

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2010 – 7:00 PM

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

MOTION to approve minutes of the previous meeting 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 approve payment of bills (General Abstract #3, Water Abstract #3, Sewer Abstract #3, Library Abstract #3, T&A Abstract #3, Summit Lake Abstract #3) made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Brian Wheeler inquired as to whether the DPW Supt. was claiming the use of the village vehicle on his tax return as some type of income. The Attorney addressed the matter, noting that this was the responsibility of the individual and there were several variables involved in claiming the vehicle. He will review the Internal Revenue Service rules pertaining to the subject.

REPORTS:

ATTORNEY BUONO: He gave an update on the contracts for outside fire protection districts (Claverack and Hillsdale) and noted that he is looking into a \$5000 "donation" to Hillsdale from the Hawthorne Valley School which was to go toward fire protection. He also took questions from the audience and offered his views on the future of the fire company budget. For clarification, the rates are figured on the *taxable* assessed value of each municipality, not the total assessed value of property. There was also discussion regarding charging for false alarms, and the increased cost of fire equipment.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: On going projects. Working on Cell Tower agreement.

CLERK/TREASURER MORRIS: She reported that the village office will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2010 for the Labor Day holiday. Also, water turn off notices were mailed today (8/9/2010). Water service will be terminated September 9, 2010 for those whose April 2010 bill remains outstanding.

LIBRARY REPORT: The report was given by Director Karen Garafalo. She reported on building and grounds (chairs purchased, air conditioner, Board of Elections new voter machine training, and Fire Department use of the Cultural Center) library services (summer reading program, teen program, summer concerts and movies scheduled) and noted \$2200 grant received from Berkshire Foundation for furniture for the Cultural Center.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Report was given by Trustee Ostrander. Reported that bees are back. The broken window (reported on last meeting) will be replaced. Also reported on attendance for the Thursday and Friday night programs and that Anthony Krein has started an activity afternoon program and the first topic will be crocheting.

TOWN OF CLAVERACK/COUNTY OF COLUMBIA: (COUNTY) Reports were given by Claverack Town Supervisor Robin Andrews. She gave a progress report on the Pine Haven process. Also, reported on the new electronic voting machines and noted that they will be displayed at the Columbia County Fair. She also reported that the bridge at 9-H and Stone Mill Road has been red-flagged and will close within 30 days. The detour will be to Yates Road. (TOWN) Reported that no bid was accepted on the skateboard park. Also Claverack has launched a new website. The Town DPW will be purchasing a new tandem dump truck which will eliminate the need to store sand and salt at the town court building. She also noted that the town is accepting letters of interest for the mining overlay review committee. The town has approved a resolution to begin the process of moving the Scott Air Compressor system currently housed by AB Shaw to the Mellenville Fire Company.

MAYOR SPEED: Reported that he met with Joshua Essig, the Eagle Scout doing the dock project and was very pleased with the results. He noted that the project cost the village only \$400.00 as the rest of the funding was raised by the scouts. He also attended the ribbon cutting at the Vanderbilt House. He also met with Attorney Buono regarding the fire district's contracts and met with parties connected with the

cell tower proposal and would like to schedule a meeting with the cell tower representatives, Attorney Fitzsimmons and Supervisor Andrews. He is also working on the paperwork for the Dam.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: Stated that he took a trip to the upper dam (privately owned) and noted that some work has been done there. He will contact the State Engineer to see if the work has been inspected and meets with NYS approval. He also met with Joshua Essig regarding the Eagle Scout dock project. He reported that he attended the final Community Day meeting to discuss what worked and what could be improved for next year. The date for next year's Community Day was set for **July 9, 2011**. The next meeting will be October 18, 2010.

POLICE REPORT: The report was given by Trustee Cropper (no police available). A copy of the report is available in the village office for review. Mr. Osborn noted that he has noticed police officers "walking" the area and was very pleased to see this.

TRUSTEE SAGAL: Reported that she spoke with Building Inspector Stan Koloski regarding a standard complaint form. One has been developed and will be made available at the village meetings as well as being available in the village office. She also noted that she took a "hike" with Eagle Scout Essig, Trustee Cropper and Trustee Ostrander and she felt that Mr. Essig did a wonderful job on the project. She also stated that she is working on a sign for the labyrinth and will decide whether it should be a big sign on its own or a small one attached to the "Village Green" sign. She is also looking through catalogs to purchase a "butt bucket".

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: Reported that he visited the upper dam with Trustee Cropper and noted that work had been done and that the area was scenic. He also agrees that Eagle Scout Joshua Essig did a great job with the dock and cleaning up the trails. He noted that he received correspondence relating to a NYS Planning conference to be held in Lake Placid and felt that maybe someone from the zoning board would like to attend. He gave the information to Karen Garafalo to pass on to Nancy Brousseau, Chairperson for the Philmont Zoning Board. He also reported that he has had meetings with the fire company members. He feels a lot of progress is being made and will continue to keep the lines of communication open. He also gave the fire company report. A copy is available in the village office for review.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON: Gave the DPW, Water and Sewer reports (copies of all are available in the village office for review). He also noted that he is considering contacting a company out of Syracuse to deal with recent well problems. Reported that he has been working with the engineer regarding the proposed DPW building relating to the septic system and the digging of a well. He noted that the electric and telephone service would be bid out. Trustee Cropper asked if he had inquired about the painted parking line on Main Street (State Route 217). It was determined that the length of the no-parking line can be 1 ½ car lengths long.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST – COPIES AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to enforce the water turn off law with water service being terminated on September 9, 2010 for those still owing the April, 2010 water/sewer bill made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to move the October regular monthly board meeting to the second *TUESDAY* of the month (October 12th) instead of the second Monday due to the Columbus Day holiday made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to grant PB Inc. the opportunity to hold a public hearing on Monday, August 23rd at 7:00 PM in the village hall (in joint session with the Philmont Board of Trustees) to get residential input on a proposed planning grant to be submitted to NYS DOS Division of Coastal Resources with reference to the proposed Summit Reservoir restoration with the stipulation that all grant information including grant submission materials, financial documentation regarding the grant, payments and reimbursements etc. be provided to the Village of Philmont for public review. The Trustees also request that PB Inc. provide to them, monthly financial and status updates on the project. Motion made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Osborn noted that the new crosswalk signs seem to be working as there doesn't seem to be any complaints. Trustee Ostrander also noted that there were wires down (he thinks they may be telephone or cable lines) on Elm Street.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sally Baker gave a progress report on 113 Main Street. She noted that PB Inc. is ready to plant trees and has already received NYS DOT approval for the placement of the trees (she provided drawings and a narrative which can be viewed in the village office).

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT