

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MONDAY, JULY 12, 2010

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 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 Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #2, Water Abstract #2, Sewer Abstract #2, Library Abstract #2, T&A Abstract #2, Summit Lake Abstract #2, Summit heights Abstract #2) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Brian Wheeler noted that traffic coming out of Church Street is dangerous to those coming down Main Street (two recent accidents) and suggested that Church Street should be "one way". He also inquired as to why *all* village officials were not present on Community Day. (Trustee Cropper took offense to this as all of the officials contributed to the event in many ways and felt that no explanations were necessary). All felt that Community Day went very well and thanked Dick Howard and his committee for all their work. Mr. Wassenhove gave accolades to Dick Howard and noted he was very sorry that he was not able to attend Community Day due to illness. He hoped that the effort would continue for another outstanding Community Day next year. He also noted that he is working on a "cause" and more would be disclosed as it progresses.

Mr. Krein stated that he received a letter from Building Inspector Callahan regarding an uninspected vehicle (noted that the letter was actually addressed to "Mr. Casivant"). He was directed to see or call Inspector Callahan on Thursday morning.

Matt Oakley thanked Dick Howard and all involved in Community Day for their hard work and felt that all went very well.

Sally Baker posed questions relating to how items were presented at the board meeting. She felt all complaints should be made in writing and that particular attendees were using the board meeting as a "soap box" or a "bully pit". Questions were directed to Attorney Fitzsimmons. The attorney's reply noted that people are allowed to speak at a public meeting and the content and/or accuracy of their remarks are not determined to be the responsibility (or opinion) of the village or the village board.

Brian Wheeler asked about the disrepair of the DPW Garage. Trustee Johnson noted that no more money will be put into the building and that the village board is reviewing options for a new building to house the DPW.

Kim Czyzewski noted having a wonderful time at Community Day. She also inquired about a Neighborhood Watch Program (she was referred to OIC Vernon Doyle who met with her after the meeting). Attorney Fitzsimmons also said that meeting with the Sheriff's Department and the DA's Office along with other officials is another option to get information on the subject.

Mr. Osborn asked about cameras being installed on Main Street. He also suggested that the police do a "walking beat" as there has been an increase in robberies.

REPORTS:

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: Ongoing Projects

ATTORNEY BUONO: Gave a progress report on the contracts for outside fire districts (Claverack and Hillsdale).

CLERK/TREASURER: Reported that the Annual Financial Report was completed and submitted to the NYS Department of Audit and Control. Also worked with Dick Howard setting up a list and map for Community Day. Also prepared monthly reports, quarterly reports and annual reports. Also recorded meter readings for the July water/sewer bill. Prepared bills and mailed them out July 1st. They are due without penalty through July 31st.

POLICE REPORT: Report given by OIC Doyle. A copy is available in the Village Office for review.

LIBRARY REPORT: Report given by Director Garafalo. A copy is available in the Village Office for review. Noted an air conditioner was purchased for the Cultural Center. Also announced upcoming concerts and gave a progress report on the Summer Reading Program. Reported on Berkshire Foundation Grant and a "Buy-A-Brick" fundraiser.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Report provided by Program Director Renee Maxwell and read by Clerk Morris.

A copy is available in the Village Office for review. Broken window needs to be repaired. Fishing Derby went well. Father's Day crafts were made by the kids. About 20 kids attend on Thursdays and Fridays.

TOWN OF CLAVERACK/COUNTY OF COLUMBIA: Report was provided by Supervisor Robin Andrews and given by Attorney Fitzsimmons. Congratulated all on a successful Community Day. Provided progress reports on Pine Haven, the Veterans Service Center (and meetings on same). Also reported on County Comptroller applications. Also noted that Kelsie Krein of Philmont was selected to work as part of the County Summer Youth Employment Program. She reported that the Town received \$12,000 from Soil & Water to clean up storm debris in the creeks caused by flooding. Also, the Skateboard Park bids have been received and are being reviewed. Also reported on Red Cross designated shelters and how to become one. Copies of the entire report are available in the Village Office for review.

MAYOR SPEED: Reported that a tree that fell on the warehouse was removed. Also he participated in the Community Day parade and received many compliments on the day and the fireworks. He attended the "Deck Opening" at the Vanderbilt; however the ribbon cutting was postponed until Thursday. He also arranged for a loader to assist with the "Eagle Scout Dock" project.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: Reported all is fine at Forest Lake. Also took Nancy Brousseau (Zoning Chairperson) up to Forest Lake in preparation of the field trip for the Planning and Zoning Boards. He helped pick out cross walk signs and also participated in Community Day. At this point he had Dick Howard give a final report on Community Day and Dick thanked all contributors and announced prize winners in the raffle (presented Attorney Fitzsimmons with his grill which he won in raffle). Doug also thanked everyone for their support (Fire Company, Police, and Rod & Gun Club). He thanked the Rod and Gun Club for donating their profits from the event to a Taconic Hills School group. He also reported that he has been working on a situation regarding post office boxes with the postal service and has been working on the Dam situation.

TRUSTEE SAGAL: Reported that she met with Musco Lighting regarding tips and alternative sources for lighting for the ball field and has brochures available. She also attended a "Veterans Service Center" meeting and felt that the project was going in a positive direction with good feed-back from those in attendance.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: He reported that he has had meetings with the Philmont Rescue Squad (stay tuned) and also with the fire company. He gave the fire company report provided by Chief Higgins of which a copy is available in the Village Office for review. He also noted that the generator needs to be serviced. He thanked the fire company for participating in Community Day and for providing service during the fireworks.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON: Gave the DPW/WA/SW reports provided by Supt. Michael Scheller. Copies are available in the Village Office for review. He also met with the engineers regarding the proposed new DPW Building. He also noted that he felt the Fire Company meetings with Trustee Ostrander have been productive.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST – MADE AVAILABLE TO THE AUDIENCE.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. MOTION to appoint Mathew Oakley as a member of the Philmont Planning Board per request of Chairperson Mary Prazma made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to appoint Brian Wheeler as an alternate member of the Philmont Planning Board per request of Chairperson Mary Prazma (NO MOTION MADE...REQUEST DENIED).
3. **MOTION** to appoint Sean Ashe as a recruit to the Zone 5 Law Enforcement Academy made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Trustee Johnson will handle the broken window at the Community Center.

NEW BUSINESS: None

MOTION to adjourn in memory of **Howard Montague** and **Brad Race** made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer

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