

# **REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION** to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Trustee Andrews, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION** to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #4, Water Abstract #4, Sewer Abstract #4, Library Abstract #4, T&A Abstract #4, Summit Heights Abstract #4, Summit Lake Abstract #4, Library Bldg. Abstract #5) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

## **PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

Brian Wheeler questioned the status of the Mill Building on Summit Street again. He noted that a party was held there on the third floor on August 31<sup>st</sup>. He also said that the "Stop Work Order" signs had been taken down. Mayor Speed suggested the next time he sees something going on there to notify the police. It was also noted that the owner had not contacted the building department therefore the "Stop Work Order" signs should have remained on the property.

Matt Oakley inquired about the Hilltop Hotel. He stated that there were several feral cats in the building and asked for village assistance in ridding the building (which is located next to him) of the cats. He stated that someone had to break in to the building to get the cats out. Mayor Speed said he will speak to Ms. Yerrick regarding the situation. (He noted that she is a representative of Cat Tails...a cat rescue organization).

## **REPORTS:**

**ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:** Gave a progress report on the cell tower situation. He also reported on the Pocket Park lease between PB Inc. and the Village (see motions).

**ATTORNEY BUONO:** Reported on the progress of the Fire Protection Contract Renewals with the Town of Claverack and the Town of Hillsdale. He requested the Board's permission to attend meetings on behalf of the Village in reference to this subject (see motions). Brian Wheeler asked where the money from these contracts will go. It was noted that it will go to help support the apparatus costs, operations, and the LOSAP program for the fire company.

**CLERK/TREASURER:** Reported that water turn-off took place on September 10<sup>th</sup> with one property being turned off for failure to pay their April, 2009 water/sewer bill. They have since paid the bill and have been turned back on. She also reminded all that the Village Office will be closed on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> for the Columbus Day Holiday. She noted that all departments have their Emergency Management Manual updates. The Water/Sewer bills are being prepared for the October 1<sup>st</sup> mailing. It was also reported that there will be a brush and limb pick-up on September 21, 2009. A notice was put in the newspaper and it has been posted on the office door.

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

**POLICE REPORT:** (no officer available – no report)

**LIBRARY:** Report given by Interim Director Karen Garafalo. She noted that the Ghent Band will be performing on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. (The Valinda Brandow concert date is a “secret” because she keeps bringing rain!).

**MAIN STREET COMMITTEE:** No official report. It was thought that the Community Day (pumpkin walk) in October had been cancelled. Sally Baker suggested possibly doing a “pumpkin related” activity with the farmer’s market participants on October 3<sup>rd</sup> (the original Pumpkin Walk date). Trustee Andrews will speak to Jeff Bancroft regarding the suggestion. (Robin, Jeff, Sally and Doug will work on the project).

**COMMUNITY CENTER:** Provided by Renee Maxwell, Program Director. Noted that the fire extinguisher needed to be recharged (Clerk will give Ms. Maxwell the phone number for Sausbier’s so that she can make arrangements to have this done). She also reported an increase in the Game Night attendance since school has started.

**MAYOR:** Reported meeting with Columbia County Emergency Management regarding procedures (said they were not pleased with his decision not to evacuate Mellenville during the flooding however he did not feel the evacuation was necessary). He will have additional meetings to solidify the procedures. He also attended the Labyrinth dedication and was very pleased with the outcome and the ceremony. He worked with Mike Scheller on the Highland Avenue Project (job well done) and continues to work with the Police Department and the Building Department to clean up the Casivant properties on Main Street. He will continue to pursue this until things improve. He AGAIN spoke with NYS DOT regarding getting the lines painted on Main Street, and they referred him to yet another department. In the end...it was decided that the Philmont DPW should just paint the lines and get it done rather than to continue to wait for NYS to do it. He also noted that the street signs for the Summit Heights area are in.

**TRUSTEE CROPPER:** Worked with the Clerk to prepare changes and updates to the Village of Philmont Emergency Management Plan and looks forward to meeting with the county about emergency procedures. He also attended the “pizza party” for the Workforce workers. All is well at Forest Lake, however, he is hoping that the Town of Claverack will be willing to “grade out” the entry road. He also attended the Planning/Zoning bus trip and found it interesting. He was also in attendance at the Labyrinth dedication.

**TRUSTEE SAGAL:** Informed the audience about the “211 Information System” and provided copies of a brochure for the audience explaining the program. She noted that she also attended the Labyrinth dedication, the Workforce Pizza Party, and the Planning/Zoning bus trip. She also cited an article in the Albany Times Union related to the Albany County Nursing Home and their proposal not to build a new facility in favor of looking further into senior in-home care as well as assisted living facilities. She felt this was related to the Pine Haven situation in Philmont. She felt that “not for profit” organizations should play a part in the programs. Sally Baker of PB Inc. noted that these types of programs really did not fit into the mission of her organization.

**TRUSTEE ANDREWS:** Acknowledged Trustee Sagal’s comments and reported that after attending the Pine Haven Subcommittee meeting it appears likely that Pine Haven will remain in Philmont as all other options have been removed from the table. A new building on the county owned 30 acres at Pine Haven’s present location is the likely choice. The package will go to the Sub Committee on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> and if approved will go on to the Supervisor’s for a vote. There is no time table set and approvals must be obtained and a Certificate of Need must be prepared and applied for. She noted that public input was a large part of the decision process and thanked everyone involved. She also reported that she attended the Workforce Program pizza party and thanked those who allowed her to borrow tools for the workers to use (Jeff Bancroft, Chris Hoppe and Gary Miller). She also was present for the Labyrinth dedication.

**TRUSTEE JOHNSON:** Reported that all areas of question (noted during the Planning/Zoning bus trip) have been gated and locked (Mr. Osbourn who took the tour, re-toured the areas and noted that repairs and corrections were made). Trustee Johnson also wanted to clarify that the new pump station was being installed to alleviate previous pressure problems - not anything related to the current Summit Heights project. The “plus side” is that the present developer is paying for the installation of the new pump station as part of an agreement.

## **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **MOTION** to lease the Village owned Pocket Park property to PB Inc. per Resolution #1 **attached to these minutes** and filed in the “PB Inc.” file in the Philmont Village Office made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Andrews. **ALL AYES, NO NAYS.**

2. **MOTION** to reschedule the October Regular Monthly Board Meeting from Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> due to the Columbus Day Holiday made by Trustee Andrews, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to put out for bid the furnishing of #2 fuel oil, service and maintenance for the Village of Philmont Municipal Buildings from October 13, 2009 through October 12, 2010 made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to approve salary increases proposed by the Philmont Library Board of \$.50/hour to all employees beginning with September hours made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
5. **MOTION** to adopt changes and updates to the Village of Philmont Emergency Management Plan made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
6. **MOTION** to allow Attorney Anthony Buono to attend meetings on behalf of the Village referencing Fire Protection Districts (Town of Claverack and Town of Hillsdale) made by Trustee Andrews, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

#### **UNFINISHES/NEW BUSINESS:**

Manny Vicente of Homeland Towers LLC addressed the board regarding his company's proposal to put up a wireless facility at the Forest Lake site. The attorney noted that there were additional companies interested in the site. The board decided that they would discuss the proposals and make a decision at the Regular Workshop Meeting scheduled for September 23, 2009 at 7:00 PM. (the clerk will put a public notice in the newspaper).

**MOTION** to adjourn in memory of *Steven Jablanski, Judith Andrews and Arthur Beaudoin* made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris

Clerk/Treasurer

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