

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 11, 2011
(Tuesday-due to holiday)

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

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

MOTION to approve Treasurer's Report made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. 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, Summit Heights Abstract #3, Building Maintenance Abstract #3) made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

OPEN OIL BIDS

Only one bid received from Montague Oil Company:

\$3.3610 per gallon/subject to increase or decrease in current market price.

\$55.00 per hour for service and maintenance.

MOTION to accept this bid made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Brian Wheeler said that the Greenport Rescue Squad would be responding directly from Greenport at the end of the year and will no longer have quarters in Philmont. The Mayor suggested writing a letter to them regarding the situation. He also noted that the squad has never approached the village with any complaints. Trustee Sagal noted that calls must be answered in a timely manner or the squad could lose the district as their service area.

Mr. Wheeler also noted that it sounds like someone has roosters on Summit Street. Trustee Ostrander said that the roosters were located outside the village limits.

Richard Osborn noted that the Town of Claverack is working with the Greenport Rescue Squad on the situation.

Jodie Wheeler expressed her concern about not being safe in the crosswalks on Main Street. The Mayor said that he will continue to work on the situation.

(NO ATTORNEY'S REPORT –ABSENT)

CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. The Village Office will be closed on Election Day (November 8th) and Veterans' Day (November 11th).
2. Water service turn-off of one parcel has not yet taken place due to the turn-off location. The Water Department will dig the service up and turn it off (don't think it has been dug yet).
3. All monthly reports, quarterly reports, collections, sales etc. have been completed. Also the October Water/ Sewer billing was mailed on September 30, 2011.
4. A reminder that Garbage Pick-up will be on WEDNESDAY, November 9th due to Election Day (Tuesday, November 8th).

(NO POLICE REPORT – NO OFFICER PRESENT)

LIBRARY REPORT:

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Shades have been installed. Request again made to have DPW remove the old Christmas tree from behind the old Hearts and Stars Building. Chris Hoppe and Matt Perry are installing the acoustic clouds.

SERVICES: Collection for Food Pantry has started. GED Study Classes has about 4 students. The Philmont Rotary Club has donated \$100 towards the purchase of the books. This allows the purchase of 6 student's books and 2 teacher's copies. The first meeting of a book club will be on Wednesday, October 26th. The book being discussed is The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

(COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT – NONE)

TOWN OF CLAVERACK/COUNTY OF COLUMBIA REPORT:

Provided by Claverack Town Supervisor Robin Andrews and given by Trustee Sagal.

TOWN OF CLAVERACK: November 10th public hearing on the proposed updated ethics law to begin at 6:45 pm. Budget workshop meetings will be held this month. Also a purchase of software, support and training to provide town and county tax payments on line was approved. This service will become available next year.

COUNTY OF COLUMBIA: The County has decided to purchase the property located at 25 Railroad Avenue (Hudson) to continue to house DSS.

ALSO-The Mellenville Grange is having their 100th year anniversary celebration on October 16th. (Congratulations to them).

MAYOR CLARENCE SPEED:

Reported that he attend many meetings/events this month (open house, hotdogs/ice cream social). Also assisted with the bridge repair at the Sewer Plant which was severely damaged during Hurricane Irene. He has also been keeping tabs on the DPW and the new garage progress.

TRUSTEE BARBARA SAGAL:

Reported that she continues to stay "on top" of the street light situation. She thanked Brian Wheeler for reporting lights out to the office whenever he saw them. She also noted (for the record) that Rock Street and Band Street need to have pot holes filled in. She also reported that Rock Street and Prospect Street are in need of sidewalk repair.

TRUSTEE LAURENCE OSTRANDER:

He gave the Fire Company report which was provided by Chief Vernon Higgins. A copy is available in the village office for review. He also reported that he checked on a leak in the "trophy room" in the fire house and noted that the drain there needs to be checked out again. Trustee Ostrander also noted that he would like to look into allowing ice skating at the reservoir this winter.

TRUSTEE DOUGLAS CROPPER:

He reported that he did a playground inspection with officials and noted there were a few small items to be rectified, but nothing big. He noted that the "Essig" trail and dock came through the hurricane fine. He has been checking on Forest Lake and Preusser Road regularly and all is fine. He attended the Tim Smith Exhibit and a Community Day Meeting. Dick Howard gave a report on the Community Day Meeting – noted that new ideas were brought up and are being considered such as a flea market, a circus, and water polo. He noted that the date for the next Community Day will be June 30, 2012. He also requested that the village, once again, pay \$2000 toward the fireworks display (see motions and resolutions).

TRUSTEE BRIAN JOHNSON:

He gave the Water, Sewer and DPW reports provided by Supt. Michael Scheller. Thanked Louie Lamont (Town of Claverack) for his assistance with repairing the damage done to the road and bridge at the WWTP by Hurricane Irene (Clerk will write letter). He also cautioned residents that the village will be **strictly enforcing** the "Snow Shoveling Law" and the "Winter Parking Law". He also noted that the DPW will continue to clean the Main Street sidewalks and he is willing to take the complaints. Trustee Cropper met with the clerk and it was decided that signs would go up related to this matter and a notice would go out with the January water/sewer billing.

(CORRESPONDENCE – A LIST WAS PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE)

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to approve Frederick Zitto as a member of the Philmont Fire Company made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to set Tuesday, March 20, 2012 from noon to 9:00 PM as the time and date of the village elections to be held in the Village of Philmont meeting hall. The offices to be determined will be two (2) Trustees for two (2) years each (there will be no registration due to MOTION made April 2, 2001 to adopt the Columbia County Board of Elections Registration List) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to pay vouchers amounting to \$29,136.35 for DPW Garage related expenses from the Building Maintenance Reserve Account and that these expenses meet all requirements of the current procurement policy made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to accept the proposed new outside fire district contracts with Claverack and Hillsdale for 2011-2012 and direct Attorney Buono to secure signatures on same made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
5. **MOTION** to allocate up to \$2,000 for the fireworks display for Community Day to be held on June 30, 2012 made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

OLD BUSINESS:

Richard Osborn asked about the drainage in the area of his residence. The Mayor suggested he contact NY Rural Water. DPW Foreman Mike Scheller could assist him with this. (The Clerk noted that he was welcome to take a look at the maps that are stored downstairs).

Karen Garafalo thanked Mayor Speed for securing a garbage pail for the Library. She also informed him that she left the "speeder sign" information for him. He will contact Supervisor Andrews regarding sharing the sign with the Town of Claverack.

Rich Osborn asked if he would be allowed to visit the "DPW Garage" site to follow the progress. Trustee Johnson noted that he could.

Trustee Cropper stated that some of the "No Parking Law" signs were missing from their spots entering the village and needed to be replaced. The Clerk also reminded the Mayor that a "NO TRUCKS" sign needed to be placed at Elm/Summit Streets to discourage tractor trailers from traveling that route.

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

With no further business to conduct a **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Johnson to adjourn. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT