Police Department for their participation in the Halloween Party/Parade.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer