

## **REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008**

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

**MOTION** to approve minutes of the previous meeting made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. 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 #11, Water Abstract #11, Sewer Abstract #11, Library Abstract #11, T&A Abstract #11, Summit Lake Abstract #11) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal.

**PUBLIC REQUEST :** NONE

### **CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mailed April, 2008 water/sewer bills out on March 28<sup>th</sup> and they are due through the end of April without penalty.

Prepared and copied the budget for the Public Hearing held April 7<sup>th</sup>. Copies of the budget are available in the Village Office.

Prepared the tax roll for Columbia County incorporating all changes and adjustments. Taxes for the fiscal year 2008-2009 will be going out June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **DPW/WA/SW REPORT:**

Reports given by Supt. Michael Scheller. Copies of all are 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.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Report given by Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons. Noted on-going projects including the pending purchase of the Village Green property on Maple Avenue.

### **POLICE REPORT:**

Report given by OIC Vernon Doyle. A copy is available in the Village Office for review. (He noted that the "car break-in case" was solved) The Mayor expressed his approval of how the police department has been performing. Supt. Scheller asked that the police assist the DPW on May 17<sup>th</sup> – Clean Up Day – from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM. OIC Doyle will handle the request.

### **MAIN STREET/COMP.PLAN/LDC REPORTS:**

Reports Given by Trustee Andrews. Copies are available in the Village Office for review.

**COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT:**

Report given by Trustee Andrews. A report of time spent for the week of April 7-14 was provided by Director Cari Naftali. Trustee Andrews noted she is working on getting an assistant for the Director.

**MAYOR’S SPEED’S REPORT:**

He reported that he worked on cleaning up the Summit Heights property and also worked on getting stop signs put up. He signed all necessary papers and thanked all for helping to make his job easier. (He noted that he would be willing to try “belly dancing classes” at the Community Center – said he would try anything once!!)

**TRUSTEE ANDREW’S REPORT:**

Noted that she has been away a lot of the month. She reported that an open invitation is being extended to “walk” the Summit Heights property and review the site for possible uses. It will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Everyone will meet at the entrance to Catskill Court in the Summit Heights Development – all are welcome. She also reported that she has met with “The Grant Writers” and they may attend the April workshop meeting.

**TRUSTEE SAGAL’S REPORT:**

Nothing new to report – ongoing projects.

**TRUSTEE CROPPER’S REPORT:**

Nothing new to report – ongoing projects.

**TRUSTEE JOHNSON:** – (Absent ) On Vacation.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A correspondence list was provided to the audience.

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

- 1. **MOTION** to approve the following names submitted by the Philmont Fire Company as Line Officers for 2008-2009.

Chief	Chris Carlson
1 <sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief	Dick Howard
2 <sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief	Mark Beaumont
Captain	Brian Wheeler
1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut.	Frank Langdon
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut.	Max Dannis

**MOTION** made by Trustee Cropper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS. (Prior to the vote the Mayor inquired as to the status of the officers, making sure they had necessary physicals and the proper training courses. He was assured by members of the fire company that all are qualified for their positions).

- 2. **MOTION** to approve Steven R. Roberts as a member of the Philmont Volunteer Fire Co. #1 made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS. (Has all necessary qualifications per fire company).

- 3. **MOTION** to approve “smoke testing” of sewer lines in the village by NY RURAL WATER to determine if there are any breaks in the lines - at no cost to the village – and to agree

to sign an indemnification agreement for same made by Trustee Cropper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS. (*Supt. Scheller explained the process for the public*). (*The Attorney noted that the insurance company will not cover the village for the indemnification agreement*). (*It was suggested that Col. Co. 911, the Philmont Fire Company and the residents be notified prior to testing*).

4. **MOTION** to accept the tax levy of \$9.58/1000 to raise the amount of \$484,680.00 for the fiscal year June 1, 2008 – May 31, 2009 made by Trustee Cropper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

5. **MOTION** to transfer between subsidiary accounts as necessary made by Trustee Sagal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:**

John Blaauw asked that the fire house parking lot be cleaned up. He asked that the DPW loosen up and remove the dirt then the fire company would wash down the lot. He also reported that the lights on the outside of the firehouse were not working properly. Mike Scheller will call Leggett Electrical. John Blaauw also noted that he was not pleased with the “dead bolt” lock that was put on the Fire House door and would like it changed to an “automatic locking” type. The Mayor noted that Trustee Johnson had control of that project and he would pass the information on to him. John also wondered about the status of the rescue squad/fire company talks. He said he would check with Trustee Johnson when he returned.

**MOTION** to adjourn in memory of Ethel Sharts (Trustee Johnson’s grandmother), Ester Tipple and John French – a moment of silence was observed – Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Sagal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris  
Clerk/Treasurer  
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT