

**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010 – 7:00 PM**

**NOTE: NEW TIME FOR REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD
MEETINGS – CHANGED FROM 6:30 PM TO 7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Clarence Speed, Trustees Brian Johnson, Barbara Sagal, Douglas Cropper (Trustee Laurence Ostrander-absent) Clerk/Treasurer Eilene Morris, (Attorney Fitzsimmons arrived after meeting concluded).

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 #11, Water Abstract #11, Sewer Abstract #11, Library Abstract #11, T&A Abstract #11, Summit Lake Abstract #11, Library Building Abstract #12) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

BID OPENING – “DPW UTILITY TRUCK FOR SALE” – No Bids Received

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Brian Wheeler asked about the arrival of the new utility truck and why Foreman Scheller was allowed to take the truck home. The Mayor noted that Mr. Scheller was “on call”. Brian Wheeler also asked why Mr. Scheller was in control of both the water/sewer department and the DPW department instead of having one of the DPW workers in control of that department. Trustee Cropper cited certifications that were necessary. Mr. Wheeler also questioned the legality of leasing property owned by the village (gazebo and pocket park to PB Inc.) without input from the residents (the attorney was not yet in attendance). At this point Sally Baker from PB Inc. stated that there was a public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, April 17th at 7:00 PM in the Village Hall (to be held by PB Inc.) and stated that Mr. Wheeler should attend that hearing to have all his questions addressed. Ms. Baker thanked the village board for their cooperation in allowing her to use the village hall for an audit process and noted that the audit produced no negative findings.

Albert Wassenhove gave a progress report on the “Veterans’ Care and Resource Center” proposed for the current Pine Haven Nursing Home buildings. He reported that there would be a “walking tour” through the facility tomorrow (4/13) at 1:00 PM with many County, State and Federal officials attending. The Mayor was invited to attend the tour (and accepted the invitation). Mr. Wassenhove also thanked all for their involvement and noted that the Commander of the Valatie American Legion Post has been very active in the process.

Norma Rudback requested that the sidewalk by her house be repaired as it was becoming dangerous. Trustee Johnson noted that her sidewalk and one on Elm Street were first on the list to be repaired this year and it would be done.

Karen Davala requested that a “jake brake” law be considered for Main Street as the trucks traveling the street use their brake and the sound is deafening. The Mayor noted that it is sometimes necessary to use this procedure for safety reasons, but said he would speak to NYS DOT regarding her request. Brian Wheeler asked that “No Tractor Trailers” signs be put on the entrances to Summit Street as they keep going that way (per their GPS) to reach Novapak and they end up taking down wires and limbs along the way. The Mayor agreed that it is an issue and will look into it. Karen Davala asked about the budget process (it was noted that the public hearing was held April 5th and the budget had already been passed) and how the rates were determined as compared to the Town of Claverack tax rate. Town Supervisor Robin Andrews was in the audience and addressed the question regarding the town rate.

Henry Casivant requested a reduction in his water/sewer billing due to a leak which put 221,900 gallons of water through the property. The board agreed that the sewer amount could be reduced (because the water ended up going into the ground) however the total water portion of the bill would still be due and payable.

Dick Howard, Community Day Committee Chairperson, gave a progress report on the event. He noted that the fireworks site would be the Philmont Rod and Gun Club and that a list of events would be coming out soon.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT:

1. Processed and mailed water/sewer bills on March 31st to be payable through April 30th without penalty.
2. Completed the annual budget and prepared it for tax levies to be done June 1st.
3. Noted usual items completed (closed books, paid bills, made deposits, did monthly reports and quarterly reports, collected and receipted water/sewer bills did daily mail, payrolls, letters and paperwork in general).

POLICE REPORT:

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

LIBRARY REPORT:

The report was given by Interim Library Directory Karen Garafalo. A copy is available in the Village Office for review. It was noted that the ribbon cutting/grand opening will be held on April 24th at 3:00 PM.

COMMUNITY CENTER:

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

MAYOR SPEED:

Reported that he has been attending budget meetings, and has worked on the “new truck” process. Noted he has been signing a lot of paperwork and is looking forward to attending the Pine Haven walking tour tomorrow. On a personal note, he visited his newborn twin great grand children in Philadelphia and was happy to report that his grandson was home from Afghanistan.

TRUSTEE SAGAL:

Noted that she has reported four streetlights out. She also attended the “Mayor’s for Meals” day at the Tripp Center donating her time to deliver meals to seniors. She encouraged people to volunteer.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON:

Reported that the new truck has arrived and that the old one is out for bid (no bids received-it will be put in the newspaper again). He also noted that he would like to get rid of the village street sweeper as it has been nothing but trouble.

TRUSTEE CROPPER:

Reported that all was well at Forest Lake. Noted that he has been attending Community Day Committee meetings and stated that there was a good team working on the event. He also arranged for a car show that day. He also took a “canoe trip” with Robin Andrews to view the reservoir area. He noted that the boys scouts may get involved in cleaning up the area. He has also been working on post office issues that have arisen due to the “census mess”.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST – COPIES MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

SUPERVISOR ANDREWS:

Gave reports for the Town of Claverack and Columbia County. Copies are available in the village office for review. She noted that flyers are available in the village office with instructions on how to get census forms...since the forms were not delivered to residents of the village because of post office box (only) delivery. There will also be a house to house canvass for the information in May.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to approve the continuation of the Main Street Program by PB Inc. through funding from grants from NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

2. **MOTION** to approve the following slate of officers that were elected by the Philmont Fire Company at elections held Tuesday, April 6, 2010 (with condition that all have necessary OSHA training):

President: John Blaauw
Vice President: David Sherman
Secretary: Bruce Olson
Treasurer: Robert Card
Vice Treasurer: Marty Miller
Trustee: Scott Wickwire
Chief: Vernon Higgins
1st Asst. Chief: Cal Dallas
2nd Asst. Chief: Mark Beaumont
Captain: Chris Carlsen
1st Lieut: Brian Wheeler
2nd Lieut: Jeremy Krein

made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

3. **MOTION** to accept the tax rate of \$10.03/1000 of assessment to raise the amount of \$522,600.00 for the fiscal year June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011 made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Trustee Johnson noted that there are changes forthcoming to the Zoning Law definitions, however he does not yet have the minutes of the last meeting so this issue will be addressed when the minutes are available.

He also noted that Senator Saland *did* reply to our request for funding, however there are certain standards to be met, also, since the state budget is not yet complete the amount of financing available is not yet known. The village *did not* receive a reply from Congressman Murphy. We will contact him again.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

At this time, the Mayor swore in the newly elected officials (Trustee Brian Johnson, Trustee Barbara Sagal, and Justice Rick Tracey).

With no further business to be conducted, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT