

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009

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

MOTION to approve minutes of the previous meeting made by Trustee Sagal, 2nd by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve treasurer's report made by Trustee Andrews, 2nd by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #8, Water Abstract #8, Sewer Abstract #8, Library Abstract #8, T&A Abstract #8, Summit Lake Abstract #8, Summit Heights Operations Abstract #8) made by Trustee Sagal, 2nd by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Mayor Speed read a "card" from William & Sherry Ritchie thanking Sally Baker, Barbara Sagal, Meg Cashen, Carolyn Stern, Eileen Ordu, Sam Wright and the Community Service Workers "for the beautiful and thoughtful job they did for the village this holiday season and noted that the store fronts were wonderful. They wished all a happy healthy new year.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

None

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:

On going projects. He noted that the board should go into executive session to discuss a litigation situation.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT:

Reported that water/sewer bills were mailed 12/31/08 and are due through 1/31/09 without penalty. All Departments are asked to hand in their proposed tentative budgets for the next fiscal year. Budget workshops will be scheduled for February. The Village Office will be closed on Monday, January 19th for Martin Luther King Day. Also, the Planning Board and Zoning Board are both in need of a secretary. Also, the Planning Board is in need of a permanent member and an alternate member. Anyone interested can contact Mary Prazma on the Planning Board or Nancy Brousseau on the Zoning Board.

DPW/WATER/SEWER:

All reports given by Trustee Johnson. Copies of all 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 also reported that Officer Tkacy was recovering from his accident and doing well.

LIBRARY REPORT:

Report was given by Interim Director Karen Garafalo. Copies are available in the Village Office for review. She also distributed a “cone chart” comparing book circulation for the last six years. She reminded all that soup sales have begun at the Library.

MAIN STREET COMMITTEE:

No meeting was held in December. No Report

COMMUNITY CENTER:

Report was provided by Center Director Mathew Perry and given by Trustee Andrews. Copies are available in the Village Office for review. She reminded all that Belly Dancing classes have started and although the Mayor did not volunteer to dance, he did volunteer to be a judge (smile).

MAYOR SPEED:

Reported that he had the pleasure of towing the Santa Float in the Holiday parade. He also thanked all departments and residents for pulling together during the December 11th ice storm. He noted that it was a learning experience and lessons learned will be implemented should another disaster arise. Reported that he worked with Supt. Scheller on the generator at the WWTP. He also had several conversations with Bill Black from Emergency Management. Also, easements with NYSEG have been signed so they can install new phone poles. Also, he went to Albany to pick up a new cone sign for the crosswalk on Main Street (original was destroyed). He asked that the police keep an eye on the area as the sign has been knocked down several times. He also reported that he has not yet found his generator (it was stolen during the ice storm). He does have a lead and will pass it on to the police. Also noted that he will speak with Tim Leggett (electrician) about the circuit breaker in the meeting hall *still* “blowing” after the completion of electrical work.

TRUSTEE CROPPER:

Reported that he is reviewing the Emergency Management Plan and possible changes will be discussed at the workshop meeting. He also noted that he has received several complaints regarding sidewalks that are not shoveled. The police department is addressing the problem.

TRUSTEE SAGAL:

Reported that Housing Resources has available funds for Senior Citizen housing repairs. Applications can be obtained in the village office once they are made available by Housing Resources (March 2009).

TRUSTEE ANDREWS:

Thanked all who volunteered during the ice storm situation. Noted that the volunteer firemen who worked the shelter went above and beyond the call of duty and all the help was appreciated. She also reported that she knew of a party that was interested in warehouse space-about 1500 square feet. If anyone knows of such a space, please contact her.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON:

Reported that trucks are all up and running and that phone lines are in need of repair at Forest Lake.

Mayor Speed addressed the parking lot situation at the Hearth. The Village Board collectively wrote a letter to NYS Department of Mental Health with copies going to Senator Saland and Assemblyman Molinaro. We received a reply from both the Senator and the Assemblyman that they have been in contact with the parties and the alternative parking lot proposal is being considered.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST – COPIES WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE AUDIENCE

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** that the Village of Philmont does hereby urge Governor David Paterson to rescind and the State Legislature to oppose the elimination of the Hudson River Valley Communities Council and the Hudson River Valley Greenway Heritage Conservancy and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor David Paterson and legislative leaders made by Trustee Johnson, 2nd by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS (a full copy attached to the original minutes).
2. **MOTION** to lease a wood chipper from NYNE Equipment Inc. at a cost of \$3600/month for three months (due to the urgency of the situation after the December 11th ice storm) made by Trustee Johnson, 2nd by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to accept bids for the purchase of a wood chipper made by Trustee Cropper, 2nd by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS (to be advertised - bids will be opened at the February 9, 2009 board meeting and bid sheets will be available in the Village Office).
4. **MOTION** to appoint Carol Mossman, Nancy Brousseau and Phyllis Nichols as Election Inspectors at a rate of \$8.00/hour and to appoint Laura Smith and Peter Groll as Election Custodians at a flat rate of \$60.00 for the March 18, 2009 Village Election made by Trustee Sagal, 2nd by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
5. **MOTION** to accept the resignation of Hazel Hernandez as Secretary of the Planning and Zoning Boards made by Trustee Sagal, 2nd by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
6. **MOTION** to accept with regret and many thanks for her many years of service – the resignation of Dorothy Bowes as Philmont Library Board Member/Treasurer made by Trustee Andrews, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
7. **MOTION** to contract with Anthony Krein to run “Kids Night” for the year 2009 at the Philmont Community Center at a rate of \$10.00/hours served made by Trustee Andrews, 2nd by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
8. **MOTION** to contract with Robin Cozzolino to run a “Children’s Play Group” at the Philmont Community Center at a rate of \$10.00/hours served made by Trustee Cropper, 2nd by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

9. **MOTION** to advertise the position of “Temporary Fill In and Back-Up” for programs at the Philmont Community Center. Hours for the position will be flexible from 0-10 hours per week @ \$10.00/hour made by Trustee Andrews, 2nd by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

10. **MOTION** to resolve that Mayor Clarence Speed shall be authorized to execute an easement to NYSEG Corp. for the purpose of installing overhead electric facilities located along the easterly and westerly bounds of Preusser Road as it fronts Village lands and more fully described in the easement being presented. The motion was made by Trustee Johnson, 2nd by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS (see NYSEG file for full copy of easement).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Trustee Andrews asked about any FEMA information received. It was noted that nothing has been forwarded to the Village regarding the reimbursement of funds for the December 11th ice storm. The clerk suggested that anyone with questions regarding funding for individuals should contact Columbia County Emergency Management.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

MOTION to go into executive session to discuss Taylor litigation made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to adjourn executive session made by Trustee Cropper, 2nd by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to settle Taylor litigation was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting in memory of *Bob Wasner, Howard Rhodes and John Kraft* (a moment of silence was observed) was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT