

## **REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2009 – 6:30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Clarence Speed, Trustees Barbara Sagal, Douglas Cropper, Robin Andrews, Attorney Barrett Mack (filling in for Attorney Fitzsimmons), Clerk/Treasurer Eilene Morris (Trustee Johnson-on vacation).

**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 Andrews, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION** to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #11, Water Abstract #11, Sewer Abstract #11, Library Abstract #11, T&A Abstract #11, Summit Lake Abstract #11, Summit Heights Abstract #9, Special Litigation Abstract #1) made by Trustee Andrews, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

### **PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

Mr. Wassenhove updated all on the "Save Pine Haven" campaign and noted that he spoke at the Copake meeting. Many there signed petitions and the Copake Board Members were very supportive. He reported that petition signatures have hit the 3000 mark and still climbing. He reminded all that the Ghent Town Board will be considering the Pine Haven issue again on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. It was also reported that there will be a Pine Haven Committee meeting tomorrow. There will also be a DSS Rally tomorrow evening in Hudson.

Karen Garafalo stated that during her travels up north she noticed many "speed signs" which tell the driver how fast they are going. She thought that the concept would work well in the village. The Mayor will look into them.

**ATTORNEY:** (Attorney Mack filling in for Attorney Fitzsimmons) No Report.

**DPW/WA/SW:** Reports given by Mayor Speed. Copies of all are available in the Village Office for review.

**POLICE:** Report was given by Sgt. Mayo. Copies are available in the Village Office for review. They were asked to participate in the fishing derby (July 17<sup>th</sup>). Mr. Osborn complimented the police department.

**LIBRARY:** Report given by Interim Director Karen Garafalo. She distributed pictures of "Flat Henry" sitting on the shoulder of Tiger Woods at the "Masters"(??). Copies of the Library Report and the Library Newsletter are available in the Village Office for review.

**MAIN STREET COMMITTEE:** Report given by Trustee Andrews. Reported that the Pumpkin Walk/Community Day is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup> with a rain date of October 10<sup>th</sup>. Report is available in the Village Office for review

**LDC:** Report given by Trustee Andrews. The following items were discussed-Brochures were completed and ordered through Vista Print. The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Business Networking Social was held at Pine Haven on March 30<sup>th</sup> with about 35 in attendance. Electricity is being set up on the Village Green for summer events. Working with "Walking The Dog Theater" to find a permanent home in Philmont and hope to have them put on a seminar or performance on the Village Green this summer. Will also be working with Story Crafters to put on a seminar or performance at the Village Green. Organizing "Village Clean-up Day" scheduled for Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> to coincide with "Dumpster Day". Volunteers are welcome. Meeting with Columbia Hudson Partnership on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss grant writing assistance and marketing Philmont, etc. Dwayne

Decker is working on outlining trails for the Summit Preserve. The report is available in the Village Office for review.

**PHILMONT COMMUNITY CENTER:** Report provided by Director Matt Perry. Report given by Trustee Andrews. Attendance is up. Belly dancing has started back up. First meeting of Coin Club had 6 attendees. Waiting for inmates to paint. Graffiti on the building has been cleaned up. Wednesday playgroup will end at the end of May, and will work with FRC on grant applications to support payment for the fall. Food Co-op has strong support. Motion sensor light was repaired but does not seem to be working. The electrician will be contacted. Spoke with Trustee Johnson regarding a temporary ramp (would like to have it prior to Pine Haven meeting on 5/3). He is also checking into wood chips with DPW/Health Dept/Ghent Wood Products. A copy of the report is available in the Village Office for review.

**MAYOR SPEED:** Investigated collapsed road on Highland Avenue. Reported that he has been working with the clerk writing letters and scheduling to attend events.

**TRUSTEE CROPPER:** Has been checking on Forest Lake. All is fine. Also attended the Pine Haven Social. He also handled a garbage complaint.

**TRUSTEE SAGAL:** Reported that she attended the Ghent Board Meeting last month. Also attended the Pine Haven Social and the Business Networking Social. She has been reading about NYS mandates for nursing homes and hospitals. She has been studying the results of a 2006 Committee Report. She felt an "Assisted Living" complex would be a great addition to the village however, does not think a municipality (county town or village) is allowed to run such a program. She also reported that a new newspaper will be starting up soon and will hopefully consider opening in Philmont.

**TRUSTEE ANDREWS:** Reported that she has attended the Pine Haven Social and Business Networking Social and that another Pine Haven Rally will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. She thanked Jeff Bancroft for all his hard work. She has been attending the Pine Haven sub-committee meetings and brought all up to date. Minutes of the meetings are available in the village office for review. One of the main revelations was that reimbursements are based on the amount spent on a facility whether it be building new **OR** renovating. Mr. Wassenhove asked that Trustee Andrews ask for some kind of a "decision"/ "date" at the next Pine Haven meeting. Reminded all that the fishing derby will be held on July 17<sup>th</sup> and thanked Al Charron for all his hard work on the derby. She noted that she delivered "meals on wheels" on Village Election Day. She noted that the Village received a Columbia County 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary flag which will fly at the Philmont Community Center. She thanked *Interim* Librarian Karen Garafalo for the "awesome" job she does at the Library.

## **CORRESPONDENCE LIST – COPIES AVAILABLE FOR THE AUDIENCE.**

### **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

1. **MOTION** to expend \$2500.00 from the Special Litigation Reserve Account for the purpose of meeting deductible obligations made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to accept the tax levy of \$10.03/1000 to raise the amount of \$515,415.00 for the fiscal year June 1, 2009 thru May 31, 2010 made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to approve the following line officers as submitted by the Philmont Fire Company: Chris Carlsen-Chief, Richard Howard-1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief, Mark Beaumont-2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief, Max Dannis-Captain, Brian Wheeler-1<sup>st</sup> Lieut., Anthony Krein IV-2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS. (With the condition that all have had necessary OSHA Training).

**UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Osborn expressed interest in serving on the Philmont Planning Board. The Clerk gave him Chairperson Prazma's phone number so that he could contact her directly.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris

Clerk/Treasurer

VILLAGE OF PHILMONT