

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009

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

(The Mayor announced that an abbreviated meeting would be held so that the board could attend the Town of Claverack Board meeting to discuss the Pine Haven situation)

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

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

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #10, Water Abstract #10, Sewer Abstract #10, Library Abstract #10, T&A Abstract #10, Summit Lake Abstract #10) made by Trustee Andrews, 2nd by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Mathew Oakley noted that he would be starting up a Coin and Stamp Club which will meet at the Philmont Community Center the 4th Monday of every month. The first meeting will be held on March 23rd, 2009 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Flyers are available in the village office.

REPORTS:

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:

On-going projects.

DPW/WA/SW:

Reports given by Trustee Johnson. Copies are available in the Village Office for review.

POLICE:

Report was given by OIC Doyle. Noted that a confession was received in the "graffiti" case and also a burglary arrest was made. There has been a lot of activity at 23 Main Street and DEA arrests were made. Mr. Osbourn asked if there were any other reports of broken windshields as his had been broken during the night. OIC Doyle said he would take his information and file a report. Trustee Cropper asked that during "day" shifts the police keep an eye out for speeders on Martindale Road between 7:00 AM – 7:30 AM during the time the kids are waiting for school buses.

LIBRARY REPORT:

Report was given by Interim Director Garafalo. A copy is available in the Village Office for review. There were some “racy” pictures of the Mayor in Aruba with Flat Henry!!-smile)

MAIN STREET COMMITTEE:

Report was given by Trustee Andrews. They are considering combining Community Day and the Pumpkin Walk and holding it the beginning of October.

COMMUNITY CENTER:

Report was given by Trustee Andrews. Motion light was repaired and the Hudson Correctional Facility inmates will be painting there when time permits. A Coin and Stamp Club will start in March. Also, a “lifestyle” group will be starting up. It will deal with “healthy living choices” and weight control.

MAYOR SPEED:

The Mayor reported that since his return from Aruba, he has been meeting with Town of Claverack officials, Assemblyman Molinaro and Mr. Mattikow regarding various village issues along with signing letters and making phone calls. He also kept up with things via FAX and phone calls while in Aruba.

TRUSTEE CROPPER:

He reported that all is fine at Forest Lake. He also requested that Fire Chief Carlsen provide him with a list of Ladies’ Auxiliary members. He also asked that the Librarian print ONLY pictures of the Mayor when he was “fully clothed” – Smile!

TRUSTEE ANDREWS:

She reported that she has attended Pine Haven meetings. She prepared a “talking points” report for people to review regarding the Pine Haven issue and that she will serve on a Pine Haven sub-committee (formed by Columbia County) and will report back to the village. She also reminded all that there will be a Village Social held at the Philmont Community Center 3/22/09 from 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM. The LDC will be sponsoring a Business Social at Pine Haven on 3/30/09 where business owners and officials will gather to discuss issues. She also reported that someone has volunteered to do work on forming “trails” in the village.

CORRESPONDENCE – LIST PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE AND BOARD

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to reappoint Charles Edwin Hoag Jr. Esq. as Acting Village Justice for the Village of Philmont from April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010 made by Trustee Johnson, 2nd by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to hold the Annual Organizational Meeting on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 6:30 PM (first Monday in April) with the Annual Budget Hearing to immediately follow made by Trustee Cropper, 2nd by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to transfer funds within accounts as necessary made by Trustee Cropper, 2nd by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

(Clerk's report was omitted in the interest of time: Water turn-off is scheduled for March 12th for those still owing the October, 2008 water/sewer bill. Also, the Village Office will be closed on Friday, April 10th for the Easter Holiday. Hudson Correctional inmates continue to do work at the municipal hall including the enclosure in the Police Office.)

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

Doris Dingman complained that the DPW has not been picking up her recycles because she has a private hauler that does her garbage pick-up. She felt that because she was a tax payer, she deserved this service even though she does not have the village pick up her garbage. The board agreed, and Trustee Johnson will inform the DPW of the decision. She also inquired about the senior exemption for taxes. She felt that the maximum income limit was too low and many seniors could not take advantage of the tax reduction. The clerk explained that because there is such a small tax base (1420 people-approximately 500 households) to "spread" taxes over...allowing too many exemptions would put a larger burden on anyone not receiving an exemption. Therefore the maximum income limit must remain lower than in a larger community with a larger tax base.

With no further business to come before the board a **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Trustee Andrews, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris

Clerk/Treasurer

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