

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 11, 2011

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

PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW #1-2011

“Amending the code of the village of Philmont to Allow Animal Husbandry”

Chris Hoppe suggested changes to the original proposed draft law (a copy of his recommendations are available in the Village Office for review). The law, as rewritten by Mr. Hoppe, was received by the board on July 11th and had not yet been reviewed by them. There was discussion on both draft copies and it was decided that the discussion would continue at the July workshop meeting (7/27/11) and the “Public Hearing” would be left open until the August 8, 2010 meeting at which time it will continue. A final draft will be prepared for the August 8th meeting after everything has been reviewed and discussed.

MOTION to approve minutes of the previous meeting made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve the treasurer’s report made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #2, Water Abstract #2, Sewer Abstract #2, Library Abstract #2, T&A Abstract #2, Summit Lake Abstract #2, Building Maint. Abstract #2, Summit Heights Abstract #1) made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Brian Wheeler asked if there would be a vote on the proposed new DPW building, and also why so much money has been spent without a vote.

Art Rote asked if a “SLOW” sign could be put down at the Memorial Field.

Matt Oakley complained about dog “droppings” on the sidewalks. Sergeant Ambrosino noted that they would need someone who saw this happen, to sign a complaint before they could issue a ticket, or they would have to catch them in the act of not picking up after their pets.

Jane Wright complained that on Community Day the workers put up “no parking” signs on the trees with nails. She felt it was hurtful to the trees and wondered if the signs could be wired on the trees next year. The Mayor said he would pass on her concern.

REPORTS:

ATTORNEY ROBERT FITZSIMMONS: Reported on the proposed draft “chicken law”. Also reported on Government Immunity to Zoning Laws as it relates to the proposed DPW garage (Monroe Act). There will be a Public Hearing in August relating to this issue. He also noted that a petition would be necessary to force a permissive referendum (vote).

CLERK/TREASURER MORRIS: Reported that Water/Sewer bills were mailed on July 1st and are due without penalty through July 31st. Also noted all the daily, weekly, monthly and quarterly and annual duties are ongoing as usual.

POLICE REPORT: Report was given by Sergeant Ambrosino. Copies are available in the village office for review. Mr. Osborn asked about more foot patrols. He noted that it was in their plans. There was also discussion on the recent car break-ins. Karen Garafalo noted that she felt the three agencies should co-ordinate more (Philmont, Sheriffs and State Police). Officer Ambrosino felt that they all had a good working relationship.

COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT: The report was provided by Director Maxwell and given by Trustee Sagal. It was noted that the center was broken into recently and duct tape was used to secure the window temporarily. She also reported that the gazebo from the “Pocket Park” is now being used as a storage shed at the center. Speed bumps have been installed on Lake Drive (wanted “children at play” signs). The center was opened for the Fishing Derby. She reminded all that the center is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

LIBRARY REPORT: The report was given by Director Karen Garafalo. (Building and Grounds) Weed eating was completed and rugs have been cleaned. The DPW will be laying a patio with pavers that were removed from the Pocket Park. Current air conditioner was repaired and will be for sale when the new one goes in. (Services) First two concerts were well attended and \$200 was made on the picnic and \$400 was made on the dessert buffet. Tablesaw Acoustic Band will play on July 12th at the Village Green. The Summer Reading Program has approximately 40 signed up. High School volunteers are working to organize the summer book sale at the old Hearts and Stars building. The Teen Club (walkers and readers) has 10 members signed up.

TOWN OF CLAVERACK/COUNTY OF COLUMBIA: (Town) At a special meeting in June, the motion was approved to make all Philmont properties within the Town of Claverack tax exempt. Also, the summer Youth Program has begun and is going well. Through a donation from Alvarez, we have a building in the park for use of the youth program staff during the summer program. (COUNTY) There will be a meeting this Wednesday. County Manager and Greenport Plaza acquisition are not expected to be on the agenda until August. Supervisor Andrews also noted that a great job was done on Philmont Community Day.

MAYOR SPEED: Reported that he enjoyed Community Day and thanked Dick Howard and his committee for all their hard work! He also attended the dedication of the "Joshua Essig Nature Trail" and was very pleased with the project. He hopes that his brother will be involved in a project as well. (He noted he was very happy about winning a trophy for his "golf cart" in the show on Community Day).

TRUSTEE CROPPER: Reported that Community Day went very well and that he was very proud to be from Philmont. He thanked Dick Howard for all his effort (applause!). He also reported that he has been checking Forest Lake. He also attended the Town of Claverack Board Meeting.

TRUSTEE SAGAL: Reported having a wonderful time on Community Day and also thanked Dick Howard for all his involvement.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: He gave the Fire Company report provided by Chief Higgins. A copy is available in the village office for review. Meetings will continue on the third Wednesday of the month. He noted that the electric is just about done for the surveillance cameras. He also thanked Officer Bryan Laurange for donating his personal time on Community Day.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON: He Gave the DPW, Water and Sewer reports. Copies are available in the village office for review. He also noted that the speed bumps are now in by the Community Center.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Cropper noted that the DPW was very helpful in getting everything ready for Community Day. He also thanked the Police Department for all their help. Trustee Johnson noted that while in Ghent, he heard good things about Philmont Community Day.

Dick Howard gave a final report for Community Day and thanked everyone for their help. The next Community Day will be held the second Saturday in July (7/14/12). He thanked the Village Board and the Clerk for their support. He also thanked Doug Cropper. And extended thanks to David Siter and the Rod & Gun Club for their many hours of assistance.

The Mayor thanked the Lamonds for their letter to the Town of Claverack in support of the Village tax exemptions.

There were also questions regarding the recent revelation by the Greenport Rescue Squad about their cut-back in hours at their Philmont location. This will be looked into further.

Trustee Ostrander wondered if the "Walking The Dog Theater" was still interested in the warehouse. It was noted that they were still interested.

CORRESPONDENCE- A LIST OF CORRESPONDENCE WAS PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to spend \$2,800.00 from the Building Maintenance Account to Morris Associates for work done on the building design for the proposed new DPW Garage made by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

2. **MOTION** to approve the appointment of David Naughton as a member of the Philmont Fire Company made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

The Clerk was asked to write a letter of support for Eagle Scout Candidate Steven Essig so that he can consider doing a project in the Village.

With no further business to be discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT