

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012 – 7:00 PM

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 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 #8, Water Abstract #8, Sewer Abstract #8, Library Abstract #8, T&A Abstract #8, Summit Lake Abstract #8, Summit Heights Abstract #5. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Brian Wheeler asked about the newly installed cameras and if they are beneficial. It was noted that they have already proved to be an asset.

Matt Oakley asked if the State Police and Sheriff's Department step up patrols when the village police are not on duty. It was noted that they do.

Mrs. Oakley questioned the parking situation regarding the "snow parking law" as she has no place to park off of the street. The Mayor said that she needed to approach her landlord with the issue of parking.

REPORTS:

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:

Noted that the Summit Heights project has been reviewed and a motion to return a part of Philmont Venture's escrow funds can be made (see motions and resolutions).

CLERK/TREASURER MORRIS:

Reported that Water/Sewer bills were mailed on December 30, 2011 and are due through January 31, 2012 without penalty. She also noted that monthly, quarterly and annual reports have been completed and employee W-2s have been completed and mailed out. She reported that January 3rd was the first day an individual could sign an Independent Nominating Petition. Petitions must be handed in no earlier than February 7, 2012 and no later than February 14, 2012. The election will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012.

POLICE:

The report was given by OIC Doyle. A copy is available in the Village Office for review. He reported that the cameras have already proven to be useful. He also noted that patrol hours have been increased and actual hours for patrol are now "varied".

LIBRARY: (No Report)

COMMUNITY CENTER: (No Report)

TOWN OF CLAVERACK/COUNTY OF COLUMBIA: (Provided by Supervisor Andrews and given by Trustee Sagal)

TOWN REPORT: At the organizational meeting, the town welcomed Katy Cashen as the new board member and maintained the 2nd Thursday of the month for their regular town board meetings at 7:00PM. All are welcome. Workshop meetings have been changed to the first Monday of the month. The only organizational change that was made is that there is now an official liaison and a deputy liaison for all town departments, committees and other functions (a list is available in the village office). Motions were made declaring some highway equipment as surplus. Also a letter of support was sent to the County EMS program for their CON application and the town board agreed to sign on to a suit for home rule violations in Middlefield, NY. The town will also send letters of thanks to the American Legion for their donation of their PA system to the town park and to Bob Mansfield of the Vanderbilt for donating the two machine guns from the old American Legion building to accompany the statue in the park in the hamlet which is where it is believed they originally were.

COUNTY REPORT: At the county organizational meeting Pat Grattan, Supervisor from Kinderhook, was appointed Chair and he appointed Kevin McDonald from Livingston to be his deputy. The Fire Coordinator position was postponed until this week's regular board meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 PM.

MAYOR SPEED:

He reported that he participated in the Holiday Parade and the Lighting Contest judging. He has been handling complaints and has been keeping up with the Camera System installation... He also enjoyed a few days vacation around the holidays.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER:

Has been in touch with S&F Communication to get an estimate on additional cameras. He also helped Trustee Johnson gather work materials for the Community Center. He apologized for missing the fire company breakfast, but was not aware of it.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON:

He gave the DPW and WATER/SEWER reports. Copies are available in the village office for review. He also reported that he left the new window and other materials at the Community Center awaiting the return of the inmates to complete necessary work and repairs.

TRUSTEE SAGAL:

Four street lights were called in to NYSEG. She also participated in the Lighting Contest judging. She also reported that a light on the Community Center needed to be replaced.

TRUSTEE CROPPER:

Reported that he has been checking Forest Lake regularly and all is fine. He also noted that the Verizon tower is a work in progress and should be on line soon. He also thanked the fire company for the invitation to their annual dinner. A good time was had by all. He also participated in the judging of the Holiday Lighting contest and was a judge for the Christmas Parade. He also attended the Community Day Meeting. Dick Howard gave a report on the meeting noting that there will be bands, DJs and a baseball game. Dick also reported that donations were already coming in for the fireworks. The Community Day meetings are held on the first Monday of each month.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST – PROVIDED FOR THE AUDIENCE.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to appoint Carol Mossman, Nancy Brousseau and Kurt Basl as Election Inspectors for the March 20, 2012 Village Elections with an alternate inspector of Karen Garafalo should one of the inspectors be unable to serve made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS. (\$10.00/hour).
2. **MOTION** to appoint Peter Groll as Election Custodian (and one yet to be named by the County Board of Elections) for the March 20, 2012 Village Elections made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS. (\$75.00/day each)
3. **MOTION** to move funds within accounts as needed made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to return \$27,431.05 to Philmont Ventures from the escrow funds maintained for engineering and legal fees in connection with Summit Heights retaining \$15,000.00 made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Johnson offered to have Dale Wheeler, DPW Employee, build five (5) bike racks for installation around the village (Elm St., Vanderbilt, Gabriel's, Local 111, and the Village Office area). The Mayor offered to spray paint them black at his shop.

Trustee Cropper reminded Trustee Johnson that the DPW needs to do repairs at the playground. Trustee Johnson will have the DPW contact Trustee Cropper regarding a list.

Brian Wheeler noted that many windows were broken at the mill on Summit Street. He said the owner blamed the back splash from the water. He also wanted to know if anyone was suppose to be in the mill

as he thought it was condemned and people have been in and out of there moving items. The attorney suggested getting in touch with the building department regarding the situation.

MOTION to adjourn made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer