

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008 – 6:30 PM

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

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

MOTION to approve Treasurer's Report made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #7, Water Abstract #7, Sewer Abstract #7, Library Abstract #7, T&A Abstract #7, Summit Lake Abstract #7, Summit Heights Abstract #7) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION BY MAYOR CLARENCE SPEED MADE TO VILLAGE BARBER, LOUIS CURCIO FOR HIS 60+ YEARS OF SERVICE TO VILLAGE RESIDENTS. A RESOLUTION WAS ALSO PRESENTED TO MR. CURCIO BY ASSEMBLYMAN MARC MOLINARO AS WELL AS A GIFT (and witty speech) FROM ALBERT WASSEHOF. A larger than usual crowd in attendance gave Mr. Curcio a warm round of applause in appreciation of his village involvement.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Linda Gatter asked that the board publicly support an alternative solution for parking at the Hearth. With the alternate proposition the parking area would remain the same and the front lawn of the building will remain intact. She noted that the neighbors are willing to offer enough property in order to keep the driveway and parking area the same. The State of New York is spending \$82,000 on this project (as it was originally proposed). The alternative solution would likely cost a lot less and would present a more pleasing appearance. The Mayor noted that he has already written letters to Senator Saland and Assemblyman Molinaro. Assemblyman Molinaro was in attendance and noted that he has received the letter and is actively looking into the situation. It was decided that the **Village Board** would sign a letter of support for the alternative parking proposal and forward it the NYS Dept. of Mental Health, the department most closely tied to the project.

ATTORNEY ROBERT FITZSIMMONS:

Only ongoing projects to report.

DPW/WA/SW REPORTS:

Reports 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. He introduced new police officer, Stacy Vogel, to the board and residents. (See Motions and Resolutions).

LIBRARY REPORT:

Report given by Interim Director Karen Garafalo. A copy is available in the Village Office for review. She also introduced "Flat Henry" to the crowd and hoped that he would be widely traveled by the end of his tour as a celebration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the Hudson River. Trustee Johnson indicated that he would be thrilled to build a world map for the Library lawn. She also displayed a scale model of the proposed new addition to the Library for all to enjoy.

MAIN STREET COMMITTEE:

(No Report – no meetings held)

COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT:

Provided by Matthew Perry and given by Trustee Andrews. Copies are available in the Village Office for review.

MAYOR CLARENCE SPEED:

Reported that he had attended meetings, signed letters and got through Thanksgiving. He also volunteered to take "Flat Henry" to Aruba with him.

TRUSTEE CROPPER:

Noted it was time to review the Emergency Management Plan (however it is fairly new and does not expect any changes to it but asked the board to look it over for any questions). He also reported that the Forest Lake hunting season passed without any problems.

TRUSTEE SAGAL:

Expressed concern about the article in the Independent referencing the possibility of Pine Haven Nursing Home moving out of the Village. Many in the audience also expressed concern. Mr. & Mrs. Wasserhove both spoke to the subject requesting that the Village Board become very vocal in its concerns over the loss of jobs, business etc. should the home move from the area. The board will speak with the attorney regarding developing a plan to keep Pine Haven Home in the village.

TRUSTEE ANDREWS:

Reported that she was trying to keep up with Santa Claus Club activities. Also, set the judging for the lighting contest for December 19th at 7:00 PM (Board will meet at the Village Office).

TRUSTEE JOHNSON:

Trucks, sand and salt, and the men are ready for the snow.

CORRESPONDENCE – LIST PROVIDED FOR AUDIENCE

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to appoint Stacy Vogel as a part-time police officer as recommended by OIC Vernon Doyle made by Trustee Andrews, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to write letters signed by the entire Board of Trustees supporting the alternate proposal for parking at the Philmont Hearth to both Senator Saland, Assemblyman Molinaro and the NYS Department of Mental Health made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

At this point Judge Jonathan Nichols noted that he felt the “Public Requests” section of the meeting was cut short a bit, and wondered if he would be allowed to speak (smile). He offered his sincere congratulations to “Barber Lou” and asked if the Mayor’s haircut price has been less over the years to accommodate his hairline being less (smile). All thanked Lou for his dedication

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

MOTION TO ADJOURN was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris

Clerk/Treasurer

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