

**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010 – 7:00 PM (TUESDAY-DUE TO HOLIDAY)**

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

MOTION to approve minutes of the previous meeting made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. 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 #5, Water Abstract #5, Sewer Abstract #5, Library Abstract #5, T&A Abstract #5, Summit Lake Abstract #5, Water Maintenance Abstract #1) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

BIDS FOR FUEL OIL/MAINTENANCE – OPENED:

One bid received from **MONTAGUE OIL**

\$2.8345 per gallon/subject to increase or decrease in current market price.

\$50.00/hour service and maintenance

After discussion regarding the "market value" price the bid was accepted:

MOTION to accept the bid was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Keith Harvey requested that the police put more effort into patrolling the side streets. He noted that there is a lot of questionable activity going on in the Village off of Main Street. He stated that most of the activity takes place in the early morning hours and suggested that the hours for the police officers be reallocated so as to occasionally cover these hours. He said there are several drug areas and "speed" zones that need to be addressed. He noted that people cannot sit on their front porches anymore due to rough language. The board agreed to address the problem and meet with OIC Doyle to develop a plan of action. OIC Doyle requested assistance from the residents in that they need to report criminal activity to the police. He noted that he has had meetings with the Columbia County Sheriff's Department and can count on their cooperation. It was noted that young families are being driven out of the village due to the drug activity and everyone needs to work together to clean the Village up. Trustee Cropper noted that residents can't continue to look the other way instead they need to help the police department.

Brian Wheeler asked about the "grant funding" process and wondered why the Village could not get funding and yet Sally Baker (PB Inc.) gets funding to assist private owners. It was noted that funds are made available for particular projects and that you could not just ask for funding for a random cause. The Mayor noted that when funds are available for a fire company or police project that Senator Saland will do his best to provide some of those funds to the village as he has in the past on several occasions.

Keith Harvey suggested changing the "snow parking" ordinance to an "odd/even parking" situation as there is nowhere for residents to park during the winter. The Mayor said that the law can be reviewed and an amendment can be considered.

REPORTS:

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: (Absent) No report

ATTORNEY BUONO: Gave a progress report on the Columbia County tax foreclosures and noted that the village would receive ½ of the net sale proceeds of the properties. Trustee Ostrander wanted to know if an individual who already had several outstanding tax bills on record would still be able to purchase tax sale properties? Attorney Buono would check on this but felt it would probably not be a factor. (see motions below).

MOTION to authorize Attorney Anthony Buono to sign any stipulations related to the Columbia County Tax Foreclosures representing the Village of Philmont.

He also reported on the outside fire district contracts (Claverack and Hillsdale). Both are moving forward.

CLERK/TREASURER MORRIS:

Reported that water/sewer bills were mailed out on October 1st and are due through October 31st without penalty.

Noted that the Village Office will be closed on Tuesday, November 2nd for General Elections.

Also reminded all that there would be no garbage pick-up on Tuesday, November 2nd due to the elections. Garbage will be picked up on Wednesday, November 3rd.

POLICE REPORT:

The report was given by OIC Doyle. A copy is available in the Village Office for review. He noted that the in-service training for all officers is being completed. There was some discussion regarding drug arrests and he again requested that the residents help by providing information on trouble areas to the police department.

LIBRARY REPORT:

Report was given by Director Garafalo. Reported on receiving estimates for a new air conditioner. Also noted that the roof continues to leak and needs to be replaced. Reported that the engraving machine is working now and "bricks" are being engraved. She will be meeting with S&F Technologies to get an estimate to install outside cameras. She also reported that two coats of sealant were put on the cement floor in the addition. She informed the board that fees to Mid-Hudson will be increased by 68% in 2012 to \$3,395. Reminded all that "Story Hour" has started. Also PB Inc. is hosting a presentation by Walter Krattinger of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation. She also noted that the Fall Book Sale would begin on Thursday, November 11th and continue through Sunday November 14th with a bake sale to be held on Saturday.

She also reported that the Philmont Library was named as a **5- Star Library** by the Library Journal.

COMMUNITY CENTER: (No Report)

TOWN/COUNTY: (No Report)

MAYOR SPEED:

Reported that he and Trustee Sagal worked on getting garbage cans and tops for areas in the village and they are now painted and ready to be put out. He and Trustee Sagal also looked into a water situation on Summit Street regarding water run-off. The DPW will try and resolve the situation. He also responded to a situation where a water turn off valve had been broken off by a "hit and run" vehicle and had to be repaired to return water service to the area. He read aloud, certificates to be presented to DPW employees Daniel Davis and Richard O'Kesson for watering flowers/plants.

TRUSTEE SAGAL:

She noted that she spent a lot of time with the Mayor lately (as indicated above) working on garbage cans for the village, and a smokers stand to be put down by the firehouse entrance. She also called in two broken street lights. She met with PB Inc. regarding the grant application (reservoir) and she attended the Greenport Rescue Squad (Planning Board) meeting.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON:

He gave the DPW, Water and Sewer reports. Copies are available in the Village Office for review.

He also reported that he received three quotes to replace the boiler in the Municipal Building:

Montague Oil \$8,478.00

Huber \$8,900.00

Kool Temp. \$8,990.00

After reviewing the quotes, he recommended purchasing from Montague Oil

MOTION to accept the price of \$8,478.00 for a new boiler per specifications stated in the quote made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

He received quotes to provide an air conditioner for the library as follows:

Kool Temp. \$6,200.00 (roof-top unit)

Huber \$6,700.00 (larger ground unit)

Dells \$7,000.00+ (rooftop unit)

After reviewing the quotes, he recommended purchasing from Huber due to the fact that it was a preferable ground unit larger than the others.

MOTION to accept the price of \$6,700.00 for a new air-conditioner per specifications stated in the quote made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

He also noted that he received one estimate on replacing the Library Roof in the amount of \$6,300.00 (Harpis Roofing) and will get two more estimates before making a recommendation.

He also reported that he is working on checking the roof drain on the Municipal Building (water keeps backing up into the firehouse) and will get estimates on resolving the situation.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER:

Reported that he has been meeting with Chief Vernon Higgins and Asst. Chief Cal Dallas from the Fire Company regularly. He noted that OSHA Training and Physical mandates are being met. He reported that the Fire Company had a breakfast/open-house this past Sunday. He noted that during the breakfast the building fire alarm went off and no one had a key to the judge's office to turn the alarm off. He suggested that the village look into having an electrician move the box out of the judge's office. There was discussion about attracting new members and possibly starting a Junior Firefighters group.

TRUSTEE CROPPER:

Reported that he has been checking Forest Lake on a regular basis and things are fine. He reminded all that the gate at Forest Lake will be locked for hunting season (November 19th through December 21st). As in the past, there will be cards and a key in the village office for those residents wishing to hunt there. Only four (4) individuals will be allowed to hunt per day. Reservations may be made in advance for a particular date by calling the Village Office. He noted that he has been meeting with postal officials regarding box issues and is awaiting a reply from them. He also asked for project ideas as another Eagle Scout candidate is looking for a project. Any suggestions can be relayed to Trustee Cropper (creating more trails was suggested)

CORRESPONDENCE LIST – COPIES MADE AVAILABALE TO THE PUBLIC- COPY ATTACHED TO ORIGINAL MINUTES.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to spend \$10,500.00 from the Water Maintenance Account (H-10) to Morris Associates for engineering services related to the Summit Street Dam made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS. (Trustee Cropper to confirm that all necessary items are included in this invoice)
2. **MOTION** to spend \$6,700.00 from the Building Renovations Account (C-2) for the purchase of an air conditioner for the Library made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to set Tuesday, March 15, 2011 from noon to 9:00 PM in the Village Hall as the date, time and place for 2011 Village Elections. Offices to be determined are Two (2) Trustees for two year terms each and One (1) Mayor for a two year term made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to approve an application for funding through the Justice Court Assistance Program Grant to supply the court with a compact desk, wooden file cabinet, a heavy duty cart and a laser copier made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
5. **MOTION** to approve as acceptable towards State Mandated Training for Philmont Planning and Philmont Zoning board Members...the State Historic Preservation Office presentation to be held at the Karen A. Garafalo Cultural Center on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at 7:00 PM made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.]

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

Cal Dallas asked that the left over cardboard from a court file cabinet be removed from the hall. Mayor Speed said he would notify the DPW Department as this Friday is cardboard pick-up. OIC Doyle asked the Village Board if a police car could be parked in the bay being vacated by the Rescue Squad. Cal Dallas noted that he would bring it up at the Fire Company meeting but saw no problem with the request. It was noted that the ultimate decision was that of the Village Board.

Trustee Cropper noted that he has not received any correspondence regarding the privately owned dam during this past month, but would wait a while longer before contacting NYS.

Trustee Cropper suggested having S&F Communications come to a work shop meeting to discuss outside camera applications in the village.

With no further business to discuss, a **MOTION** was made to adjourn in memory of **Stanley Stickles** and **Gary Higgins**. **MOTION** made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT