

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

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

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

MOTION to approve Treasurer's Report made by Trustee Cropper, 2nd by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #4, Water Abstract #4, Sewer Abstract #4, Library Abstract #4, T&A Abstract #4, Summit Lake Abstract #4, DPW Garage Abstract #4) made by Trustee Ostrander, 2nd by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Mr. Osborn noted that nothing has changed with the County Waste garbage pick-up schedule after his complaint last month (Clerk did contact County Waste after the previous meeting and explained the situation).

Mr. Osborn also inquired whether MOPAR Car Club will be having their car show on Community Day. Trustee Cropper (a member of MOPAR) stated that the club is now dissolved and is no longer an organized club. Mr. Osborn offered to continue the car show for Community Day with his car club.

REPORTS:

Attorney Fitzsimmons: No report except for ongoing projects

Clerk/Treasurer Morris: Reported that water turnoff took place today for those properties still owing their April 2012 water/sewer billing. Five services were terminated. Readings will be taken for the October water/sewer billing next week. The Village Office will be closed on Monday, October 8th for Columbus Day. The October Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 9th. The usual reports, garbage sticker sales, water/sewer bills, accounting etc. have all been completed.

Police Report: Report was given by OIC Doyle. A copy is available in the Village Office for review. Also discussed Forest Lake issues. He noted that there have been several out-of-town vehicles spotted there and he is taking down license plate numbers and will contact the people. It was noted that Forest Lake is not open to the public but only to village residents. The attorney will draft an appropriate letter to be sent to offenders.

Library Report: (Building and Grounds) Reported that the tax map has been changed at the County level to include the land in the back of the Library. Also stated that a picnic table was missing but soon found in the DPW crew lunch area. **(Services)** The next book discussion will be 9/19 with the book *Water for Elephants*. The story hour for toddlers began today with Wendy Rowe. The Mid-Hudson workshop was held in the Cultural Center on Create Lists. Mid-Hudson will be using the space for another workshop in October. Friday Night movies will be starting on an every other week basis in September. The first one will be on September 21st (second one will be September 28th.) The group Think Outward has put their showcase of needs and gifts at the back of the library. There will be a community pot luck once a month in

the back. Tonight is the first one. The friends of the Library will be holding an Artwork Sale during October, November and December as a fundraiser for the library. We are now seeking donations or consignment items. More information will be available in a couple of weeks.

Community Center Report: No Report

Town of Claverack/County of Columbia: Report provided by Supervisor Andrews and given by Trustee Sagal. **(Town)** Noted that their meeting is also being held this evening due to the primary being held on Thursday. It was also noted that the October town board meeting will be held on October 4th with the intention of accepting the tentative budget from the clerk in a timely manner. She also reported receiving an \$8,400.00 grant from the Preservation League of New York to complete a historic structure report for the Shaw Bridge. The total cost of the project was estimated at \$10,000, so the town will contribute \$1,600 from the recreation fund.

(County) The next full board meeting for the county will be Wednesday, September 12th. Also, Code Red has been purchased and therefore the reverse 911 can be put in place. To sign up for weather alerts, add a cell phone, and/or to confirm your land line call information, you may sign up at the website at columbiacountyny.com.

Mayor Speed: Reported that he enjoyed Labor Day off. Noted that he has discussed problems with residents. He has also been dealing with village health insurance issues. He has signed necessary paperwork in the office and has been keeping watch over the DPW garage progress. He noted that he “set” the septic tank at the site (gratis).

Trustee Perry: He reported that he has been reviewing and compiling a list of derelict properties. He has also been reviewing the current union contract in preparation for negotiations of the upcoming contract.

Trustee Ostrander: Noted that he also has been working on the list of derelict buildings in the village. He has had a discussion with Supervisor Andrews regarding first responders and will meet again soon. He reported that he has been working as a member of the executive steering committee for the Summit Lake grant.

Trustee Sagal: Noted that all street lights were checked and there were no problems to report. She has also been working as a member of the executive steering committee for the Summit Lake grant.

Trustee Cropper: Gave the DPW/Water/Sewer reports. He also reported checking on Forest Lake on a regular basis. Noted that only village residents are allowed use of the area and he is working with police in patrolling the area for offenders. He reminded all that the Forest Lake gate will be lock on November 17th for the start of deer hunting season – as usual. He has been watching the progress of the DPW building and also has been working on derelict building issues.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST – PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to change meeting dates in October from Monday, October 8th to Tuesday, October 9th due to Columbus Day and In November from Monday, November 12th to Tuesday, November 13th due to Veteran’s Day made by Trustee Cropper, 2nd by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to transfer between accounts as necessary made by Trustee Sagal, 2nd by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

3. **MOTION** to proclaim October, 2012 as “Bullying Awareness Month” as a symbol of commitment to the year-round struggle against bullying made by Trustee Ostrander, 2nd by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to adopt an updated procurement policy to replace the present purchasing guidelines which were adopted March 1996 (copies of the new policy are available in the Village Office for review) made by Trustee Cropper, 2nd by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
5. **MOTION** to accept the resignation of Renee Maxwell as Program Director of the Philmont Community Center effective October 1, 2012 made by Trustee Cropper (with regrets) and 2nd by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
6. **MOTION** to approve Nathaniel Williams, Jonathan Daniels and Jason Daniels as members of the Philmont Fire Company made by Trustee Sagal, 2nd by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
7. **MOTION** to support the Columbia County Emergency Management’s Hazard Mitigation Plan Program and BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Philmont hereby agrees to participate in the Columbia County Emergency Management’s Hazard Mitigation Plan Program and to further participate with the State Emergency Management Office (SEMO) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Motion made by Trustee Cropper, 2nd by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Ostrander suggested that the Comprehensive Plan should be reviewed on a regular basis. The Mayor asked that Trustee Ostrander take that task on.

MOTION to adjourn in memory of **Robert Moseley** made by Trustee Sagal, 2nd by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT

(NOTE: A presentation by Sally Baker of PB Inc. referencing the Summit Lake Grant was presented immediately following the regular monthly board meeting.)