

## **REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Brian Johnson (Mayor Speed –on vacation) Trustees Douglas Cropper, Laurence Ostrander, Barbara Sagal, (Attorney Fitzsimmons-absent) Engineer Raymond Jurkowski, Clerk-Treasurer Eilene Morris.

### **PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING – PROPOSED NEW DPW GARAGE**

(Public Notice appeared in the Register Star)

Engineer Ray Jurkowski of Morris Associates gave a presentation on the proposed new DPW garage. He presented a slide show of the facility's history, the proposed construction, the construction cost and the financial implications of the project. After the presentation, he took questions from the audience. It was determined that the price does include the salt shed. It was also noted that the old building on Eagle Street will be demolished. At present, the tax burden will be \$1.05/1000 of assessed value. It was also noted that the site would NO LONGER be available for recycles or brush disposal as it has been in the past. A set of plans for the building are on file in the Village Office.

**MOTION** to close the PUBLIC MEETING was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

### **REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

**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 Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION** to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #9, Water Abstract #9, Sewer Abstract #9, Library Abstract #9, T&A Abstract #9, Summit Lake Abstract #9, Summit Heights Abstract #6, Building Maintenance Abstract #3) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

### **PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

Karen Garafalo complained about the DPW blowing snow on to her walkway. Deputy Mayor Johnson noted that the men have been spoken to.

Bill Blaauw stated that the fire company appreciated getting their room back and hoped that it will remain the way it is. He also noted that he was concerned that fire hydrants were no longer being "marked" so they could be found in the snow. He suggested that this practice be done every winter before the snow starts so they can be found in an emergency and that they are marked for "dig-out". He also stated that the Town of Claverack board voted on a LOSAP amount that appeared to be \$5000 lower than the original amount agreed upon. Deputy Mayor Johnson noted that an agreement was made prior to the signing of the contract due to a miscalculation by Attorney Buono.

Patty Oakley complained about ice on the sidewalks (noted that she fell) and about the fact that people were not cleaning up after their dogs (she filed a complaint on an individual but does not know if anything was done...police said they would speak to the individual). She also complained that a DPW worker threw a recycle bin and hit her new car and put a scratch on it. Deputy Mayor Johnson said he would check with Police about the dog complaint and would discuss the ice situation and enforcement of the law at the next workshop meeting. He will also speak to the DPW regarding the damage to her car.

Richard Osborn suggested that the DPW put the snow in trucks (in populated areas) and haul it away. Deputy Mayor Johnson noted that there was not enough manpower due to mechanical problems with the trucks.

### **CLERK/TREASURER REPORT:**

- The Village Office will be closed on Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> for "President's Day".
- Water Turn-Off letters were mailed out today numbering 43. Water turn-off is scheduled for March 10, 2011 for those still owing the October, 2010 water/sewer bill.

- Village Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 from noon to 9:00 PM in the Village Hall. The offices to be elected are one Mayor for a two-year term and two Trustees for a two-year term each.
- She has been keeping in touch with the Mayor in Aruba (87 degrees and sunny!).

**POLICE REPORT:**

Report was given by Trustee Cropper. A copy is available in the village office for review.

**LIBRARY REPORT:**

Report was given by Director Garafalo. She reported problems with ice on the roof which created a leak and noted that the roof was shoveled three times. She noted that the installation of the air conditioner will begin tomorrow. She reported that \$ 1,232 was made in soup sales. Also reported on the Internet Safety presentation. She also noted that “purple” was the lead color in the hair-dying fundraiser with 108 votes. She also reported that the Library has applied for grants through Stewarts and the Bank of Greene County.

**COMMUNITY CENTER: (No Report)**

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK/COUNTY OF COLUMBIA:**

Reports were provided by Supervisor Robin Andrews and read by Trustee Barbara Sagal.

Town of Claverack: Meeting night has changed to the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. She also reported that disabled, low income and senior exemption eligibility has been increased to match Columbia County. It was also reported that Michael Johnston was appointed to be the Town of Claverack liaison for discussions about the Philmont and Mellenville Fire Companies.

