

**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MAY 11, 2010 – 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Clarence Speed, Trustees Brian Johnson, Barbara Sagal, Douglas Cropper, Laurence Ostrander, 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 Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION** to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #12, Water Abstract #12, Sewer Abstract #12, Library Abstract #12, T&A Abstract #12, Library Building Account #13, Summit Heights Operations #9, Summit Lake Account #12).

**BID OPENING - "DPW UTILITY TRUCK FOR SALE" – NO BIDS RECEIVED**

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

Mr. Wassenhove gave a progress report on Pine Haven-Phase II-The Veterans Center. He reported that Chris Gibson (Congressional Candidate) toured Pine Haven (not as a political candidate but in the interest of veterans - he is a recent military retiree). He was accompanied by James Keegan, James Hegarty, the Valatie American Legion Commander (and Mr. Wassenhove). All were impressed with the tour and developed a few ideas for the project. He also noted that there would be a meeting with a Veteran's Representative from Washington at Pine Haven on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM and extended an invitation to village officials noting that NYS representatives will also be attending.

Brian Wheeler noted that people are working in the Summit Street mill after dark to avoid the "stop work order". He stated that there were TVs there for the use of the workers and there was a dance class scheduled to take place at the mill. He wanted to know what could be done to stop them from working there while they were under a "stop work order". The Mayor asked the police department (OIC Doyle present) to watch the building for any activity.

Mr. Wheeler also stated he was not happy with the fact that DPW Foreman, Michael Scheller, continued to take the village truck home. He felt the cost to the village was unfair as it cost the residents the price of additional mileage and gas usage for the truck. Trustee Johnson stated that the benefit was offered to Mr. Scheller when he was hired and he would not withdraw the benefit.

Mr. Wheeler also complained that still...no one was stopping for the crosswalks. The Mayor stated that he contacted Mr. Hart at NYS DOT several times regarding the crosswalks without results. Now, Mr. Hart does not answer his calls. He asked if the newspapers could possibly "write a story" regarding the crosswalk situation (reporter present). The Mayor also suggested that it may be best to eliminate the crosswalks to avoid a mishap. Mr. Wheeler also stated that there was still a problem with people stopping for school buses.

**ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:**

Gave progress reports on:

Proposed changes to the Zoning Law

Homeland Towers Cell Tower proposal before the Town of Claverack

Philmont Rescue Squad financial situation

Dam Safety Plan and visual inspection by DEC

**CLERK/TREASURER MORRIS:**

Water Turn-off notices were mailed 5/10/2010 to approximately 45 accounts that still owe their January, 2010 bills. Water turn-off is scheduled for June 10, 2010.

She also reported that the Village Office will be closed on Monday, May 31, 2010 for the Memorial Day holiday.

**DPW/WATER/SEWER REPORTS:**

Reports were given by Trustee Johnson. Copies of all are available in the village office for review.

**POLICE REPORT:**

Report was given by OIC Doyle. A copy is available in the Village Office for review. He also informed residents that the "Click It or Ticket" program will be strictly enforced especially at the end of May with traffic stops. He also reported that an officer will be on duty for "dump day" and he will also put officers on for a few days for "bus stop" duty.

**LIBRARY REPORT:**

The report was given by Director Garafalo. A copy is available in the village office for review.

**SUPERVISOR ANDREWS:** (Claverack/Columbia Co.)

She reported that on May 16<sup>th</sup> the Town of Claverack will hold a public meeting regarding the Skate Board Park. She also reported that the Pine Haven sub-committee (of which she is a member) received 27 proposals from architects and engineers for plans for the proposed new Pine Haven Home.

**MAYOR SPEED:**

He noted that he attended the Grand Opening of the Karen A. Garafalo Cultural Center and was pleased to be able to "fool" Karen with the honor. He also has answered many questions from dog problems to fence problems (all with a smile). He also stated that he is looking forward to Community Day. He reported that fire truck #472 is ready for painting. He also stated that he was pleased to attend the tour of the current Pine Haven building with an eye towards turning this space into a Veteran's Service Center. He noted that Trustee Sagal also took part in the tour.

**TRUSTEE OSTRANDER:**

He reported attending meetings with the Philmont Rescue Squad and the Town of Claverack regarding the financial issues of the Philmont Rescue Squad. He noted that they have agreed to come back to the next meeting with some form of budget and further discussions will be conducted to see what can be done.

**TRUSTEE SAGAL:**

She reported that she has been looking into more affordable lighting for the Memorial Ball Field. NYSERDA will be coming to do an audit and see what solutions they can come up with. The Mayor suggested the possibility of using a generator for the field and snack bar power. She attended the Cultural Center grand opening and thanked Karen for all her hard work. She also was present for the tour of Pine Haven and thanked Al Wassenhove (and Joan Wassenhove) for all their hard work on the Pine Haven projects.

**TRUSTEE CROPPER:**

He, too, attended the Cultural Center grand opening. He also has met with the cell tower people and the board agreed that they would prefer only one tower on the Forest Lake property and suggests that the ham radio club tower be added to the new cell tower. He also introduced Joshua Essig, from the Boys Scouts who spoke about the dock he would like to build at Summit Lake to count towards becoming an Eagle Scout. He also requested some financial assistance from the Village. The village board agreed to assist with the purchase of materials since the dock would ultimately belong to the village. He stated that the dock would be two 4'x10' areas in an "L" shape at the cost of about \$1500.00. He also reported that he would be cleaning up the area around the Summit Lake trails. The board thanked him for his interest in the village.

Trustee Cropper also reported attending Community Day meetings and had Dick Howard, Chairperson, give a progress report on the event. Mr. Howard reported that Community Day was scheduled for Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> and fireworks were scheduled for that evening at the Philmont Rod and Gun Club. He also reported that donations were coming in for the event and noted that Colarusso Blacktop donated \$1000.

**TRUSTEE JOHNSON:**

Reported earlier on DPW, Water and Sewer Departments. He also noted that the DPW is starting to sift gravel at Preusser Road.

(At this point Brian Wheeler, as an officer of the Philmont Fire Company, asked that George Grey be approved as a member of the Philmont Fire Company – see motions and resolutions).

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **MOTION** to set Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 6:45 PM as the End of Year meeting for the sole purpose of paying end-of-year bills made by Trustee Cropper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to enforce the water turn-off law for those who have not yet paid their January, 2010 water/sewer bills made by Trustee Ostrander, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to hold a public hearing and possible vote on amendments to the Village of Philmont Zoning Law (Use changes: add “Inn”, and “Personal Services-Shop/Store” and to make distance changes in the “Conservation District”) at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 made by Trustee Sagal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to approve the appointment of Karen A. Garafalo as Library Director (removing the “interim” from the title) per request of the Philmont Library Board made by Trustee Ostrander, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
5. **MOTION** to appoint Trisha Thibeault as a provisional part-time police officer made by Trustee Sagal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
6. **MOTION** to approve George Grey as a member of the Philmont Fire Company with the stipulation that he meet all necessary requirements made by Trustee Sagal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Ostrander asked that the Fire Company give a monthly report as other departments do and noted that he would like to meet with representatives of the Fire Company on a regular basis for purpose of discussion. The first of these meetings was set for May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM (Larry will bring coffee!).

**MOTION** to adjourn was made by Trustees Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris  
Clerk/Treasurer  
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT



