

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2010 – 7:00 PM

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

MOTION to approve minutes of the previous meeting (*with addition to “payment of bills” motion of last month made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal*) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. 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 pay bills (General Abstract #1, Water Abstract #1, Sewer Abstract #1, Library Abstract #1, T&A Abstract #1, Summit Lake Abstract #1, Summit Heights Abstract #1) made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

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

(advertised for three (3) consecutive months).

Trustee Johnson noted that his plan is to place the truck on the Library lawn on Community Day with the hopes of receiving offers on it.

LIBRARY REPORT: Director Garafalo gave the Library report at this time as she had to leave to attend another meeting. She came with a “bucket of books” in hand to explain the “fill the reservoir” summer reading program – “Splash into Reading”. She also reported on Building and Grounds, Library Services, and Grants and Donations. A copy of the report is available in the village office for review.

CLAVERACK/COLUMBIA COUNTY:

Report was given by Karen Garafalo (provided by Supervisor Robin Andrews). Youth Program at Claverack Town Park will begin in July. Applications are available on townofclaverack.com. Open Registration will be Thursday, June 17th. Gave a progress report on the New Pine Haven Building committee. Also reported on the Veteran’s Van (thanked Eilene for bringing the need for a van to her attention).

She also reported that a meeting with Federal Officials regarding the Old Pine Haven Building would be held on June 15th to pursue the idea of using the building as a home for veterans.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Al Wassenhove gave an update on the proposed veterans’ service center at the old Pine Haven building. He noted that there would be a meeting on June 15th at Pine Haven of about 17 people including Federal Veteran’s Representative George Basher. Mayor Speed and Trustee Sagal will be attending the meeting. He also read a personal letter to the board and gave a generous donation to the Philmont Community Day Committee in memory of his brother Robert C. Wassenhove who shared his birthday (July 10th) with the date of this year’s community day.

Brian Wheeler noted that the crosswalks were still a problem. He said cars are still not stopping. After much discussion from Brian, the Village Board and the audience (some Richardson’s Hall residents were present) a motion was made to purchase six (6) crosswalk signs (see “motions and resolutions”). He also noted that the Main/Church Street intersection is dangerous as cars have to get right out to Main Street to see if anything is coming. The board will discuss it further. He once again asked about the use of the Summit Street Mill. He noted that he found an advertisement on-line about a dance class being offered there. After discussion, the Mayor noted that the building

department was to determine that the mill was “unsafe” and the police would be notified when the determination was official. He also asked when sidewalks would be repaired. There were several uneven areas that were in need of repair. He also wanted to know the reason the trees at the Memorial Park were taken down. The Mayor noted that they were getting too big to manage and that they would be replaced with smaller trees. Brian also noted that tractor trailers were still trying to take the Summit Street route to get to Novapak. The board will consider putting a sign at the start of Summit Street warning large trucks that it is not safe to use the route.

Norma Rudback wanted the DPW to come and view her furnace room which is now all mud from the water run off due to disrepair of her sidewalk. She also asked that they check the area for a possible water break. The information will be passed on to the DPW.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:

Reported that he has been working on the Zoning Modification Local Law. The law has gone to Columbia County Planning for review and should be ready for a vote soon.

ATTORNEY BUONO:

Noted that he is working on new contracts for outside fire districts. He reviewed the problems of the previous year and will meet with the board to discuss new rates for the upcoming contract negotiations.

CLERK/TREASURER:

The village office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of the 4th of July Holiday. She also reported that the 2009-2010 books have been closed and she is working on the annual report for the NYS Department of Audit and Control. She noted that the office has been assisting with the Community Day Schedule of Events and pointed out that there were copies available at the meeting or in the village office.

POLICE REPORT:

The report was given by OIC Vernon Doyle. Copies are available in the village office for review. He noted that the number of arrests and tickets were quite high this month due to increased activity. He also reported that the department will be receiving several pieces of equipment including an in-car computer system through grants.

COMMUNITY CENTER: - No Report

MAYOR SPEED:

Meetings, Meetings, Meetings... Also noted he attended the Memorial Day Ceremonies and marched in the parade. He will attend the Pine Haven Meeting and a meeting with the Land Conservancy in Chatham. He has toured the Summit Street mill with the building department and worked on the tree removal at Memorial Park.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON:

Gave the DPW, Water and Sewer reports (copies are available in the village office for review). He reported working on a roadway situation on Summit Street and also noted that there were no bids received for the DPW Utility Truck (advertised three consecutive months) so it will now be put on the Library lawn on Community Day and offers will be considered.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER:

He met with PB Inc. regarding the plans for the Pocket Park. He also met with the fire company and gave the Fire Company report provided by Chief Higgins. A copy is available in the village office for review. He felt the meeting with the fire company was very productive and looks forward to future meetings. He also noted that the fire company is looking for a vehicle to dedicate for fire police use only.

TRUSTEE SAGAL:

Reported that a \$500 grant was received from HRBT for the Community Day Committee. She noted that she is still working on the lighting situation at the ball field. She also asked that a “butt bucket” be put downstairs in the fire company parking lot as there are many cigarette butts being left on the ground. She also related a cross walk situation in Rhode Island where colorful flags were placed on each side and the person crossing the street would carry a flag from one side to the other so as to be noticed.

TRUSTEE CROPPER:

Reported that he dealt with a Forest Lake situation, all turned out fine. He also met with Manny Vincente (cell tower) and attended the “balloon” test. He noted that the balloons were not visible and would not be a problem to the neighbors in the area. He also expressed his desire that the old tower come down after the new tower goes up. He also marched in the Memorial Day parade and attended Community Day meetings. He also reported that he has been in touch with the Eagle Scout doing the deck project and is very impressed with the plans (Eagle Scout was present and spoke with the board after the meeting).

At this point Dick Howard gave a progress report for the Community Day Committee. He gave the board a list of road closings and also thanked Eilene for her help with the paperwork.

CORRESPONDENCE – LIST PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to approve Derek Smith, Ralph Hoag Jr., Ryan Oakley and Charles Sussman for membership in the Philmont Fire Company made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to purchase six (6) crosswalk “stop” signs to alleviate the on-going issue of motorists not stopping made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Osborn asked the Village Board for a commitment on the crosswalk situation. The Mayor noted that the village is limited in what they can do on the Main Street because it is a state owned road. (see motion above). Doug suggested checking with VOSS Signs for the signs.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was suggested that Mike Scheller call his contact at NYS DOT to have the yellow line on Main Street (by the Church Street entrance) extended to improve visibility.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting in memory of *Betty Zaretsky* and *Edwin Clapp* made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander (a moment of silence was observed). ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris

Clerk/Treasurer

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