

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009

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

MOTION to approve minutes of the previous meeting made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Andrews. 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 #7, Water Abstract #7, Sewer Abstract #7, Library Abstract #7, T&A Abstract #7, Summit Lake Abstract #7, Fire Truck Maintenance Abstract #1, Summit Heights Operations Abstract #7, Library Building Abstract #8) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

BID OPENING – 1-TON UTILITY TRUCK

(Received two (2) bids)

1. West Herr Ford \$ 26,995.00 (includes trade-in)
2. Ruge's GMC \$ 30,967.00 (includes trade-in)

MOTION to delay the bid award so that bids could be reviewed made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Brian Wheeler complained about the appearance of the building he lives in on Main Street (owned by Phil Gellert). He noted that Mr. Gellert has received a grant to re-side his building, but now that he has taken the old siding off, he does not plan to replace it until March. Mr. Wheeler is concerned about the cost of heating his apartment this winter and said that there are actually holes in the structure through which the outside can be seen. He said he has already contacted the building department, and though they made some calls regarding the situation, it was determined that they have no control over this type of situation.

He also had some questions regarding the LOSAP/Hillsdale situation. The Mayor assured him that his questions would be answered during Attorney Buono's report.

John Blaauw asked about the lack of use of the fire station vent system by the Rescue Squad. He noted that the Fire Company installed the system at no cost to the Rescue Squad and they offered them the use of the system to avoid the fumes escaping into the building and now the Fire Company would like the board to write them a letter mandating that they use the vent system when they start/run their vehicles. He also noted that the fire station is *NOT* secure. He noted that the Rescue Squad personnel continue to leave the building unlocked and unattended and he is concerned about items that are stored in the building. He would also like this issue to be addressed by the board. He also noted that there has been discussion on consolidation of fire companies, equipment etc. He felt that this was worth having meetings about to discuss the possibility of joining forces. He asked Attorney Buono if the unique situation of having a "village owned" fire company merging with a non-municipal owned fire company would play out. Attorney Buono noted that it was not impossible, and there were regulations to govern such a situation. It will be discussed further at a later date.

Kim Czyzewski asked that the board consider some type of end-of-year project that the Leadership Program could undertake. Anyone with ideas can contact her directly.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:

He reported that a proposed resolution was presented to the board relating to the authorization of the lease of land for the placement of a cell tower along with a negative SEQR declaration.

ATTORNEY BUONO:

He reported on the progress of the LOSAP/Hillsdale situation noting that a proposed contract would be voted on by the Town of Hillsdale Board. He answered Mr. Wheeler's questions regarding forgiveness of the past LOSAP amounts in lieu of the new contract language.

CLERK/TREASURER MORRIS:

She reported that water turn-off took place on Thursday, December 10th with two parcels being turned off. She also reminded all that the Village Office will be closed for the Christmas and New Years holidays. She wished all Happy Holidays and wished Trustee Andrews all the best in her new position as Town of Claverack Supervisor.

DPW, WATER/SEWER:

All reports were given by Trustee Johnson. Copies are available in the Village Office for review. Mr. Czysewski asked about sludge removal prices (the cost is \$.085/ gallon for pumping and transport and \$.08/ gallon for disposal).

POLICE:

The report was given by OIC Vernon Doyle. A copy is available in the Village Office for review.

LIBRARY:

The report was given by Interim Library Directory Karen Garafalo. A copy is available in the Village Office for review.

COMMUNITY CENTER:

The report was given by Trustee Andrews. A copy is available in the Village Office for review.

MAIN STREET/LDC:

(No Meetings)

MAYOR SPEED:

He reported that it was a fairly quiet month. Felt the DPW did a good job with the snow and ice situations. He wished all a Happy Holiday season and wished Trustee Andrews the best in her new office as Claverack Town Supervisor.

TRUSTEE CROPPER:

He also noted that it was a quiet month. He reported that Forest Lake remains lock but will open after muzzle hunting season ends. The holiday lighting contest judging was discussed. It was decided that the board would meet on Thursday, December 17th at 7:30 PM in the Village Office. (Clerk will put a note in the door).

TRUSTEE SAGAL:

She suggested that the board consider a resolution regarding wood boilers. She noted that Kinderhook has adopted a local law and suggested the Village review a copy of that law to get ideas. Attorney Fitzsimmons offered to get a copy of the Kinderhook law and a copy of written recommendations. Trustee Sagal also wished Trustee Andrews well in her new position.

TRUSTEE ANDREWS:

She reported that she had attended meetings regarding boiler problems at the County level. She offered to get a copy of the recommended resolution from the County. She has also been working on prizes for the lighting contest. She noted that this would be her last official meeting as Village Trustee and hoped to represent the town and village well. She thanked everyone for their help throughout her time on the board and felt she has learned much from her experience as a board member.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON:

Thanked Chief Carlsen for acting on his request to contact supporting fire companies. He also reported that the DPW is working on trucks; getting them in shape for the winter (noted that Dale Wheeler saved the Village a considerable amount of money by repairing a truck bed himself rather than having it repaired).

He also suggested that something special be done for Mr. Wassenhove as a way of letting him know how much the Village appreciated his efforts in keeping Pine Haven in Philmont. Without him it probably wouldn't have happened.

(CORRESPONDENCE LIST – COPY AVAILABLE TO THE AUDIENCE)

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to accept the resignation of Jarrett Oakes from the Philmont Police Department effective as of November 30, 2009 made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to accept the proposal of \$7,800 by C.R. Drywall Residential Inc. to supply and install insulation and drywall per Library Proposal Request made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS. (To be paid from Library Building Account).
3. **MOTION** to pay \$7,368.35 to KME for fire truck repairs from the Fire Truck Maintenance Reserve Account made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS. (explanation of charges requested and received for this bill).
4. **MOTION** to approve the appointment of Dorothy Bowes as a non-voting member of the Philmont Library Board made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS
5. **MOTION** to declare a Negative SEQR Declaration (made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS) and **MOTION** to approve the lease of a parcel of land located within the "Forest Lake" property and to authorize Mayor Clarence Speed to execute any and all necessary lease documents on behalf of the Village made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Andrews. ALL AYES, NO NAYS. (all related to Cell Tower placement – see full motion attached to these minutes)

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

Karen Garafalo asked if there has been any progress with the "Speed is This" sign. The Mayor noted that it is still "on the burner" along with the "arrow" signs.

It was decided that there will be no workshop meeting in December (12/23/2009). If necessary, a special meeting could be set up to award the truck bid after all is reviewed.

MOTION by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Andrews to adjourn in memory of ***Richard C. Morris and Florence McEvoy***. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT