

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

PRESENT: Mayor Clarence Speed, Trustees Brian Johnson, Barbara Sagal, Douglas Cropper, Robin Andrews (attended earlier –but left before meeting started), Clerk/Treasurer Eilene Morris, Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons.

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

MOTION to approve treasurer's report made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #4, Water Abstract #4, Sewer Abstract #4, Library Abstract #4, T&A Abstract #4, Summit Heights Abstract #4, Summit Lake Abstract #4) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS: None

ATTORNEY ROBERT FITZSIMMONS:

On-going projects including Summit Heights Project. He requested permission from Trustee Sagal to forward the *draft* signage law she worked on along to the Town of Kinderhook for their review as they are working on their own signage law.

CLERK/TREASURER EILENE MORRIS:

*Approximately 15 properties remain on the water turn-off list. Turn-off is scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2008 at noon.

*Meter readings will be taken soon for the October, 2008 water/sewer billing. Bills are scheduled to be mailed October 1, 2008.

*The Village Office will be closed on Monday, October 13th for the Columbus Day holiday.

DPW/WATER/SEWER REPORTS:

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

COMMUNITY CENTER:

The report was given by Trustee Johnson. A copy is available in the village office for review. He noted that the Ghent Baptist Church has requested use of the Community Center for their meetings. After discussion **MOTION was made to disallow use of the hall to any religious group so as not to offend or favor any particular group. Motion was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.**

It was also noted that items such as a broken tile, fallen flag, molding on front door and handicapped access needed to be resolved. Trustee Johnson will attend to these items.

POLICE REPORT:

The report was given by OIC Vernon Doyle. Copies are available in the village office for review. It was determined that the traffic ticket that was “featured” in the “Our Town” newspaper was lawfully issued and the Village Board intends to stand behind the officer. The person receiving the ticket actually admitted guilt in the article in “Our Town” and all agreed that it dealt with a serious safety issue.

The Mayor also wanted to inform the OIC that the problem tenants that lived on Church Street now have moved on to Main Street and would like to make sure that there are no problems.

LIBRARY REPORT:

The report was given by *Interim* Director Karen Garafalo. Copies are available in the village office for review.

MAYOR SPEED:

He reported that the cross-walks are finally completed!!! He was very pleased with the NYS DOT gentleman he spoke with. He also will order a “crossing” cone for the cross walk at Richardson’s Hall. He also met with Senator Saland for pictures with our new Police Car and thanked the Senator for being such a good friend to the village. He urged residents to remember that come November. He also noted that he plans on attending the Mohawk/Hudson Village Officials meeting the end of September.

TRUSTEE CROPPER:

He also thanked Senator Saland for all of his help. He noted that he has been checking Forest Lake and all is good. He reported that he has been in touch with NYS regarding the privately owned dam just outside the village. The State will notify the owner that he will have to hire an engineer. The State will keep the village informed of any progress.

TRUSTEE SAGAL:

She was concerned about the speed of traffic on Main Street. She would like to see additional “Speed Limit” signs put up. The Mayor noted that he anticipated that the “crossing” cone will help. Karen Garafalo suggested an electronic “you are going this fast” sign at the entry to the village. She said that these signs had an impact in her hometown where her brother is Mayor. Skip Krein suggested that the yellow line on Main Street be extended to include the crosswalks so that cars don’t block them. The Mayor agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST – COPY AVAILABLE FOR THE AUDIENCE

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to put out for bid the furnishing of #2 Fuel Oil, service and maintenance for the Village of Philmont municipal buildings from October 14, 2008 through October 13, 2009 made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. **ALL AYES, NO NAYS.**
2. **MOTION** to approve the appointment of Jerry Beverly and John Calderon as members of the Philmont Volunteer Fire Company #1 Inc. made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. **ALL AYES, NO NAYS.**

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS – None

MOTION to adjourn made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. **ALL AYES, NO NAYS.**

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris

Clerk/Treasurer

VILLAGE OF PHILMONT