

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2009 – 6:30 PM

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

MOTION to approve minutes (with Trustee Barbara Sagal noting that she did not mention a “newspaper” in her last report) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. **ALL AYES, NO NAYS.**

MOTION to approve treasurer’s report made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Andrews. **ALL AYES, NO NAYS.**

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #12, Water Abstract #12, Sewer Abstract #12, Library Abstract #12, T&A Abstract #12, Summit Heights Operations #10, Summit Lake Account #12, Library Building Fund #1) made by Trustee Andrews, seconded by Trustee Sagal. **ALL AYES, NO NAYS.**

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Brian Wheeler questioned if Community Day would work out well being held in October with the Pumpkin Walk instead of July. Trustee Andrews explained that the fishing derby day (in July) has gotten much bigger with many events accompanying it, and felt the Community Day would work out fine in October. Mr. Wheeler also asked about fixing the parking lot behind the office and about problems with stray cats in his neighborhood. The Mayor will speak to Donna Yerick about the cats as she works with the stray cat situation in the area.

Bruce Olson stated that the parking situation on Rock St. has become a problem again. The board will look into putting the “no parking” signs up.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: Gave progress report on the Summit Heights Development. The developer has asked for building permits for four lots. The board withheld a decision pending more discussion.

CLERK/TREASURER MORRIS: Water turn-off letters were sent out on Friday to avoid the postage increase. Any one who has not paid their January, 2009 water/sewer bill is scheduled for water termination on Thursday, June 11, 2009. Also, the Village Office will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2009 for Memorial Day. She noted that she is still working on FEMA paperwork for reimbursement of funds spent on the December ice storm.

DPW/WA/SW: All reports were given by Trustee Johnson. Copies are available in the village office for review.

POLICE REPORT: Report given by OIC Vernon Doyle. A copy is available in the village office for review.

LIBRARY REPORT: Report given by Interim Director Karen Garafalo. A copy is available in the village office for review.

MAIN STREET COMMITTEE: Report given by Jeffrey Bancroft. He gave an update on meetings for Community Day. Albert Charron gave a report on the upcoming fishing derby (July 18th) and other events that are planned for that day.

LDC/COMPREHENSIVE: Discussed Village Clean-Up Day/Dumpster Day on May 16, 2009. People who wish to help with clean-up should meet at the tea house on the Village Green at 10:00 am on that date. It was noted that Trustee Andrews is still working on Trail Plans and the Business Brochure is complete.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Submitted by Matt Perry and presented by Trustee Andrews. A copy is available in the village office for review.

MAYOR SPEED: Noted that it was a month of many meetings. He asked if people needed to bring anything with them on clean-up day. It was suggested that everybody bring their own gloves. He mentioned attending the Summit Heights meeting and working with the Clerk on paperwork.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: Reported that he has also attended many meetings this month (Ghent Town Board, Pine Haven Committee, Planning Board). He reported that letters of support for keeping Pine Haven in Philmont were completed by the Ghent Town Board and the Taconic Hills School Board. He also has been working on a solution for weeds at the reservoir. All is fine with Forest Lake. He would like to plan a “wood cutting” evening (or evenings) where residents can go up to Forest Lake and cut up the downed trees for personal use as fire wood. Some issues still have to be ironed out and more information will be available at a later date.

TRUSTEE SAGAL: Reported on Flower Barrels. She noted that Sylvia Center would like to use some of the wood chips and will discuss it further with the board. She also noted that she attended meetings.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON: Reported that he is trying to narrow down a “wood chipping” schedule for maybe once a month.

TRUSTEE ANDREWS: Reported that she attended several meetings (Pine Haven Sub Committee, Pine Haven Rally, met with Ken Flood – Columbia. County Dept. of Economic Development) and toured some of the village departments with Michael Scheller. She also noted that a volunteer is working on a “Public Relations List”.

CORRESPONDENCE – LIST GIVEN TO AUDIENCE

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

1. **MOTION** to set the end-of-year meeting for Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at noon for the sole purpose of paying end of year bills made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to accept the bid of Tom Runyon in the amount of **\$17,600.00** for concrete work to be done on the Philmont Library Building addition (as recommended by the Philmont Library Building Committee) made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to reject any and all excavation estimates in favor of retaining “in-house” labor to do the excavation work on the Philmont Library addition (as recommended by the Philmont Library Building Committee) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to enforce the “Water Termination Law” with water turn-off to be scheduled for June 11, 2009 at noon for those who have not yet paid their January, 2009 water/sewer bill made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
5. **MOTION** to accept the resignation of Stacey Vogel from the Philmont Police Department made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
6. **MOTION** to appoint Harry McMann as a Part-time Police Officer to replace Stacey Vogel made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
7. **MOTION** to approve as members of the Philmont Fire Company Louis Graziano 4th and Sarah Hartley (pending a positive outcome of Ms. Hartley’s physical) made by Trustee Andrews, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
8. **MOTION** to appoint Richard Osbourn as a member of the Philmont Planning Board made by Trustee Andrews, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS. (Mr. Osbourn provided the board with a very positive letter of recommendation from Elizabeth Young, Supervisor of the Town of Taghkanic)
9. **MOTION** to accept the transfer membership of Louis Graziano 3rd from the Churchtown Fire Company to the Philmont Fire Company made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Jeffrey Bancroft asked Trustee Johnson for an update on the electrical service at the Village Green. Trustee Johnson noted that he is still working on it.

NEW BUSINESS: Jim Brady noted that kids playing basketball in the street is becoming a problem again. OIC Doyle said there was already a blotter entry on the problem and he said his officers would stay on top of the situation. Mr. Brady also said that he will be donating a dish washer to the fire company but said the village will have the responsibility of hooking it up.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris

Clerk/Treasurer

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