

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008

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

(PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2008 “ROCK STREET PARKING PROHIBITION” – carried over from December meeting...will be carried over to the February 2008 regular monthly board meeting) – (Trustee Johnson will direct the DPW to measure the area some time prior to the February meeting).

MOTION to approve minutes of the previous meeting made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve the treasurer’s report made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to pay bills (General Abstract #8, Water Abstract #8, Sewer Abstract #8, Library Abstract #8, T&A Abstract #8, Ellsworth Street Abstract #29, Summit Heights Operation Abstract #4) made by Trustee Andrews, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS – NONE

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:

Ongoing projects...Union Contract, Rock Street Parking Law, Elm Street/Maple Avenue Appraisal, etc. He also reminded all that the Town of Claverack Comprehensive Plan meeting is being held tonight at the Claverack Firehouse and the public is encouraged to attend.

CLERK/TREASURER MORRIS:

Water/Sewer bills were mailed out December 31, 2007 and are due without penalty thru January 31, 2008. The Village Office will be closed on Monday, January 21st in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Reminded all that budget workshops should be scheduled and departments must have their proposed budgets into the office by February 1st. Also reminded perspective candidates that Independent Nominating Petitions for the March 18, 2008 elections are due in the village office between February 5th and February 12th 2008. The winners of the Holiday Lighting Contest were announced...1st Place – Paula Riscavage, 2nd Place – Tina Miller, 3rd Place – Len Miller.

DPW/WATER/SEWER:

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

POLICE:

Report given by OIC Doyle. A copy is available in the village office for review.

LIBRARY:

Report given by Director Karen Garafalo. A copy is available in the village office for review. She also noted that the theme for next year's reading program is "western".

MAIN STREET/COMP.PLAN/LDC:

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

COMMUNITY CENTER:

Report given by Director Cathy McDarby. A copy is available in the village office for review. She also noted that there are problems with the water heater and the floor tiles. Trustee Johnson will look into the problems.

MAYOR SPEED:

Noted that he has been taking complaints regarding the fence situation on Band Street. He also noted that he would be speaking with NYS DOT regarding their plowing practices on Main Street as they "flipped" and broke a manhole cover creating a dangerous situation and he has also received many complaints from Main Street residents regarding heavy snow being plowed on to their sidewalks. He reported that he talked to Assemblyman Molinaro regarding the situation at Summit Lake and will look into it further (also noted that the village residents should come out in support of Senator Saland as he has been a real friend to the Village). Also told all that he will be vacationing in Aruba for the month of February and Trustee Johnson will be running the February board meeting.

TRUSTEE CROPPER:

Reported that Mike Needham will be at the upcoming workshop to finalize the Emergency Preparedness Plan. Also Forest Lake is getting cleaned up slowly as the weather permits.

TRUSTEE SAGAL: Wanted to give “Honorable Mention” to John Graham for cleaning the sidewalks and noted that it was appreciated. She requested that the village write him a letter expressing the village’s thanks.

TRUSTEE ANDREWS:

Attended a meeting with interested parties regarding the Hearth parking situation. Dr. O’Leary was nice enough to volunteer to meet with NYS and the board to work things out. She also reported contacting the office of Kristen Gilibrand and will be receiving forms to be filled out referencing the Summit Lake clean-up situation. She also asked that the board consider “adopting” the “Village of Philmont Boards and Committees Roles & Responsibilities”. The board will review and act on it at next meeting).

TRUSTEE JOHNSON:

Tried to hold a meeting with the Fire Company/Rescue Squad but the fire company was unable to attend due to a conflict. The next meeting is set for Wednesday, February 13th at 7:00 PM. He noted that the Rescue Squad was working on a plan which involved the property that they now own. He also reported that Mr. Jeffries (cell tower representative) will contact the Mayor with a proposal. He also reported that the village will be putting out for bid a new roof for the municipal building.

CORRESPONDENCE –LIST PROVIDED TO AUDIENCE.

MOTION AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to accept the resignation of Gregory J. Leone and Nicholas Hodges as part time police officers made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to appoint Carol Mossman, Nancy Brousseau and Phyllis Nichols as Election Inspectors for the March 18, 2008 Village Elections at a rate of \$8.00/hour made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to appoint Laura Smith and Peter Groll as Election Custodians for the March 18, 2008 Village Elections at a rate of \$60.00 each made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to appoint David Rogers as Investment Advisor in charge of investments connected to the Fire Company LOSAP Program made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
5. **MOTION** to approve and accept Comerica Bank as Financial Institution in charge of pension payment services in connection with the Fire Company LOSAP Program made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

(NOTE: Referencing Motions #4 & #5 contracts will be signed by Mayor Speed after being reviewed by Attorney Fitzsimmons).

6. **MOTION** to put out for bid – Roof Replacement of the Municipal Building with bids being opened at the Regular Monthly Board Meeting to be held on Monday, February 11, 2008 at 6:30 PM. Motion made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS. (Public Notice to newspaper).

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

Boiler problem was brought up by Trustee Sagal. It was noted that Montague Oil had the contract for repair of the boiler.

Fire Chief Ortiz proudly reported that Philmont Fire Company Member – Mark Bolevice, will be attending the NYC Fire Academy, realizing his life-long dream of becoming a NYC Firefighter.

With no further business to be brought before the board, a MOTION to adjourn in memory of Morton Zaretsky (a moment of silence was observed) was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris

Clerk/Treasurer

VILLAGE OF PHILMONT