

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2009

PRESENT: Mayor Clarence 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 Cropper, 2nd by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

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

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #1, Water Abstract #1, Sewer Abstract #1, Library Abstract #1, T&A Abstract #1, Summit Heights Abstract #1, Summit Lake Abstract #1, Library Building Abstract #1) made by Trustee Andrews, 2nd by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Brian Wheeler noted that there will be a Coin Club meeting at the Community Center on 6/22 at 6:30 pm and invited all to attend. He also complained that no one seemed to stop at the crosswalk sign (OIC Doyle read the law that applies and also will have officers frequent that area). Brian also said that there were some who still do not stop for school buses. He also noted that he thought some one was living in the mill on Summit Street. The board said they would turn the information over to the building department for investigation. Anthony Krein complained about large trucks using Summit Street to get to Novapak (apparently their GPS systems indicate this as the best route). As the trucks come through the very small street, they take down wires and do damage. The problem was handed over to the police department.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:

Reported ongoing projects. Noted he met with PB Inc. regarding the farm market situation and all seems in line now. He also gave a progress report on the Summit Heights project. Developer Mattikow summarized the progress on the new wells. He wanted the minutes to reflect that the village agreed to take full responsibility for their portion (expansion) of the well as he would be the one signing the contract with Smith Well Drilling. **THE BOARD AGREED TO TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR PORTION OF THE WELL PROJECT.** He also noted that he would take responsibility for getting final "as built" plans made because of the change to the shape of the detention ponds from the original plans. He also noted that \$20,000 would be put aside for the top coat for the road (plans subject to engineering approval). He also reported that he will await the arrival of ALL pumps before installation so he will only have to deal with the labor costs once (anywhere from 4 weeks to 16 weeks for arrival of all pumps). He requested that the Village Board grant him 4 building permits so that he can start development and sales. In turn, the board requested he grant the village an easement between lots 30 and 31 (15 feet wide) so that the village can have access to the proposed recreation area to be developed on village property. All agreed that the village would allow four building permits in exchange for the easement requested. Attorney Fitzsimmons will draw up an agreement to be signed by all.

CLERK/TREASURER:

- The Village Office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd for the July 4th holiday.
- Water meters will be read this week for the July, 2009 water sewer billing.
- Tax bills for this fiscal year were mailed out on May 29th and they are due without penalty thru July 1st.

DPW/WA/SW REPORTS:

All three reports were given by Trustee Johnson. Copies are available in the Village Office for review.

POLICE REPORT:

Report was given by OIC Doyle. Copies of the report are available in village office for review.

LIBRARY REPORT:

The report was given by Interim Director Garafalo. Copies are available in the village office for review.

MAIN STREET/ LDC:

Reports were given by Trustee Andrews. Reminded all that the fishing derby is scheduled for July 18th starting at 7:00 AM and continuing until at least noon. She also reported on discussion regarding a Labyrinth at the Village Green (see motions) and discussion on a possible dog park on Philmont property. The board will discuss further as all is still in the planning stages.

COMMUNITY CENTER:

Report was given by Trustee Andrews. She noted that Mathew Perry resigned as Community Center Director and a new director will be appointed (see motions). Programs that are currently in place will continue and some new ones are expected to be added. (Anthony Krein requested that the old basketball hoop be removed...he put it out to be picked up by the DPW).

MAYOR SPEED:

Reported that he attended the Memorial Day ceremonies, Streetscape meetings and took complaints on sidewalks and has looked into the wall situation on Highland Ave. He also has replaced the crosswalk sign as it had been run over. He has also attended Summit Heights meetings.

TRUSTEE CROPPER:

Reported that he and his wife along with the Mayor and his wife attended a NY Rural Water banquet honoring members. The village received an award for membership. He also attended the Memorial Day ceremonies. He noted that the "wood cutting" project at Forest Lake was not well attended and the "wood" offer is still available. Anyone wishing to go up to Forest Lake and cut wood can contact Trustee Cropper or Trustee Johnson. He also reported that the Mopar club will be attending the Community Day in October. He also said he met with Building Inspector Koloski and Trustee Andrews trying to revamp the Planning & Zoning rules for applicants.

TRUSTEE SAGAL:

Attended the Memorial Day ceremonies and complimented Mike Johnston and Jeffrey French on a job well done. She noted that she has been busy attending meetings and keeping up with correspondence.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON:

The concrete work at Highland Avenue will begin and he will oversee the project. He also stated that power will be connected to the Village Green/Tea House on Wednesday.

He reported that the digging for the fire pump has started and he expects it to be an “adventure”! He notified all of the upcoming smoke testing of the sewer lines. Notices will also be passed out by the water department as they do the quarterly water meter readings.

TRUSTEE ANDREWS:

Reported that she and Trustee Cropper and the Building Inspector have been working on a checklist for the Planning and Zoning process. Sally Baker suggested the application be a double sided form to make it easier to copy with the other items. She also noted that she is working with Trustee Johnson, and Mark Decker on the Work Force Program. She thanked Joanna Tipple for compiling the “Publicity List” and stated it would be a great help in getting information out to the public. She also attended the Memorial Day ceremonies and noted how nice the flags (donated in memory of Don Johnston) looked on the poles. She also thanked the volunteers for helping on Clean-Up Day. Reported that she and Trustee Cropper have been attending the Pine Haven Committee meetings and Sub-Committee meetings. At this point the Mayor reported that a petition with 3000+ names on it will be presented to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM at 401 State Street in Hudson and encouraged all to try to attend in support of keeping Pine Haven in the Village of Philmont.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST – COPY AVAILABLE TO THE AUDIENCE

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

1. **MOTION** to approve Corey Cox, Patrick Mayo, James Mayo, Vernon Doyle, Kevin Behn and Owen Conway as members of the Philmont Fire Company made by Trustee Johnson, 2nd by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to hold a public information session and comment period on Monday, June 22nd at 7:00 PM at the village hall to discuss a labyrinth to be built on the Village Green by Walking The Dog Theater members Tim Smith and Linda Gatter made by Trustee Andrews, 2nd by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to accept the resignation of Mathew Perry as director of the Philmont Community Center effective 5/29/09 made by Trustee Sagal, 2nd by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

4. **MOTION** to hire Renee Maxwell as Community Center Director at a rate of \$12.00/hour and Clara Buitrago and Anthony J. Krein IV as Program Coordinators at a rate of \$10.00/hour made by Trustee Andrews, 2nd by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Sally Baker gave a progress report on the Farmer's Market. It will open (at the Tripp Center parking area) on June 28th (Sunday). She has requested permission to have music for the grand opening (no reply was given by the board). She also reported that work has begun at 113 Main Street and noted that the "elevation issue" has been abandoned as it became too complicated.

Mr. Osbourn asked about the liability issue of the Farmer's Market and Sally noted that the insurance is with Columbia County as well as PB Inc. and the vendors.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Osbourn wanted to familiarize himself with the Summit Heights map and asked a few questions regarding the easement request. It was noted that the easement would not be paved and would lead to trails.

The board asked the police officers that were present if all training and certifications have been completed. Sergeant Thomas noted that paperwork for DCJS is being completed and will be in this week.

Sally Baker suggested that the board send "congratulations" to the Philmont Rescue Squad as receivers of an "Assistance to Firefighters" Grant. The grant was written by Ms. Baker free of charge. The Rescue Squad will receive equipment through the grant.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Trustee Sagal, 2nd by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer