

**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2012 – 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Clarence Speed, Trustees Douglas Cropper, Barbara Sagal, (Trustee Laurence Ostrander-absent), Trustee Matthew Perry, Engineer Raymond Jurkowski, (Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons-absent), Clerk/Treasurer Eilene Morris.

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**BOND RESOLUTION – DPW GARAGE**

**MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF PHILMONT, COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$320,000 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW DPW GARAGE IN THE VILLAGE OF PHILMONT, NEW YORK, PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE TREASURER...Made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper, ALL AYES, NO NAYS.**

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(NOTE: Contract award will be made at the May 14, 2012 Regular Monthly Board Meeting)

**MOTION** to approve minutes of the previous meeting was made by Trustee Cropper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION** to approve treasurer's report was made by Trustee Sagal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION** to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #11, Water Abstract #11, Sewer Abstract #11, Library Abstract #11, T&A Abstract #11, Summit Lake Abstract #11, Building Maintenance Abstract #6) was made by Trustee Sagal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

Mary Ann Chadwick issued a complaint referencing 24 Church Street (Vallee property). She requested the Board's help in issuing a citation for garbage (pictures provided). It was noted that the Building Department spoke with the owner, and she promised to get it cleaned up within the week (it was not done). The Mayor turned the situation over to the Police Department.

**ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:** (Absent-vacation)

**CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:**

She reported that they were kept busy with the bidding process for the DPW Garage. Bids were opened on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Village elections were held on March 20<sup>th</sup> and newly elected officials were sworn in by Mayor Speed at the Annual Organizational Meeting/Budget Hearing held on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The village budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013 was adopted on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The amount to be raised through taxes is \$509,500 and the tax rate is \$6.49/1000 of assessed value. The office was also kept busy with monthly and quarterly reports, water/sewer collections and garbage sticker sales, payroll, deposits, payment of bills, etc.

**LIBRARY REPORT:**

Report was given by Director Karen Garafalo. *Building and Grounds:* S&F will be installing four security cameras in the back of the library. Also a new umbrella was purchased for the picnic table. Locks were changed because a trustee's keys were stolen. *Services:* Movies were shown during the month of March and the library will be taking a break from movies in April due to attendance being down. During "Spring Break" there will be a two-day workshop on making new things from old. Old t-shirts and denim jeans are needed for the projects. There will be a movie shown on Thursday. On Friday, Diane Perry will be leading a workshop on making things with duck (duct) tape. Mount Gulian History Site in Fishkill will be presenting a living-history theatrical performance on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00. There will also be a workshop on Graphic Novels co-sponsored by Philmont and Claverack. They will be displaying their work in the Cultural Center beginning on April 21<sup>st</sup>. She also reported receiving \$5,000 from HRBT Hegarty Foundation.

**SUMMIT LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT:**

The report was given by Karen Garafalo. *Building and Grounds:* New kitchen counters and cabinets have arrived and are awaiting installation. She also requested that the "speed bump" be reinstalled to

slow cars down in the area. *Programs and Activities:* in May, David Haines is scheduled to teach Tai Chi on Saturday mornings at 10:00. In July and August they hope to set up some programs from the Mud Creek Environmental Learning Center and DJ Dobert will be doing a program making bat houses following a program on bats. Attendance has been good with between 15 and 20 kids each night.

#### **TOWN OF CLAVERACK/COUNTY OF COLUMBIA:**

The report was provided by Claverack Supervisor Robin Andrews and given by Trustee Sagal. She congratulated Trustee Perry on his election. *Town of Claverack:* Reminded all that the Town meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. She noted that there is an online petition circulating for support of a grant application for plans for the restoration of the Shaw Bridge created by the Town's Historic Advisory Committee. Also Claverack's own John Lee, owner of Saturn Industries and chair of the Town's Economic Development Advisory Committee was one of the keynote speakers at the annual meeting of CEDC (County Economic Development Corp) sharing information about his business. The Economic Development Committee welcomes members from Philmont, so if anyone is interested, please let me know. *County of Columbia:* Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. She noted that the full board meetings are now being videotaped and are shown on our local cable stations. She also reported that there will be informational sessions regarding the new Pine Haven on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the present Pine Haven Nursing Home in the afternoon and at the Philmont Village Hall in the evening. More details and confirmation will follow.

#### **MAYOR CLARENCE SPEED:**

Noted that he has attended many meetings this month including the Annual Organizational Meeting/Budget Hearing and the bid opening for the DPW Garage. He also reported that there was a Grant awarded for the Summit Lake Project from the Governor's Office. There will be more information to follow.

#### **TRUSTEE DOUGLAS CROPPER:**

He has been checking Forest Lake regularly. He attended the "sustainability meeting" at PB Inc. He also attended the Community Day Meetings. Dick Howard gave a progress report on Community Day activities. He noted that Trustee Perry is looking into borrowing some "no parking" signs for the day. He officially requested that village board members participate in the Community Day parade. He will also be inviting the Town of Claverack officials to participate. The next meeting will be April 16<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Cropper then gave the DPW/Water/Sewer reports. Copies are available in the village office for review. Vern Higgins suggested that when the DPW does sweeping they should put notes on doors so that people can have time to move their cars.

#### **TRUSTEE MATTHEW PERRY:**

He thanked all who voted for him and said he was looking forward to working with everyone. He thanked Mayor Speed for swearing him in at the Organizational Meeting. He gave the Fire Company report provided by Chief Vernon Higgins (a copy is available in the village office for review).

#### **TRUSTEE BARBARA SAGAL:**

She reported attending several meetings including the Annual Organizational Meeting and the Annual Budget Hearing as well as the DPW bid opening and the Community Day Meeting. She is trying to catch up on the street lights...as she was away on vacation.

#### **ENGINEER RAY JURKOWSKI:**

He gave a progress report on the DPW Garage project and the bidding process. The apparent low bidder is "One-Way Construction". He is awaiting back-up information on finances and references. There is a bonding procedure underway to bond a maximum of \$320,000.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE – A LIST WAS PROVIDED FOR THE PUBLIC**

#### **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **MOTION** to accept the tax levy in the amount of \$509,500 adopted at the Budget Hearing held on April 2, 2012 made by Trustee Sagal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to accept the following slate of officers as approved by the Philmont Fire Company:  
*Executive Officers: President-John Blaauw, Vice President-Matt Oakley, Secretary-Tracey Daniels, Treasurer-Robert Card (63<sup>rd</sup> year), Assistant Treasurer-William Blaauw. Trustees: 5 years-Scott Wickwire, 1 year-Richard (Dick) Howard. Line Officers: Chief-Vernon Higgins, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief-Mark Beaumont, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief-Max Dannis, Captain-Frank Langdon, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant-Jerry*

*Beverly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant-John Calderone.* MOTION made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

3. **MOTION** to transfer funds within accounts as needed made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to pay \$11,758.57 from the Building Maintenance Reserve Account for DPW Garage expenses made by Trustee Sagal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Trustee Perry asked what the status was on the warehouse building. The Mayor responded that all was at a standstill while the DPW garage is being completed so that there is somewhere to store the items that are now in the warehouse.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

At this time, the Mayor gave the **Police Report** and expressed his disappointment that OIC Doyle was not in attendance. It was also noted that a female self defense course will be offered on April 21<sup>st</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup> for all female residents in the village at no charge. Flyers have been put up around the village with a number to call for more information.

**MOTION** to adjourn in memory of **Paul Barden** was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris  
Clerk/Treasurer  
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT