

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 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 Cropper, 2nd by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve Treasurer's Report made by Trustee Cropper, 2nd by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #6, Water Abstract #6, Sewer Abstract #6, T&A Abstract #6, Summit Lake Abstract #6, and Building Maintenance Abstract #4) made by Trustee Ostrander, 2nd by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Mr. Mattikow (Summit Heights Development) requested that the board grant him a two-year extension to place the well agreed upon. After discussion, the board took no action – and the original agreement remains in effect (extension denied). There was discussion regarding what the lot size would be should he not complete the contract in the amount of time given (The board and attorney felt it would go to ½ acre lots, and he was of the opinion that it would remain at ¼ acres lots).

Mr. Osborn requested (again) that his ditch lines be repaired. He felt that he was being more than patient since his original request came about 10 months ago. He also expressed his displeasure with attitude issues. Trustee Johnson will handle the situation. It was also noted that Burger's ditch line is also in need of repair.

Brian Wheeler asked what the progress was on the Greenport Rescue Squad. It was noted that all was still in the discussion stages.

REPORTS:

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: Nothing new...ongoing projects.

CLERK/TREASURER:

- Water Termination Letters have been mailed out (42 parcels are on the list). Water turn-off is scheduled for December 8, 2011.
- Attended a FEMA meeting to begin the paperwork process for reimbursement for damage from Hurricane Irene.
- The village office will be closed on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- All monthly and quarterly reports, collections, sales and all have been completed. All monthly bills have been readied for payment. Handled numerous notarizations, handled wires down complaints, and kept track of area power outages.

POLICE: (No Report). Trustee Ostrander noted that the police department **should** be present with a report at each board meeting, and someone should speak to OIC Doyle regarding this request.

LIBRARY: The report was given by Director Karen Garafalo.

(Buildings and Grounds): 2/3 of the clouds have been installed. Library was prepared for the power outage...that never came. Replaced stained ceiling tiles.

(Services): Collected 425 items and \$475 for the food pantry (Items can be dropped off on the back porch when the library is closed). Eleven people attended the first book club meeting. Next meeting will be November 30th and the book will be "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand. Received 210 "Warm-Up America" blocks which meets the goal of 200. 5-6 kids have been attending preschooler's story hour each week. The American Legion is using the library for their oratorical contest for the county and the district. Food Pantry criteria was discussed. The Pantry is open Tuesdays from 10:00 AM until noon and from 5:30 to 6:30 in the evening.

TOWN OF CLAVERACK/COUNTY OF COLUMBIA: The report was given by Supervisor Andrews. (CLAVERACK) Reported that the town budget was approved within the 2% cap (increase is expected to be 1.6%). The budget will be posted on the website soon. Also, a public hearing on the Philmont Fire Dept. contract will be held at the regular board meeting on December 8th just prior to 7:00 PM. It was also noted that a new ethics policy law was adopted.

The election results were also reported. (COUNTY) Reported on the progress of the new Pine Haven Home. There have been presentations and she hopes to have one at the Philmont Village Hall soon. Also, the weekend of November 18th has been proclaimed Mellenville Grange Weekend in honor of their 100th anniversary. There will be an open house from 2-5 on Saturday, November 19th. Everyone is invited to attend. She also reported on trying to gain access to the county owned portion of the Boston & Albany rail bed located from 9-H to Courts Lane. Enough has been cleared to access 1.5 miles of trail with the help of Dave Robinson and the Highway Department.

MAYOR SPEED: Reported that he attended the ribbon cutting of the PB Inc. property. He also attended a fundraiser at the Vanderbilt and meetings for the Co-op. He also enjoyed judging the Halloween Costume contest and has handled complaints throughout the month.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: Reported that he also attended the ribbon cutting of PB Inc. and the Halloween Judging Contest. He has been checking Forest Lake regularly. He has also been attending Community day Meetings (Dick Howard gave a report on the last Community Day meeting-copies are available in the Village Office for review). The next meeting will be January 2nd (no meeting in December). Trustee Cropper also thanked the Fire Company for their efforts during the recent structure fire.

TRUSTEE SAGAL: Noted that she attended the PB Inc. ribbon cutting and complimented Sally Baker on how nice the building and the pocket park looked. She also enjoyed judging the Halloween Costume Contest. She is also trying to stay on top of reporting the street lights that are out.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: Reported that he attended the Supervisor's meeting regarding Pine Haven Home. He also visited "Passive House" and noted that it was "interesting". He also thanked the Philmont fire Company for their actions during the structure fire on Main Street. He also gave the Fire Company Report provided by Chief Vernon Higgins.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON: Gave the DPW, Water and Sewer Reports provided by Supt. Michael Scheller. He also noted that he still plans on doing the snow removal on Main Street with the Village owned snow blower.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST – MADE AVAILABLE TO THE AUDIENCE – COPIES AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to ratify the contract between New York State Electric and Gas and the Village of Philmont for the use of poles for surveillance cameras made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to enforce the Water Termination Law with water termination scheduled for December 8, 2011 (copy of offender list provided to the board members) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to transfer funds within accounts as needed made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to spend \$11,342.98 from the Building Maintenance Account for the proposed DPW Garage to F.H. Stickles, Herrington's and Morris Associates made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
5. **MOTION** to approve salary increases for the Library as follows: Director from \$15.00/hr. to \$15.50/hr. and the Assistant Director from \$11.00/hr. to \$11.50/hr. made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS. (Effective Dec. 2011).
6. **MOTION** to approve membership of Aaron Libruk, Drake Grant-Adresser and Brian Ostrander as members of the Philmont Fire Company made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

7. **MOTION** to write a letter of support for the Mellenville Fire Company in their request for Grant Funding from FEMA made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS – Trustee Cropper confirmed that Forest Lake would not be locked this year for hunting season unless there were problems reported as the Cell Tower company has been working there on a regular basis.

MOTION to adjourn in memory of **Robert Callahan** and **Loren Miller** made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper (a moment of silence was observed). ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT