

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2011

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

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 #11, Water Abstract #11, Sewer Abstract #11, Library Abstract #11, T&A Abstract #11, Summit Lake Abstract #11, Building Maintenance Abstract #5) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Chris Hoppe (letter written and was present at meeting) did not agree with the building inspector's determination regarding NOT being able to house chickens in the village. He felt chickens should be allowed in the village and requested that the Village Board amend the law. The Attorney informed him that his first step would be to appear before the Zoning Board of Appeals to appeal the building inspector's determination and/or request that he receive a variance to have chickens. If all else fails, his final option would be to request that the Village Board amend the law to allow chickens.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:

On-going projects, nothing new to report.

CLERK/TREASURER:

1. It was a busy month with water/sewer bills being mailed on April 1st. They are due without penalty through April 30th. We also worked on monthly reports, quarterly reports, budget preparation and elections.
2. The Village Office will be closed on Friday, April 22nd for "Good Friday".
3. The Clerk attended a FEMA Meeting related to the December 26th storm. It appears that the Village will be eligible for approximately \$6,000 reimbursement.

LIBRARY REPORT:

Provided by Director Garafalo and given by Clerk Morris. She reported on Building and Grounds (getting roof replacement prices, parking lot lines need to be repainted, purchased a new picnic table, a new book shelf was built). Services (announced "A Day at the Cultural Center" –March 30th). Grants and Donations (\$5000.00-HRBT, \$1240.21-NYS, \$2806.82-Columbia County, \$13,500.00-Town of Claverack, \$500.00-Stewarts, also a grant was submitted to the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation).

COMMUNITY CENTER – No Report

TOWN OF CLAVERACK/COUNTY OF COLUMBIA:

Provided by Supervisor Andrews and given by Clerk Morris. She reported that their next meeting is Thursday, April 14th. Election Commissioners Virginia Martin and Jason Natske will discuss changes in election districts. There will also be a report on the Columbia County Board meeting to be held on Wednesday evening regarding discussion on the Walmart site etc. There is also a meeting scheduled with the State Department of Health and the Pine Haven subcommittee regarding an informal review of the design we have to date and anticipates public hearings to be scheduled to share the proposals.

MAYOR SPEED:

Reported that he is now a member of the Board of Directors for the Philmont Co-Op and new members are welcome (\$100.00). He has been attending Co-Op meetings. He also attended the organizational meeting and was kept busy with elections. He also handled the regular correspondence and phone calls.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON:

Gave DPW/WA/SW Reports. He also reported that he met with the Engineer regarding the proposed new DPW Building. At this point Mr. Osborn noted that the storm drain on Elmwood is getting worse. Trustee Johnson will remind the DPW.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER:

Reported that he and Trustee Cropper worked on getting three quotes for surveillance cameras for the village. He thanked Trustee Cropper for his help. He also gave the Fire Company report. A copy is available in the village office for review.

TRUSTEE SAGAL:

She has been attending Community Day meetings. She complimented Dick Howard on how well things were going and what a good job he was doing.

TRUSTEE CROPPER:

Reported that he has been working on the quotes for surveillance cameras with Trustee Ostrander. He has also been attending Community Day meetings and checking on Forest Lake on a regular basis. There was discussion regarding fishing at Preusser Road. It was noted that **NOTHING SHOULD BE APPROVED FOR THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD**, however fishing will be allowed on the left side and signs would be posted as they are at Forest Lake and the same rules would apply.

CORRESPONDENCE – LIST PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to adopt the budget with adjustments at a rate of \$10.12/1000 of assessed value and to adopt the tax levy in the amount of \$536,300 made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to approve the following slate of officers that were elected by the Philmont Fire Company on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 (with condition that all have necessary OSHA training).

President:	John Blaauw	Chief:	Vernon Higgins
Vice President:	Mathew Oakley	1 st Asst. Chief:	Mark Beaumont
Secretary:	Brian J. Wheeler	2 nd Asst. Chief:	Max Dannis
Treasurer:	Robert Card	Captain:	Anthony Krein IV
Vice Treasurer:	Martin Miller	1 st Lieut:	Jeremy Krein
Trustee:	Tanya Oakley	2 nd Lieut:	Frank Langdon

Made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to approve as Philmont Fire Company members the following:
Ryan O'Dowd, Emily Paulsen and Joseph Daniels made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS. (note: Joseph Daniels is only 16 and can only fight fires from outside).
4. **MOTION** to transfer between accounts as needed made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
5. **MOTION** to accept the quote from S&F Communications in the amount of \$13,157 for surveillance cameras made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Hoppe reported that there were windows broken at the mill building on Summit Street.

Dick Howard gave a progress report on Community Day. He also announced that LOCAL 111 has donated \$2,000 towards the fireworks display to be held on Community Day evening. He expressed his gratitude for their generosity.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT