

## **REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MONDAY, MAY 9, 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 Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. 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 #12, Water Abstract #12, Sewer Abstract #12, Library Abstract #13, T&A Abstract #13, Summit Lake Abstract #12, Building Maintenance Abstract #6) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

### **PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

Bill Blaauw noted that vehicles were not stopping at the crosswalks. He realizes that the village has tried difference strategies to remedy the problem. He suggested more daytime patrols. He witnessed a family trying to cross the street in the crosswalk and when he stopped, the vehicle behind him started to "beep" at him. He noticed several others just "blowing through" the crosswalks. He felt he needed to bring it to the board's attention. The issue will be passed on to the police. Trustee Sagal noted that she was "caught" in the crosswalk and had to return to the sidewalk when the driver went through the area without stopping or slowing down. Matt Oakley agreed with all that the crosswalk issue is a problem. The attorney noted that the fines are regulated by NYS and the Village cannot increase them.

### **ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:**

Reported on the preparation and completion of the Homeland Towers Lease and noted he is working on dissolving the Philmont LDC.

### **CLERK/TREASURER MORRIS:**

She reminded all that "Dumpster Day" is scheduled for Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to noon. She also noted that NO brush, NO tires or rubber, NO appliances with Freon and NO C&D will be accepted. All paint containers need to be EMPTY.

Also, the village office will be closed on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

**POLICE REPORT:** (None)

### **LIBRARY REPORT:**

The report was given by Library Director Karen Garafalo. She reported that new bricks have been put in the walk (some mistakes have to be redone). Also, the Claverack Garden Club will be planting flowers donated by the Farm at Miller's Crossing and the Friends of the Philmont Library.

The Summer Reading Program will be chaired by Vonda Teaney and Sue Clarke. Story hour for preschoolers will end the week before Memorial Day. They will try to schedule some movies outside weather permitting. She also reported that the "yard sale" made over \$800.00. She also noted that the Library has purchased a second pop-up tent for events.

### **COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT:**

The report was provided by Director Renee Maxwell and given by Trustee Sagal. She reported that the average attendance for a week was 38 kids and 12 adults. She noted that the center is open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The center offers crafts and outside activities. It was also reported that an outside light needs to be fixed (Trustee Sagal will check on this) and the bees will be active soon and they seem to live in the playground swing set and asks that the DPW handle the problem.

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

The report was provided by Supervisor Robin Andrews and given by Trustee Sagal. (TOWN OF CLAVERACK REPORT) It was noted that the town board voted to keep the Board of Assessment Review at 3 people (verses the proposed 5). Also, James Keegan has been appointed to fulfill the term of Tom Daus who has resigned from the BAR. Grievance Day is May 24<sup>th</sup> and instructions for grievances are included on the website as well as at the town office. The town has applied for a grant for support for an engineering/historical preservation report for the Shaw Bridge. The Historic Preservation Committee of Claverack invites everyone to a walking tour of the Historic Hamlet of Claverack on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> starting at the AB Shaw Firehouse in Claverack at 10:00 AM. Reminded everyone of the upcoming board meeting – May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7: 00 PM.

(COLUMBIA COUNTY REPORT)Information on the Walmart property is being gathered and a resolution for at least continuing to hold the option on the property will go before the full board at their May meeting. Also, the Pine Haven subcommittee informally met with NYS DOH to share the preliminary design for the new Pine Haven. With the rebasing change, the current home is expected to break even this year.

**MAYOR SPEED:**

He noted that it was a calm month. He talked to assessors at the Town of Claverack regarding assessments of village owned properties. He has also been attending co-op meetings, meetings with the UPSEU and Homeland Towers and the usual office work.

**TRUSTEE SAGAL:** Noted ongoing projects, nothing new.

**TRUSTEE CROPPER:**

Attended the Claverack Board Meeting (with the other board members) to discuss the village owned property assessments. He reported that all at Forest Lake was fine. He spoke with Columbia Land Conservancy regarding possible future projects. He has also been attending Community Day meetings (at this time Dick Howard gave a progress report on Community Day noting that the Philmont Fire Company held a “boot drop” and raised \$500.00 for Community Day). Trustee Cropper reminded all that the next meeting will be held June 6<sup>th</sup>. (An updated schedule of events is available and will be e-mailed to the web site for posting).

**TRUSTEE OSTRANDER:**

Reported that he has talked to George Keeler regarding consolidation of services. There will be a meeting at the Claverack School on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM. There was no fire company report.

**TRUSTEE JOHNSON:**

He gave the DPW, water and sewer reports. Copies are available in the village office for review. He also reported that a set of plans for the proposed new DPW building will be reviewed by Trustee Ostrander and he will estimate the cost of materials and they will go forward from there.

**CORRESPONDENCE – A LIST WAS PROVIDED FOR THE AUDIENCE.**

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **MOTION** to expend \$402.95 in engineering fees to Morris Associates for surveying at the proposed new DPW garage site made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to transfer funds within accounts as needed made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to set the “End of Year” meeting for the sole purpose of paying end of year bills for Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at noon in the village office made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to enforce the water termination law for those still owing their January 2011 water/sewer bill made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

5. **MOTION** to permit Mayor Speed to sign all necessary paperwork related to the Homeland Towers Lease and Lease Addendum made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
6. **MOTION** to, if necessary, file grievances with the Town of Claverack, Board of Assessment Review for parcels owned by the Village of Philmont but located outside village limits made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**UNFINISHED /NEW BUSINESS:**

There was discussion about moving the uninsured rescue vehicle from one bay to another down stairs in the municipal building. It was noted that the Rescue Squad had the keys. Trustee Sagal will get the keys so it could be moved from one bay to another (without going out on the road).

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris  
Clerk/Treasurer  
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT