

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008 – 6:30 PM

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 1. Continuation of “Rock Street Parking” Local Law 1-2008**
- 2. “Three (3) Month Sign Moratorium” Local Law 2-2008**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Trustee Sagal noted that she reviewed the measurements for the “Rock Street Parking” area and approved.

“The 3-Month Sign Moratorium” proposed law was reviewed when the Attorney arrived.

MOTION to Close Public Hearings made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper ALL AYES, NO NAYS (See “Motions and Resolutions” for law adoptions)

MOTION to approve minutes of the previous meeting (*w/addition of “Universal Roof Bid – Option #2 - \$24,400 which was omitted from last month’s bid opening amounts) made by Trustee Cropper, 2nd by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve the treasurer’s report made by Trustee Sagal, 2nd by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #10, Water Abstract #10, Sewer Abstract #10, Library Abstract #10, T&A Abstract #10, Summit Lake Account Abstract #10, Summit Heights Operations Account Abstract #5).

-OPEN TRUCK BIDS –

Only one bid was received: Corbelli Inc. Landscaping, 16 Ernest Lane, Mahopac, NY
Price: \$43,000.00

MOTION to accept the bid with the stipulation of the Mayor’s approval after inspection of the vehicle made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Loren Miller asked permission to use the Village Green for his Wedding pictures on July 26th. The Board granted his request.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:

Noted that he has been working on Local Law #1 of 2008 (Rock St.Parking), and Local Law #2 of 2008 (Sign Moratorium). Also the contract for the purchase of the Village Green is in progress and he also had a few suggestions for the proposed new signage law draft.

CLERK/TREASURER:

The Village Office will be closed on Friday, March 21st for the Easter Holiday. Also bids were reviewed by Morris Associates (Engineer) for replacement of the municipal building roof. The bid was awarded to Universal Roofing (\$24,400) at a special meeting held prior to the workshop on February 27th. Work is expected to start in about 3 weeks as soon as materials arrive. She also reported that approximately 15 properties remain on the water turn-off list at this time. Turn off is scheduled for March 12th.

DPW/WATER/SEWER:

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

POLICE:

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

LIBRARY:

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

MAIN STREET/LDC/COMP.PLAN:

Reports were given by Trustee Andrews. Copies are available in the village office for review.

COMMUNITY CENTER:

Report was given by Trustee Andrews. A copy is available in the village office for review.

MAYOR SPEED:

He was in Aruba for the last month and had a wonderful time...Also noted that he is working on a problem on Summit Street regarding a tree and a fence. Trustee Johnson will refer it to the DPW.

TRUSTEE CROPPER:

He reported that he is working on getting a new business in the village. Also was pleased to receive a "positive" letter regarding snow removal. He asked that all departments pick up their "Emergency Management Plan" from the Village Office.

TRUSTEE SAGAL:

She reported that she received a request from George Shook asking that the snow on Church Street be plowed a foot away from the sidewalk as it keeps "re-covering" his sidewalk. The request will be passed on to the DPW.

TRUSTEE ANDREWS:

She noted that Gary Miller (Maple Terrace) had a similar snow plowing complaint. She reported working on the new signage law and on the Community Center.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON:

Reported on a meeting with HRV Greenway regarding suggestions for uses for the Summit Heights village land. He would like to schedule a “walking visit” to the property and have residents give suggestions on how to develop the property as a park. Trustee Andrews noted that there may be funds available to assist in the development.

CORRESPONDENCE – LIST PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE

The Clerk read a letter from Brett Cobb requesting a solution to snow covered sidewalks. The people on Main Street were very happy with the results after the past storm when the DPW used the small plow (owned by the Town of Claverack) to clear Main Street sidewalks. He felt the rest of the village would benefit from this same service as there are many who are elderly or do not have extra funds to pay for someone to shovel/plow their sidewalks. The Mayor noted that this is a tough issue. Most of the sidewalks off of Main Street are not wide enough to use this type of machine. Bill Ritchie suggested buying a usable machine (approximate cost would be \$25,000) to both sweep and shovel sidewalks. Matt Perry suggested trying to find funding.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to declare a negative impact in reference to SEQR review in relation to proposed Local Law #1-2008 “Creating the Village of Philmont Rock Street Parking Prohibition Law” made by Trustee Sagal, 2nd by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

1a. **MOTION** to adopt Local Law #1-2008 “Creating the Village of Philmont Rock Street Parking Prohibition Law” made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

2. **MOTION** to adopt Local Law #2-2008 “Enacting a Three (3) Month Moratorium on Signs” made by Trustee Sagal, 2nd by Trustee Andrews 3 AYES, 2NAYS (Trustee Johnson, Trustee Cropper).

3. **MOTION** to appoint Cari Naftali as Recreation Director at a rate of \$10.00/hour effective immediately made by Trustee Andrews, 2nd by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

4. **MOTION** to accept five Victorian benches as permanent donations from Philmont Beautification Inc. as a part of the Streetscape grant component of the 2005 PB Inc. Main Street program funded by the NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation and the NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal. The benches are for use and placement on the Main Street at:
2 x 5 ft benches for outside the Village Office
2 x 4 ft benches for the Philmont Library Main Street frontage
1 x 4 ft bench for the street park – opposite the Village Office

Benches are to remain in use on the Main Street for a period of seven years; will be covered by replacement insurance held by the Village of Philmont; and will receive maintenance if necessary required during the seven year statutory period in accordance with Main Street grant funding guidelines. Benches can be relocated within the target area, from Ellsworth Street to Elm Street if the Village feels a better placement would be beneficial for the Village made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

4(b). **MOTION** to install up to seven Main Street “Welcome to Philmont” banners designed by five local artists under sponsorship from 2005 PB Inc. Main Street program funded by NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation and the NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal. Banners to be installed within the program target area of Ellsworth Street to Elm Street for a minimum of three months...**MOTION TABLED UNTIL THE NEW BANNER DESIGN COULD BE VIEWED.**

5. **MOTION** to hold the Annual Organizational Meeting and the Annual Budget Hearing on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 6:30 PM in the Village Meeting Hall made by Trustee Sagal, 2nd by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

6. **MOTION** to re-appoint Acting Village Justice Charles Edwin Hoag Jr. Esq. for a one year term ending March 31, 2009 made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

7. **MOTION** to use \$20,000 from the “Building Renovations Reserve Account” to assist in paying for replacement of the Municipal Building roof made by Trustee Cropper, 2nd by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS. (Total cost = \$24,400. Balance (\$4,400) will come from A1620.4 – General Buildings Account).

8. **MOTION** to use \$35,000 from the Equipment Reserve Account” towards the purchase of a used Dump Truck for the DPW Department made by Trustee Sagal, 2nd by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS. (Balance to come from A1640.4 – General Central Garage Account)

9. **MOTION** to support the Key Bank Employee/Employer Benefits Program made by Trustee Johnson, 2nd by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

10. **MOTION** to accept the resignation of Barry Marshall as Philmont Library Board President and Library Board Member and to appoint Mathew D. Perry to fill the position of Library Board President and to appoint Robert Macfarlane as Vice President to fill the slot being vacated by Mathew D. Perry made by Trustee Andrews, 2nd by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

11. **MOTION** to accept the resignation of Joanne Brousseau as Secretary of the Philmont Zoning Board of Appeals effective immediately made by Trustee Sagal, 2nd by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

12. **MOTION** to pay for property to be acquired from Marsha Nelson & Gigi Madore (Village Green) from the Summit Heights recreation funds (Play & Rec. Acct. H-9) in the amount of \$35,000 per proposed contract made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

13. **MOTION** to purchase Maple Avenue property known as the Village Green from Marsha Nelson & Gigi Madore for the amount of \$35,000 (full formal resolution attached to the original copy of these minutes in the official minute book) made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

14. **MOTION** to approve Union Contract as the draft reads. Final copy will be signed as long as there are no changes implemented. Motion to approve the contract was made by Trustee Cropper, Seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Johnson noted that he was waiting to hear back from Rick Tracey/Rescue Squad and then he would touch base with John Blaauw/Fire Company to schedule another meeting.

John Blaauw noted that catch basins need to be check out thoroughly as some are in need of repair. Trustee Johnson will inform the DPW.

Bruce Olson reported that the problem of a fallen tree near the sluiceway needed to be addressed.

Trustee Andrews thanked Cathy McDarby for all her hard work getting the Community Center up and running (Clerk asked to send her a letter of thanks from the Mayor & Trustees).

With no further business to come before the board, a **MOTION** to adjourn in memory of Trustee Sagal's dad was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Andrews. A moment of silence was observed.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT