

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010 – 6:30 PM

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

Attorney Fitzsimmons administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed *Trustee Laurence Ostrander* (see motions).

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 Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #8, Water Abstract #8, Sewer Abstract #8, Library Abstract #8, T&A Abstract #8, Library Building Abstract #9, Summit Lake Abstract #8, Summit Heights Abstract #8) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PRESENTATION OF A COMMENDATION WAS MADE TO ALBERT AND JOAN WASSENHOVE AND A PROCLAMATION WAS READ BY MAYOR SPEED HONORING THEIR TIRELESS EFFORTS IN KEEPING PINE HAVEN IN PHILMONT. A round of applause was given and Mr. Wassenhove thanked everyone for their dedication to Pine Haven and stated that his next goal was to support a veterans' facility in the old Pine Haven building after the new facility is built.

PUBLIC REQUESTS: - None

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: Reported that the lease with Homeland Towers is in effect and they will now apply to the Town of Claverack for a Special Use Permit. Also noted ongoing projects were being handled.

TOWN & COUNTY REPORT: Report was provided by Claverack Town Supervisor Robin Andrews. A copy is available in the Village Office for review. She noted that several citizens committees were being considered and also reported that a town wide reassessment was in the process. She also updated the board on Columbia County issues including committees and appointments recently made. She also congratulated Rob Fitzsimmons who was appointed as County Attorney.

CLERK/TREASURER MORRIS: Reported that the Village Office will be closed on Monday, January 18th for Martin Luther King Day. She also noted that water/sewer bills were mailed December 31, 2009 and will be due through January 31, 2010 without penalty. She reminded all that election petitions are due in the Village Office between February 2nd and February 9th for village elections which will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010. She also requested proposed budget estimates from all departments.

WA/SW/DPW: Report was given by Trustee Johnson. Copies of these reports are available in the Village Office for review.

POLICE REPORT: Report was given by Mayor Speed. No officer was available. A copy is available in the Village Office for review.

LIBRARY REPORT: Report Given by Interim Director Karen Garafalo. A copy of the report is available in the Village Office for review.

MAIN ST. COMM/LDC: No Report

COMMUNITY CENTER: Report was provided by Director Renee Maxwell and presented by Trustee Ostrander. A copy of the report is available in the Village Office for review.

MAYOR SPEED: Reported judging the holiday lighting contest (Winners were Vanderbilt House (commercial) and Myers, Haag and Lopez (residential)). Also dealt with snow plowing issues. He completed the necessary DEC Dam forms that were due by the end of the month.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: Reported enjoying the judging of the lighting contest and thanked Dick Howard for his hard work on the very nice Holiday Parade this year. He also noted that he has been checking on Forest Lake and there are no problems there. It is now unlocked. He will be meeting with Mr. Black from Columbia County to discuss our Emergency Preparedness Plan.

TRUSTEE SAGAL: Reported participating in the judging of the lighting contest and working on ongoing projects.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON: Reported that the purchase of a new truck will be re-bid with different specifications with the cab and chasses being bid out apart from the utility body. It has also been decided that the “trade-in” will now be put out for bid (see motions). He also reported that water breaks were found and repaired which has lowered our “daily usage” figures.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER – (New Trustee/No Report)

CORRESPONDENCE LIST MADE AVAILABLE TO THE AUDIENCE

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to reject all bids received for the 1-ton utility truck and re-bid the truck without the utility body (which will be bid as a separate unit) and without the trade-in (Public Notice to be put in the Register Star and new specifications will be available in the Village Office) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to appoint Carol Mossman, Nancy Brousseau and Kurt Basl as Election Inspectors for the March 16, 2010 Village Elections at a rate of \$10.00/hour made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to appoint Laura Smith and Peter Groll as Election Custodians at a flat rate of \$75.00 each made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to accept, with regret, the resignation of Robin Andrews as Trustee made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
5. **MOTION** to accept, with regret, the resignation of Laurence Ostrander from the Philmont Planning Board made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
6. **MOTION** to appoint Laurence Ostrander as Trustee to fill the unexpired term of Robin Andrews made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
7. **MOTION** to accept, with regret, the resignation of Jeff Bancroft as Chair of the Main Street Committee and as President of the LDC made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Karen Davala asked that the water law be amended to accommodate her request to be able to meter and bill her apartments separately instead of being billed as a “building”. It was referred to the board. (There will be further discussion with the water department and the board).

With no further business to come before the board, a motion to adjourn in memory of **Barbara Decker**, and **Joan Decker Myers** (mother of Cindy Tracey-Court Clerk and Grandmother of Rick Tracey-Judge) was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Philmont