

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2012

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor (Trustee) Brian Johnson, Trustees Barbara Sagal, Douglas Cropper, Laurence Ostrander, Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons, Clerk/Treasurer Eilene Morris (Mayor Speed on vacation).

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

MOTION to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #9, Water Abstract #9, Sewer Abstract #9, Library Abstract #9, T&A Abstract #9, Summit Lake Abstract #9, Summit Heights Abstract #6) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Mr. Osborn asked for an update on the status of the Rescue Squad. It was noted that at the last meeting with them, they promised no change would be made without notifying us first. It was also pointed out that Claverack gave them additional funding.

REPORTS:

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:

Noted that a Code of Ethics has been developed for the board's review at the request of New York State. A public hearing will be set for the next board meeting. He also reported on the bonding for the highway garage and noted that the rate is at an all time low.

CLERK/TREASURER MORRIS:

- *Water turn-off notices were mailed to those who still owe their October, 2011 water/sewer bills. Water turn-off is scheduled for Thursday, March 8, 2012 at noon.
- *Have met with FEMA several times regarding Hurricane Irene. The paperwork has been completed.
- *A draft "Code of Ethics" law was presented to the board for their review.
- *All monthly reports, payrolls, water/sewer billings/collections etc. have been done, as usual.
- *Been in touch with Mayor Speed in Aruba...88 degrees!

POLICE REPORT:

The report was presented by Sergeant Ambrosino. A copy is available in the Village Office for review.

LIBRARY REPORT:

The report was given by Director Karen Garafalo.
(Buildings and Grounds) Recently purchased a movie screen, AV cart and a Bose speaker.
(Services) GED classes continue; a Barbara Slate workshop will be held at the Library. Also Free Columbia will offer a painting class and David Haines will offer a three week program on Qigong. Nutrition classes will begin on Monday for 6 weeks. The newest art show – a mixed fiber media show- had an opening on Sunday, February 5th. It will be displayed through the middle of March. Also, there will be two movies shown on Monday, February 20th.

COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT:

(No Report – Community Center closed for the month of February) It was noted that the inmates from Hudson Correctional have been working at the center painting, and repairing. Karen Garafalo hoped to get the kitchen refurbished. Trustee Johnson will meet with Ms. Garafalo tomorrow at 2:00 pm to review and discuss the project.

TOWN OF CLAVERACK/COUNTY OF COLUMBIA:

Reports were provided by Supervisor Andrews and given by Trustee Sagal.
(Town of Claverack) Reported that the town is looking for letters of interest for the BAR. Also reported that the court liaison is now Robin Andrews. It was also reported that changes were made to the Dog License Law. It was decided that a letter of request for support would be written to Senator Saland asking for assistance installing a sidewalk on Church Street joining the Village of Philmont and the Town

of Claverack as well as increasing the waterline into the park. It was also noted that the deadline for the STAR applications for Senior, Disabled and Agricultural tax exemptions is March 1st. (County of Columbia) Fiscal Oversight Meeting was held and went very well. Financials are posted on the website. Also, the County has proclaimed March 2012 as Colorectal Cancer month. Supervisor Andrews thanked all the volunteers from the Philmont, Mellenville and AB Shaw Fire Companies as well as the auxiliary for their efforts during the recent structural fire.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT:

The report was provided by Chief Higgins, and given by Trustee Ostrander. A copy is available in the Village Office for review. It was noted that the Philmont and Mellenville fire companies will be doing drills together.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER:

Informed Chief Higgins that he received a quote from S&F Communications for the fire company. He also reported that he attended the fire company breakfast and met with the fire company regarding personnel issues.

TRUSTEE CROPPER:

Reported that he attended the Zoning Board Meeting and the Community Day Meeting (noted that donations and help are welcome).

TRUSTEE SAGAL:

Reported street lights that are out to NYSEG. She also attended The Community Day Meeting and the Artist's Reception at the library.

DPW/WATER/SEWER REPORTS:

The report was provided by Supt. Michael Scheller and given by Trustee Johnson. Copies of all are available in the village office for review.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON:

Thanked all the fire companies for their efforts during the recent Ark Street fire. He also noted that the dry hydrants were being replaced.

At this time Mr. Osborn asked if there were any grants available for the new highway garage. It was noted that at last look, there was nothing available.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST – PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to re-appoint Darryl Mossman as a member of the Philmont Planning Board for a five-year term to expire March 1, 2017 and to re-appoint Mary Prazma as Chairperson of the Philmont Planning Board for a one-year term to expire March 1, 2013 made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to re-appoint Stephen Benson as a member of the Philmont Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term to expire March 1, 2017 and to re-appoint Nancy Brousseau as Chairperson of the Philmont Zoning Board of Appeals for a one-year term to expire March 1, 2013 made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to take action against delinquent water/sewer users for those still owing the October 2011 water/sewer bill (list provided to board members) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to transfer funds within accounts as needed made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
5. **MOTION** to approve Sarah Langdon as a member of the Philmont Fire Company made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
6. **MOTION** to change the status of James Mayo from Deputy OIC to patrolman for the Philmont Police Department due to his inability to complete mandatory courses made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

7. **MOTION** to accept the resignation of Tricia Mayo from the Philmont Police Department made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
8. **MOTION** to hold a public hearing on Monday, March 12, 2012 at 7:00 PM to review and adopt the proposed "Code of Ethics" law made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Cropper reminded all that Columbia County Solid Waste – Greenport Transfer Station now accepts electronics.

Trustee Johnson reminded all that there is no open burning allowed in the village. Questions and answers regarding open burning can be found at ***ColumbiaPage.com*** – A website for the Volunteer Fighters of Columbia County-Controlled Burn Information.

With no further business to conduct, 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