

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 9, 2012 (due to holiday)

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 Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve the treasurer's report made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #5, Water Abstract #5, Sewer Abstract #5, Library Abstract #5, T&A Abstract #5, Summit Lake Abstract #5, DPW Garage Project Abstract #4) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Chris Hoppe and Jenna Lamond expressed concern regarding the residents at 54 Summit Street. They reported that they have had issues with the (four) dogs that are not under control and also with garbage in the yard. They noted that the state police were notified when the neighbor threatened them. They also contacted the Town of Claverack dog control officer. They didn't feel they received satisfactory responses from either. Philmont Police Officer in Charge Vernon Doyle was present and suggested, if possible, to detain the dog(s) when it comes into their yard and contact the Dog Control Officer. If the dog(s) are transported to the Humane Society, the owner will have to pay to get the dog(s) back and the dog(s) will also be checked to see if they have had their shots and proper licenses. They were also instructed to call 911 immediately if they should be threatened again. The Mayor will speak with Mr. Conklin (the dog control officer) about the situation and the Philmont Police can enforce the noise ordinance should they get a call on the dog(s) barking.

Keith Harvey noted that a good job was done on the motor paving of Prospect Street. He noted that there are large holes by the drains (on Prospect Street and Rock Street) that need to be addressed. He also stated that there is a sidewalk on Prospect Street that is in severe disrepair and has talked to Mayor Speed about it. It will be referred to the DPW crew. He also suggested "odd/even" parking for the winter months instead of "no parking" for those who have no parking options. He noted that the DPW never plows at 4:00 am anyway, and these people are inconvenienced for no reason. The board stated that this option was brought to the attention of Superintendent Michael Scheller and Mr. Scheller did not approve of the idea. Mr. Harvey also suggested making Prospect Street "one way" due to all the extra traffic that now uses that street because of the Cumberland Farms store being the only store available to residents. The Mayor suggested requesting NYS DOT come and take a look at the situation and possibly make suggestions on what to do to resolve the problems. It was also suggested that Rock Street be made "one way" going down? Trustee Cropper noted that removing the problem from Prospect Street/Rock Street will create one for Church Street residents, as the traffic flow will move to that area. The situation will be reviewed. Mr. Harvey also felt that the use of the village truck and gas for Mr. Scheller to go back and forth from work should be eliminated. He stated that the village residents can no longer afford to pay \$4.00/gallon plus wear and tear on the truck so that Mr. Scheller can have the convenience of not using his own vehicle to get back and forth from work. Mayor Speed said that this issue will be addressed during contract negotiations...Mr. Harvey noted that Mr. Scheller having the use of the truck was not part of the Union Contract and should never have been approved in the first place, and the benefit should be eliminated immediately.

Trustee Sagal asked Building Inspector Stanley Koloski if the landlord was responsible for providing parking for his tenants. Mr. Koloski noted that only in new situations, but many of the current rental units are "grandfathered" in due to their existence prior to zoning.

At this time Building Inspector Stanley Koloski informed the village board of possible proposed changes to the well-head protection zones which would adversely affect the Village of Philmont water supply. The Town of Claverack is considering diminishing and/or removing the restrictions on the area surrounding the village well-heads. He felt that the water supply needed to be protected and the well head protection overlay should NOT be modified. He suggested that the Village Board notify the Town of Claverack of their concerns and opposition to ANY changes to the well-head protection zone. After consideration, the village board agreed with Mr. Koloski's concerns and will write a letter to the Town of Claverack Board and to the Town of Claverack Zoning Review Committee regarding the situation (see "motions and resolutions").

CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

*The village office will be closed on Tuesday, November 6th for Election Day and Monday, November 12th for Veteran's Day.

*Reminded all that garbage pick-up will be on Wednesday, November 7th and not Tuesday, November 6th due to Election Day.

*Water/Sewer bills were mailed on Friday, September 28th and are due through October 31st without penalty.

*The Mayor and Clerk met with the Health Insurance broker on two occasions to discuss the current policy and future options.

*Water/Sewer collections, garbage sticker sales, bookkeeping, payrolls, monthly and quarterly reports etc. have all been completed on schedule.

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 letters to Forest Lake offenders. Trustee Cropper felt that a stern but polite letter should be written to those who are not residents or with residents due to the fact that it is not a recreation area, but a water supply. The Village should be able to control *who* can be in the area of the water supply. The attorney will be consulted and a letter will be drafted.

LIBRARY REPORT:

The report was given by Trustee Perry (Director Garafalo not present).

Building and Grounds:

Picnic tables are being donated by the Culinary Partnership.

Had some trim painted in the back of the original library.

New plans for a square pavilion with cement block partial walls in the back, 16 foot movie screen, small stage and room for 70 chairs was presented by Chris Hoppe. He plans to have an estimate of the cost at the next meeting.

Services:

The next book discussion will be October 17th with the book "Rainwater".

Mid-Hudson workshop will be held on October 17th on legal databases.

The Think Outward group is meeting at the library once a month for a pot luck and singing.

Their board of gifts and needs has attracted much attention.

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.

The items that we have received so far vary in value from \$2 to \$200. While the sale is on, the gallery space will be open and supervised by volunteers.

Grants and Donations:

Received the semi-annual payment from the Town of Claverack.

COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT: No Report

TOWN OF CLAVERACK/COUNTY OF COLUMBIA REPORT: No Report

MAYOR SPEED:

Reported that he met with Health Insurance representative and Union representative. Also monitored progress on the DPW building. Noted he handled several various complaints and also noted that now that cooler weather has arrived...he would like to go back to Aruba (smile!).

TRUSTEE SAGAL:

Noted that all street lights have been checked and are in working order. Reported that she attended a workshop at the reservoir where she learned about water testing and how to overcome some of the apparent problems (water test results are available in the village office). She also attended the "Executive Steering Committee" meeting for the BOA Grant where they discussed how to proceed. She noted that community involvement is important to the project and PB Inc. plans to put on presentations at the Philmont Library and at a Town of Claverack meeting.

TRUSTEE CROPPER:

Reported that he attended the Community Day meeting and dealt with Forest Lake issues. He also attended the workshop at the reservoir (noted that it was his job to row Larry and Sally around (smile!). He said that the workshop was fun and informative. He also gave the DPW, Water and Sewer reports provided by Superintendent Michael Scheller. Copies of all are available in the village office for review. Trustee Ostrander noted that at some point he would like to have a public "open house" when the DPW building is ready for viewing.

TRUSTEE PERRY:

Reported that he continues to work on a list of derelict properties. He also conducted interviews for the Community Center Director position. He handled recycling complaints and dog complaints. He worked on updates for the web site including village codes, BOA Grant information, and the Comprehensive Plan. He noted that he is looking for a first responders training course due to the Rescue Squad leaving the immediate area. The Greenport Rescue Squad still maintains the "certificate of need" however their response time is expected to increase. People were reminded that the *Town of Claverack* (not the Village of Philmont) has control over the rescue squad situation.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER:

He reported that he took part in interviewing candidates for the Community Center Director position. He also attended the "Executive Steering Committee" meeting for the BOA Grant and expects RFQ (Request for Qualifications) to go out soon. He noted that public input is very important to the project. He also attended the workshop at the reservoir and thanked Trustee Cropper for doing all the rowing. He also gave the Philmont Fire Company report which was provided by Chief Vernon Higgins. A copy of the report is available in the village office for review. They have asked the Village Board to once again act as judges for the annual Halloween Parade to be held on October 31st at 6:00 PM.

At this time Mayor Speed presented Dick Howard with a "Certificate of Appreciation" for his hard work and dedication in making the annual Community Day such a successful event.

CORRESPONDENCE – A LIST WAS PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to set the annual village elections for Tuesday, March 19, 2013 from noon to 9:00 PM in the village hall to elect two (2) trustees for a two-year term each and one (1) Mayor for a two-year term made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to put fuel oil out to bid with bids being accepted through November 13, 2012. Bids will be opened at the November 13, 2012 regular monthly board meeting made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

3. **MOTION** to authorize Mayor Clarence Speed to sign a *Letter of Agreement* between P.B. Inc. and the Village of Philmont referencing the BOA Grant made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to authorize Mayor Speed to write a letter to the Town of Claverack Board and the Town of Claverack Zoning Review Committee expressing their concerns and views of the Village of Philmont Board regarding the proposed zoning amendments to properties located in the area of the Village of Philmont wells made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
5. **MOTION** to appoint Dave Stevens as a part-time police officer to fill the spot vacated by Officer Corey Cox who is relocating made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

AT THIS TIME a MOTION was made to go into “executive session” to discuss personnel matters. Discussion was held regarding the appointment of a Philmont Community Center Director. Upon return the following **MOTION** was made.

MOTION to appoint Kevin Maisenbacher as the Director of the Philmont Community Center effective November 1, 2012 at a rate of \$12.00/hour was made by Trustee Sagal and seconded by Trustee Ostrander. 3 AYES, 1 NAY (Trustee Cropper)...**MOTION** carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT