

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2007

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

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #6 of 2007 ROCK STREET PARKING PROHIBITION

Public Comment:

Karen Garafalo felt it was not necessary to prohibit parking. Others on the board suggested creating a law that allows limited parking rather prohibiting it completely. After discussion, it was decided that the public hearing would carry over to the next regular monthly board meeting (January 14, 2008) to give the board time to measure out where parking should be allowed.

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

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 Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #7, Water Abstract #7, Sewer Abstract #7, Library Abstract #7, T&A Abstract #7, Ellsworth Street Project Abstract #28, Summit Heights Operations Abstract #3) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS: NONE

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:

Noted ongoing projects. Nothing new to report.

CLERK/TREASURER:

* Water Meter readings are being collected and the January, 2008 billing will be mailed on or about December 31, 2007.

* The Village Office will be closed on December 24th, 25th and January 1st for the Holidays.

* There remains about 18 people on the water turn-off list. Water turn-off is scheduled for December 13th for those still owing the July, 2007 water/sewer bill.

DPW/WATER/SEWER REPORTS:

Reports given by Trustee Johnson. Copies of all are available in the village office for review.

POLICE REPORT:

None (See Motions and Resolutions for new appointment)

LIBRARY:

Report given by Director Karen Garafalo. A copy is available in the village office for review.

MAIN STREET COMMITTEE/COMP. PLAN BOARD/LDC:

Offered by Jeffrey Bancroft. Report given by Trustee Andrews. Copies of all are available in the village office for review.

COMMUNITY CENTER:

Offered by Director Cathy McDarby. Report given by Trustee Andrews. Copy is available in the village office for review.

MAYOR SPEED:

Reported that he and the Clerk attended a meeting of the Columbia-Hudson Partnership at Kozel's and found it informative. He will also be signing a letter of support for the Taconic Hills Emergency Preparedness Center. He is also handling complaints as they come to him and "doing the "Mayor" thing".

TRUSTEE ANDREWS:

Reported that she has been working on the Hearth Parking process and although there are many points yet to be resolved, all appears to be going smoothly.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON:

Noted he attended a meeting with representatives of the Rescue Squad (fire company representatives were unable to attend due to a funeral commitment) and would like to set up another meeting for Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 7:00 PM. The Clerk will notify the Rescue Squad and the Fire Company by letter. He also publicly asked the fire company to please refrain from dumping grease in ANY of the drains. The most recent problem was in the firehouse bathroom. All board members agreed to have Tim Leggett install a small heater in the bathroom, as the furnace at the Community Center has become unreliable and he does not want the bathroom pipes to freeze over the winter.

TRUSTEE CROPPER:

He reported that he is awaiting more information from Mike Needham regarding the Emergency Preparedness Plan. He also noted that the unwanted items at Forest Lake will be removed AFTER hunting season. (He also felt that the Mayor should take "Flat Stanley" to Aruba with him!!)

TRUSTEE SAGAL:

Thanked the Rescue Squad for their participation with Community Day and just being so helpful in general.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST – COPY PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE AND BOARD

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to pass a resolution whereas the Village Board of the Village of Philmont supports the Columbia County Emergency Management's Hazard Mitigation Plan Program, and therefore be it resolved that the Village of Philmont Board agrees to participate in the Columbia County Emergency Management's Hazard Mitigation Plan Program and to further participate with the State Emergency Management Office (SEMO) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). **MOTION** made by Trustee Cropper, 2nd by Trustee Sagal. **ALL AYES, NO NAYS.** (Full resolution attached to the end of the original minutes in minute book).
2. **MOTION** to support Taconic Hills Central School District's application to the Department of State's 2007-2008 Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant Program to plan and implement the Taconic Hills Central School District Columbia County Emergency Sheltering Improvement Project and to authorize Mayor Clarence Speed to sign such a resolution supporting same made by Trustee Andrews, 2nd by Trustee Johnson. **ALL AYES, NO NAYS.** (Full motion attached to end of original minutes in minute book).
3. **MOTION** to appoint Clifford Weigelt as a part-time police officer made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. (NOTE: meeting was reopened by motion made by Trustee Johnson,

seconded by Trustee Cropper to include this motion as it was inadvertently left out...adjournment for this motion was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

Matt Perry felt that the board should continue to look into Inter-municipal sharing. He would also like the board to continue on with their efforts to clean up the reservoir. (Note that the reporter who was present at the meeting mentioned that he spoke with Congresswomen Gillibrand regarding the reservoir clean-up and suggested that the board get in touch with her about a possible USDA Grant).

MOTION to adjourn in memory of *Charles Card Sr.*, and *Scott Taylor* made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer