

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, May 14, 2012 – 7:00 pm

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

MOTION to approve minutes of the previous meeting made by Trustee Ostrander, 2nd by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve treasurer's report made by Trustee Cropper, 2nd by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #12, Water Abstract #12, Sewer Abstract #12, Library Abstract #12, T&A Abstract #12, Summit Lake Abstract #12, Building Maintenance Reserve Abstract #7) made by Trustee Cropper, 2nd by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Bill Blaauw discussed the recent major fire on Summit Street and the unwelcomed comments regarding the performance of the fire company. He felt that the fire fighters did a fine job and felt that many residents had incorrect information. He also noted that the Philmont Fire Company will have their "recruitment day" on Community Day (June 30th). He also stated that the company had one female fire fighter graduating from "Firefighter School #1" (it was noted later that there were actually two fire fighters graduating).

REPORTS:

ATTORNEY ROBERT FITZSIMMONS

Reported on the bonding process for the new DPW Garage, the review of the "Reservoir Grant" with Sally Baker (more needs to be discussed with the board as it develops). Mayor Speed inquired about the status of Mr. Mattikow's responsibility regarding the pumps (Summit Heights subdivision). The Attorney noted that Mr. Mattikow has now **passed** the time of compliance. Trustee Ostrander asked if the lack of compliance can be used as leverage when Mr. Mattikow wants to sell or develop a lot. The Attorney noted that it could and that there are also other alternatives that can apply. It can be discussed further at the workshop.

CLERK/TREASURER EILENE MORRIS

*Spent time working on the tax roll and forwarded it to Columbia County. The roll should be returned and taxes mailed by June 1st.

*Preparing to close the books for the fiscal year which ends May 31, 2012 and prepare the annual report for the State of New York.

*Water turn off letters went out today and water termination is scheduled for June 7, 2012 for those people still owing their January, 2012 water/sewer bill.

*The DPW have constructed and placed bicycle racks strategically around the village. Their locations will be posted on the bulletin board.

*Noted that they have also been busy with water turn-off notifications, monthly reports, garbage sticker sales, payrolls, deposits and bill payments etc.

POLICE-OIC VERNON DOYLE

Report presented by OIC Doyle. Copies are available in the Village Office for review. Mr. Osborn asked about the number of officers that work each shift. OIC Doyle noted that one paid officer and one (unpaid) recruit patrols during the week and sometimes on the weekends there are two paid officers and as many as three (unpaid) recruits. The times are varied and kept confidential.

Officer Doyle asked that the limbs be trimmed on Main Street to assist with camera operations. Mayor Speed will contact NYSEG regarding the limbs.

LIBRARY REPORT

The report was provided by Library Director Karen Garafalo and given by Clerk Morris.

(Building and Grounds): S&F installed the cameras and hooked up the monitor and will be back to give instructions. Gutters are hung for a gutter garden. Soil is coming from GroMax and the Farm at Miller's Crossing will help with plant selection.

(Services): Spring Break activities were very successful, especially the duct tape workshop. Mount Gulian History Site in Fishkill presented a living-history theatrical performance on Sunday, April 22nd.

About 30 people attended and all enjoyed it. The workshop on Graphic Novels, co-sponsored by Philmont and Claverack, will be on display until May 11th. The next show is a landscape artist. This will be the last show organized by Ruth Adams. The opening for this show will be on May 19th.

(Grants): Applied for a \$300 grant from the Children's Foundation of Columbia County to be used to purchase library passes at nearby museums.

COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT

The report was given by Trustee Perry. Game night has been averaging 29 kids and 10 adults per week. Tai Chi will be held on Saturdays May 12 thru June 2 – there were 6 adults the first week. Yoga will be held on Thursday nights at 5:15 starting May 31st. Thursday game nights will be switching to Friday once the yoga classes start. We are still waiting to hear back from the Mud Creek Environmental Learning Center as to the dates and times of the programs this summer for the kids. Also...the new counter tops have been put in and look great.

TOWN OF CLAVERACK/COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

(Supervisor Andrews was out of town on work related matters – no report)

MAYOR CLARENCE SPEED

Reported that he has attended many meetings. Pine Haven meeting at the Village Hall, The Veteran's Care Facility meeting at Pine Haven, the PB Inc. meeting, also met with Dave Robertson and will be meeting with the District Attorney's office this week.

TRUSTEE BARBARA SAGAL

(Absent – No Report)

TRUSTEE DOUGLAS CROPPER

Reported on attending the Community Day Meeting. The next meeting will be June 2nd. Dick Howard gave a progress report on Community Day and handed out yard signs. He noted that vendors are showing interest and everything is falling into place. Trustee Cropper reported that he attended the Firemen's Banquet and had a great time (flyer available in the Fire Company file). He met with Phil Gellert with the hopes of promoting the rental of several store fronts for business. He also has been working with Sally Baker regarding the grant. He also attended the Planning Board meeting (reminder-that members need to have specific training annually). He also attended the Pine Haven Meeting in the afternoon at Pine Haven. He reported that someone abandoned a black row boat at Forest Lake and if someone would like to claim it they need to contact the Philmont Police Department.

TRUSTEE LAURENCE OSTRANDER

Noted he has been "recovering". He met with S&F regarding the camera situation. He also received many phone calls regarding the reservoir level which is now back up. He also gave the Fire Company report provided by Chief Higgins. A copy is available in the village office for review. He noted that the fire company did a very professional job at the fire on Summit Street and suggested that they turn a deaf ear to those who are criticizing.

TRUSTEE MATTHEW PERRY

Reported that he stopped at "Dumpster Day" and all was going smoothly. He also has secured barricades and thanked the City of Hudson for their help. He attended a meeting with Phil Gellert regarding rental of his store fronts on Main Street. He is working on a "back-up" garbage schedule to implement when "situations" arise. He also reported that there was a hydrant on Ham Street that produced no water during the "flushing" process. He also stated that he would offer his services until the end of the year for the Web Site.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE- COPIES AVAILABLE IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

1. **MOTION** to accept the bid of \$158,400.00 submitted by "One Way Construction" of Kingston, NY for the construction contract in connection with the Village of Philmont New Department of Public Works Garage Facility made by Trustee Cropper, 2nd by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS. (a copy of the full resolution is available in the village office for review and will be affixed to the original minutes of this meeting).
2. **MOTION** to accept the resignation of Matthew Perry as a member of the Philmont Library Board of Trustees made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

3. **MOTION** to approve the appointment of Jeffrey Bancroft as a member of the Philmont Library Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Matthew Perry with the term to expire September, 2013 made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to accept the resignation-with regret-of Darryl Mossman as a member of the Philmont Planning Board made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
5. **MOTION** to appoint Mark Decker to fill the unexpired term of Darryl Mossman with the term to expire March 1, 2017 made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
6. **MOTION** to transfer \$35,000.00 originally budgeted for Debt Service for the new DPW garage into the Building Maintenance Account to be used for expenses related to the project made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
7. **MOTION** to approve expenses from the Building Maintenance Account in the amount of \$8,225.48 for the DPW Garage project made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
8. **MOTION** to transfer within accounts as needed made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
9. **MOTION** to hold an "End of Year" meeting for the sole purpose of paying end-of-year bills on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at noon in the village office made by Trustee Cropper, 2nd by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
10. **MOTION** to take action against delinquent water users made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At this time Trustee Cropper gave the DPW, Water and Sewer reports provided by Supt. Michael Scheller. Copies are available in the village office for review.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Blaauw reminded all of the Memorial Day Parade and noted that the sound system should be fixed by now. Trustee Ostrander will check with Jeffrey French (co-chairman) to see if there is anything the board can do to help. Bill Blaauw also noted that long time chairperson of the Memorial Day parade, Bob Mosley, has been ill and wished him a speedy recovery.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT