

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012

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

MOTION to approve minutes of the previous meeting (with correction –expiration date for the term of Mark Decker-Planning Board is 2017, not 2013) made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve treasurer’s report made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #1, Water Abstract #1, Sewer Abstract #1, Library Abstract #1, T&A Account Abstract #1, Summit Lake Abstract #1, Building Maintenance Abstract #1) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Arthur Rote previously requested a “children at play” sign in the area of the soft ball field on Main Street. The Mayor noted that that type of sign a source of liability, but did agree to put a “SLOW” sign in the area.

Brian Wheeler asked what the plan was for the Greenport Rescue Squad. He also wanted to know, because this squad continues to ask for more money, why another area rescue squad cannot be considered. Trustee Sagal explained the “certificate of need” process. After much discussion the Mayor agreed to speak with Attorney Fitzsimmons regarding the legalities of the situation.

CLERK/TREASURER’S REPORT

- *The Village Office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th for the Independence Day holiday.
- *The Office is in the process of closing the books for the fiscal year and starting anew. A meeting was held on May 29th to pay all end-of-year bills outstanding.
- *Water turn-off took place on June 7th with 3 properties losing water service for non-payment of their January 2012 bill.
- *She has been working with the attorney to codify the newest laws and will inquire regarding getting all the laws put on disk and possibly displaying them on the WEB site.
- * We have also been working with the attorney on the bonding of the new DPW Garage.
- *And...all the usuals...garbage stickers, water/sewer collections, tax collections, bill payments, and many, many questions from residents about their tax bills.

POLICE REPORT

Police report was given by Officer Ambrosino. A copy is available in the village office for review. He also noted that foot patrols will continue with the help of the recruits. There was also discussion regarding the drug situation. Residents were asked to reports suspicious events.

LIBRARY REPORT

The report was provided by Director Garafalo and given by Trustee Sagal. (Buildings and Grounds) Renee and Karen received instructions on the security cameras. Gutter Gardens are complete. (Services) Summer reading program is nearly complete. The Book Sale will be held at the old “Hearts and Stars” building again this year at the end of July. Thanked the Schroeders for offering the building again. We have our first GED graduate. (Grants) The anonymous donor of the \$25,000 has requested a summary of how the money was spent (AV Equipment, security cameras, new computer, and pavilion information). She reported that the library will be getting a \$300 grant from the Children’s Foundation to pay for museum tickets.

COMMUNITY CENTER- (Report arrived on FAX Machine 6/12/2012) Reported on Game Night and Yoga Classes. She also noted that on several occasions they have found the doors unlocked at the Community Center (copy put in the folder of all board members).

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Reported attending Memorial Day parade and ceremony and was pleased to have all board members in attendance. He attended meetings including the end-of-year meeting to pay all outstanding bills. He also confirmed that a building in disrepair on Highland Avenue has been taken down. He also handled a few complaints regarding the "Jack Hammer" at Key Bank on Main Street over the weekend. He added that they did a very nice job on the handicap ramp at the bank. He also noted that he has signed contracts regarding the DPW Building project.

TRUSTEE PERRY

He attended a Consolidated Funding meeting. He also had the opportunity to tour the Canal Street Mill. He has been working with landlords to fill vacant properties. He also attended the Memorial Day services and the end-of-year meeting.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER

Reported meeting several times with Sally Baker regarding the grant status. He noted there would be a public presentation soon. He also attended the Farm Market and was very impressed with the variety they had to offer. He has also had discussions with Brian Johnson regarding the DPW Garage Project. He gave the Fire Company report provided by Chief Vernon Higgins (a copy is available in the Village Office for review).

TRUSTEE CROPPER

Reported that he attended all the necessary meetings. He noted that the next Community Day meeting will be June 18th (Community Day is June 30th). Dick Howard gave a progress report and was excited to announce that there will be an ELVIS Impersonator at the Village Green at 6:00 PM on Community Day to perform for about one hour (funds for the performance were donated by Local III). Trustee Cropper reported that all properties are good and noted that the abandoned boat is still unclaimed. He will check with the attorney to see how long we must wait before disposing of the boat. He also gave the DPW, Water and Sewer reports provided by Supt. Scheller (copies of all are available in the village office for review). Someone noted that there was a "truck flap" missing – Mike will be notified. Trustee Cropper also reported that he has checked on the DPW building progress and is pleased.

TRUSTEE SAGAL

She reported that she attended the Memorial Day services and all necessary meetings. She also gave a report on the Stockport Watershed Bus Tour on June 9th. Their prime stop was the Kinderhook Creek in Hancock, Massachusetts. She noted that overall the tour was very informative.

CORRESPONDENCE – A LIST WAS PROVIDED FOR THE AUDIENCE.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to appoint Sarah Ronsani and Andrew Fusco as temporary part-time police officers to fill shifts for June and July (2012) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to appoint Brian Johnson as a consultant for the DPW Garage project made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Ostrander asked if appointing Brian Johnson as a consultant for the DPW Garage would lessen the need for an Engineer. The Mayor noted that it was the main purpose for the appointment.

The Mayor reminded all about Community Day – June 30th and encouraged all to attend.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT