

## **REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2012**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Clarence Speed, Trustees Douglas Cropper, Barbara Sagal, Matthew Perry, Clerk/Treasurer Eilene Morris, Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons.

**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 Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION** to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #3, Water Abstract #3, Sewer Abstract #3, Library Abstract #3, T&A Abstract #3, Summit Lake Abstract #3, Summit Heights Abstract #1, DPW Garage Project Abstract #2) made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

### **PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

Ms. Chadwick requested sidewalk repair on Prospect Street. This will be mentioned to the DPW.

### **REPORTS:**

**Attorney Fitzsimmons:** Noted ongoing projects. Reported that a Summit Heights application is before the board for a ¼ acre to ½ acre lot size change. He stated that the "well" situation will be a priority in discussions.

**Clerk/Treasurer Morris:** She reported that water turn-off notices went out today. Water service will be terminated on September 10<sup>th</sup> for those still owing their April, 2012 water/sewer bill. She also noted that she met with a representative from NYMIR Insurance Company regarding necessary policies (see motions and resolutions). She reported that the village office will be closed on Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> for Labor Day. Also, monthly reports, garbage sticker sales, water/sewer turn-off notifications, payroll etc. have been completed as always.

**Police Report:** The report was given by OIC Vernon Doyle. A copy is available in the Village Office for review. There was also discussion regarding issues at Forest Lake. It was noted that only village residents should be using the area and that there is no swimming allowed. Signs will be posted and police patrols will be increased. Also Trustee Perry inquired about large trucks going up Summit Street. It was noted that there is already a sign in place there... however; their GPS Systems continue to direct them up Summit Street to get to the "Charter" building. Ms. Chadwick asked about the hours of the noise ordinance (10:00 PM – 7:00 AM). She was told to report any issues in that area. Mr. Osborn asked about police foot patrol. OIC Doyle noted that foot patrols continue to be used and have been well received.

**Library Report:** The report was given by Director Karen Garafalo. There has been discussion on the proposed pavilion and questions regarding tax maps. The bee problem is under control. She also reported that the book sale netted \$850. The summer reading program is almost over. There were just under 30 participants. She thanked Sue Clarke for organizing the program. She noted that there was a "New Farmers" display at the Cultural Center. She also reported that the next book discussion will be in September on the book "Water for Elephants". The regular August meeting was cancelled and the next meeting is scheduled for the first Wednesday in September. She reported that the Library has received a donation of \$1000 to be used for technology.

**Community Center Report:** (Report given by Trustee Perry) Reported that the Pond Study Program by the Land Conservancy had 6 kids and 3 adults and the Bat Program had 11 kids and 2 adults. It was noted that yoga classes have attracted 5 to 6 participants. Also, the building was rented out 3 times this month for birthday parties. It was also reported that there was a problem with the kitchen flooding during the recent heavy rain. Also, the glass in the second window on the side is loose. Another key is needed for the main door as one broke which has forced them to "share" a key.

**Town of Claverack/County of Columbia:** (Provided by supervisor Robin Andrews and given by Trustee Sagal) TOWN- Noted that the Youth Program has been quite successful and requested feedback. She also noted that the public hearing for the proposed zoning law in Claverack remains open

while the board considers the views of the Economic Development Committee and the County Planning Department. She reported that Deputy Clerk, Michele Fuchs has resigned as of August 10<sup>th</sup> but will help with bookkeeping on a part time basis and the position of Deputy Clerk will be posted. Also, the Town will enter into a lease/installment payment agreement for a 2013 plow truck. The town has also sent a letter to Greenport Rescue Squad asking if the request of an additional \$35,000 a year (from \$45,000 to \$90,000) would guarantee that they would stay in Philmont and offer us a contract. We have not heard back from them yet. COUNTY: Plans are going forward to renovate the Courthouse. Also - still waiting to hear about any approvals of the proposed Pine Haven plan. The Homeless Shelter project is also moving forward. There was much discussion regarding the TCI fire and communication issues are being addressed ...full details can be viewed on cable TV (the first hour of the meeting is where the fire event was discussed).

**Mayor Speed:** Reported that he has had several meetings this month...met with Congressman Chris Gibson, Supervisor Robin Andrews, the Police Department and noted that there are questions regarding our assessment situation and the school taxes. Also announced that he is now an "ordained minister" and can perform marriage ceremonies in all of New York State. There was discussion regarding the tax assessments on village owned properties and the extreme amount of school taxes being charged to the Village of Philmont. The board will meet with Attorney Goldman regarding an apparent legal action that they were not aware of. The Mayor will also be speaking with County Treasurer Keeler regarding the situation.

**Trustee Sagal:** Reported that one street light was out. Also reported that letters were sent out to the proposed Executive Steering Committee members for the Summit Lake Grant.

**Trustee Cropper:** Reported that he attended meetings regarding the tax assessment situation. He also received new "STOP" sections for the "cross walk" signs. He has been checking Forest Lake more frequently. He also noted that he has been checking the Community Center door and it has been locked, so he sees no need at this time to replace the lock. He reported that he had locking caps put on the fuel tank at the Community Center and the copper line will be replaced (fuel company suggested building a shed around the fuel tank). He also has talked to Paul Slusar regarding a new speaker system. Mr. Slusar will be available for assistance in selecting a system. He has been checking the progress on the DPW garage and all seems to be going smoothly. He noted that there was a Community Day meeting held on Monday and at this time Dick Howard thanked the board for their support and asked that they again support him for the next Community Day. He also invited the board members to the end of year cook out to be held September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Philmont Rod and Gun Club.

**Trustee Ostrander:** Reported that he met with Trustee Sagal and Sally Baker regarding the Summit Lake Grant and assisted with letters going out to the Executive Steering Committee. He attended the Fire Company meeting. He also received complaints from people living on Highland Avenue that they feel they do not get their fair share of attention. They said that their street needed some clean up after the storm. He also gave the Fire Company report provided by Chief Vernon Higgins. A copy is available in the village office for review. He reminded all that the Fire Company will be sponsoring the Vidbel Circus on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Philmont Softball Field with shows at 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased from any fire company member or at the Village Office.

**Trustee Perry:** He attended a Philmont Rod and Gun Club meeting to discuss the Rail/Trail project. He also met with the Code Enforcement Officer (Stanley Koloski) regarding distressed properties. He will set up a time when the board can tour the village to make a list of properties in disrepair per Mr. Koloski's suggestion. He also spoke with someone from Malone regarding their BOA Grant and the problems they experienced.

## **CORRESPONDENCE LIST PROVIDED FOR THE AUDIENCE.**

### **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **MOTION** to adopt the following policies at the suggestion of NYMIR (Insurance Company) and to name the Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer as intake persons for complaints and inquiries:

- \*Sexual Harassment Policy
- \*Policy for use of Computers, Internet and E-Mail
- \*Workplace Violence Prevention Policy
- \*Public Employer Workplace Violence Hazard Assessment Policy

(Complete copies of these policies and provided guidelines are available in the Village Office for review). All Departments are asked to self-evaluate their workplace. Evaluation forms are

available in the village office. MOTION made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

2. **MOTION** to pass a resolution in support of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association. A copy of the full resolution is available for review in the village office made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to approve Howard Higley, Laurence Ostrander and Cody Mossman as members of the Philmont Fire Company made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to support the extension of electric facilities to the Village of Philmont DPW Garage site located at 62 Maple Avenue (Tax ID # 113.5-1-2) made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS. (Drawings are available in the Village Office for review).
5. **MOTION** to accept the resignation of Stanley Koloski as Building Inspector effective August 23, 2012 AND to rehire Stanley Koloski as a part-time Building Inspector in his capacity as a retired employee effective August 27, 2012 made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
6. **MOTION** to take action against delinquent water users made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
7. **MOTION** to sponsor David Lyons and Mathew Leonard to attend the Zone 14 Law Enforcement Academy this September made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Ms. Chadwick asked about her "alternate-side parking" suggestion. The Mayor noted that they felt it would be too selective to do it on one street and it would not work on all streets because of the narrowness of some streets. It was decided that it could not be an option. Trustee Ostrander suggested checking with Cumberland or Family Dollar for parking areas.

Mr. Osborn thanked the board for putting "markers" by the concrete storm drain on the corner of Elmwood and Ames Streets to try and alleviate the problem of County Waste Trucks running over the drain and crushing the concrete...however it did not work...they (County Waste) ran over the markers. (The clerk will write County Waste about the problem). A one-way street suggestion was also made.

**NEW BUSINESS: - None**

**MOTION** to adjourn was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris  
Clerk/Treasurer