County of Columbia: The County is looking at combining election districts as a cost saving measure. This may result in people voting in new places. More information will be forthcoming.

**MAYOR CLARENCE SPEED:**

(Sunny and 87!!!)

**TRUSTEE DOUGLAS CROPPER:**

Reported that Forest Lake Road is closed due to weather conditions. He attended the Community Day meeting. They would like to have more crafters involved (\$10.00/space). Community Service space would be free. He also will attend the DARE Ceremony at Taconic Hills School. He also attended the Joshua Essig Eagle Scout Ceremony and presented him with a plaque from the Village and showed him the sign naming the “trail” after him. Mr. Essig was very surprised and pleased. A program of the event is available in the village office for review. It was noted that the trail and dock area turned out very nice.

**TRUSTEE BARBARA SAGAL:**

Reported that she has been checking street lights, and all are working. She also reported on the joint meeting of the Claverack Town Board and the Philmont Village Board with the GAR representative regarding the reassessment in the town.

**TRUSTEE LAURENCE OSTRANDER:**

Reported that he also attended the joint meeting in the Town of Claverack and found it very informative. He also attended a workshop meeting with the Philmont and Mellenville fire companies. He also gave the Fire Company report provided by Chief Vernon Higgins (a copy is available in the Village Office for review). Chief Higgins noted that only one dry hydrant at the reservoir is working. They need to be “blown out” and another one needs to be installed. There is also a need to install one at Stever’s Crossing. Chief Higgins also asked about the Rescue Squad vehicle. Trustee Sagal noted that she is still awaiting a reply.

**DEPUTY MAYOR JOHNSON:**

Gave the DPW report and the water and sewer reports. Copies of all are available in the Village Office for review.

**CORRESPONDENCE LIST – PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE.**

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **MOTION** to spend \$7,454.70 from the Building Maintenance Account to Morris Associates for engineering fees relating to the proposed DPW Garage septic design and building design made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

2. **MOTION** to adopt the following roads in the Summit Heights subdivision: **Chestnut Court** and **Summit Heights Drive\*** (which was originally adopted as part of Overlook Court\*) and to instruct the attorney to file the necessary paperwork made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to accept the responsibility for maintenance of storm water ponds located in the Summit Heights subdivision and to file transfer deeds for same made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to dissolve the Philmont Local Development Corporation (LDC) due to inactivity and to instruct the attorney to file the necessary dissolution papers with the NYS Public Authorities Board made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
5. **MOTION** to appoint Peter Groll as an Election Custodian for the Village Elections to be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at a rate of \$75.00 made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
6. **MOTION** to take action against delinquent water/sewer accounts made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
7. **MOTION** to reappoint Kurt Basl as a member of the Philmont Zoning Board of Appeals for a 5-year term to end March 1, 2016 made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
8. **MOTION** to reappoint Nancy Brousseau as Chairperson of the Philmont Zoning Board of Appeals for a one-year term to end March 1, 2012 made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
9. **MOTION** to reappoint Richard Osborn as a member of the Philmont Planning Board for a 5-year term to end March 1, 2016 made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
10. **MOTION** to reappoint Mary Prazma as Chairperson of the Philmont Planning Board for a one-year term to end March 1, 2012 made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
11. **MOTION** to pay \$2,000 towards the fireworks display for the 2011 Community Day made by Trustee Cropper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:**

A budget workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM.

Also...Trustee Ostrander wants the "snow shoveling law" reviewed and noted it either needed to be enforced or rescinded as it has been a problem for 20 years and he doesn't want to hear the same complaints again next year. The issue will be discussed further at the workshop meeting. Vernon Higgins would also like to see the "parking law" reviewed.

Mr. Osborn asked about the terms of the "snow blower". Deputy Mayor Johnson noted that it was on loan from the City of Hudson.

**MOTION** to adjourn in memory of **Elwood Boswell** made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris  
Clerk/Treasurer  
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT