

## **REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2008 – 6:30 PM**

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

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

**MOTION** to approve the treasurer's report made by Trustee Andrews, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION** to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #1, Water Abstract #1, Sewer Abstract #1, Library Abstract #1, T&A Abstract, Summit Heights Operation Abstract #1, Summit Lake Abstract #1) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

### **PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

Jim Brady, from Church Street noted that he donated (and dropped of) one game table and will drop off a foosball table as soon as he is able to get foosballs to go with it. He also stated that his basketball hoop problem has been solved but is still having problems with kids being destructive and suggested a stronger police presence. He would like to see more police walking patrols on Church Street.

Bill Ritchie said he went into the NYS DOT in Hudson to inquire about the cross walks that were supposed to be completed some time ago. Their explanation was that it would be completed this month (note: Phil Tkacy spoke with Lance at NYS DOT – they told him that as soon as the paint gets in it will be done). Skip will follow through on the process. Mr. Ritchie complained about the young kids hanging out by Lagonia's Restaurant. OIC Doyle will continue to pursue the Church Street issue and the Lagonia's Restaurant complaint.

**ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:** Reported on on-going projects...Village Green issue, tentative changes to the current Curfew Law. Copies of the changes to the Curfew Law were provided to the board for review so that they can discuss it at the workshop and if all is acceptable, a public hearing can be scheduled for the July, 2008 regular monthly board meeting.

**CLERK/TREASURER MORRIS:** Water turn-off is scheduled for Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> for those still owing the January, 2008 water/sewer bill.

Columbia County Solid Waste will have free appliance disposal during the month of July at any county transfer station. The exceptions are refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, water coolers and air conditioners...these items will be accepted **only** at the Greenport transfer station.

The Village Office will be closed on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> for Independence Day. (note: newspaper pick-up will be on Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the holiday).

The Town of Germantown would like all to know they will be holding their annual Independence Day celebration on June 28<sup>th</sup>. A flyer is in the bulletin board – for more information you may contact the Germantown Town Hall at 537-6687.

**DPW/WA/SW:** Report was given by Trustee Johnson. Copies are available in the village office for review.

**POLICE REPORT:** Report was given by OIC Vernon Doyle. A copy is available in the Village Office for review. OIC Doyle also reported that it was the Philmont Police Department that made the arrest of the individual allegedly responsible for stealing copper from properties throughout the county. He felt the officers involved deserved credit for a job well done.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** Report was given by Trustee Andrews. A copy is available in the Village Office for review.

**MAIN STREET/LDC/COMP.PLAN:** Reports given by Trustee Andrews. (Working on Community Day, requesting advertisements for the paper...LDC met with Summit Heights Park Committee. She noted that she has been working with the Community Center Director(s)

**COMMUNITY CENTER:** Report given by Trustee Andrews. Reminded all about “Kids Night” at the Community Center is from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM on Thursdays. She also reported that a Food Co-op program has been started through the Community Center. Forms may be picked up at the Village Office and/or the Library.

**MAYOR SPEED:** Reported that he purchased the balance of the Zabella blocks left over from the Summit Lake retaining wall project. Also reported that he attended a “casual” evening at the Vanderbilt Inn and had a chance to talk with the Columbia County Sheriff and Assemblyman Marc Molinaro. He said it was informative and was hoping that some funding would be available. He spoke with Mr. Diotaiuti regarding a water problem at his West Street residence (Mr. Diotaiuti was at the meeting to explain the problem). The situation was remedied to the satisfaction of all. Mr. Diotaiuti noted that he also had water running onto his property from another source. The Mayor stated that the problem was being addressed (a property on Church Street had a water leak -found by NY Rural Water- and should be repaired promptly).

**TRUSTEE CROPPER:** Noted that he enjoyed participating in the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. He also reported that all was good at Forest Lake and he has been checking it on a regular basis. He also noted that he is working on a Community Day flyer related to the scheduled car show.

**TRUSTEE ANDREWS:** Reported she also enjoyed participating in the Memorial Day Ceremonies. She noted that the Village Green purchase is almost final. She also attended the quarterly Mohawk-Hudson Village Officials meeting.

**TRUSTEE JOHNSON:** Reported that he met with Dave Carl of Montague Oil regarding installing the new boiler. It was decided that he would be responsible for deciding how the job should be priced out . He also has been talking with Rick Tracey (Rescue Squad) regarding any progress in finding a “new home” for their organization. He will continue to monitor the progress.

## **CORRESPONDENCE – LIST PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE**

### **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **MOTION** to approve the appointment of Nichole Curless & Harold Higley as members of the Philmont Volunteer Fire Company #1 Inc. made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

2. **MOTION** to approve the appointment of William L. Blaauw, John W. Blaauw and Bruce O. Olson to the position of Fire Police Officer of the Philmont Fire Department made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

3. **MOTION** to accept the resignation of Leland Haywood from the Philmont Planning Board made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

4. **MOTION** to appoint alternate Planning Board member Lawrence Ostrander to fill the unexpired term of Leland Haywood with the term to expire 03/01/2010 made by Trustee Andrews, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS: None**

**MOTION** to adjourn in memory of **John Macfarlane, Eileen Basl, and Charles Bridgham**. Motion made by Trustee Andrews, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris  
Clerk/Treasurer  
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT