

**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2012 – 7:00 PM**

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

PUBLIC HEARING: LOCAL LAW #2-2012 “AMENDING CHAPTER 144 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF PHILMONT TO ESTABLISH AMES STREET REGULATIONS”

Attorney Fitzsimmons explained the effect the proposed law would have on the Ames Street area. There were some questions from the audience regarding the wording of the law and minor changes were made (Section 144-45 part A the words “from Prospect Street toward Church Street” were removed). The short SEQRA form was completed and it was determined that there would be no environmental impact. **MOTION** of a negative declaration was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to Adopt Local Law #2-2012 “Amending Chapter 144 of the Code of the Village of Philmont to Establish Ames Street Regulations” was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

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

MOTION to approve the Treasurer’s Report made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #7, Water Abstract #7, Sewer Abstract #7, Library Abstract #7, Summit Lake Abstract #7, Summit Heights #3, DPW Garage Abstract #6) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Fran Martino gave a report on “Water Quality Assessment – Summit Lake”. She relayed her findings on tests taken. She also offered solutions for problems that could arise. She suggested volunteers (“CSWAP”) monitor the testing of the lake. The Mayor reviewed Ms. Martino’s report for accuracy and confirmed the information related to the Village of Philmont. It was noted that a copy of the final report will be sent to NYS DEC. A copy of the entire report prepared by Ms. Martino is available in the village office for review.

Matt Oakley asked if any changes will be made to the current winter parking law. Trustee Perry noted that there would be no changes to the law however the ball field would be considered as a parking area for the winter months.

Fred Zitto inquired about the Bible Study situation at the Library (he is a member of the group). The Village Board stated that any issues of complaint will go before the Library Board. The Attorney noted that the Library Board is the “gate keeper” for the current situation. The Village Board would make decisions for the use of other buildings in the village.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:

Reported working on “on-going” projects. Also reported working on preparation of Local Law #2-2012 (Ames Street).

CLERK/TREASURER MORRIS:

Reported that police placed thirty two water termination notices on doors and 27 properties remain on the list. Water termination is scheduled for December 13, 2012 at noon.

All regular items have been completed (bills paid, reports done, bookkeeping, garbage sticker sales etc.)

Also, the Village Office will be closed for the holidays.

POLICE REPORT:

Report was given by Sergeant Ambrosino. A copy of the report is available in the village office for review.

LIBRARY REPORT:

The report was given by Library Director Karen Garafalo

(Building and Grounds) Flower pot has been moved to its new location. Trim on the back of the library has been painted. Chimney is scheduled to be replaced before the beginning of the new year by Brian Johnson. The Cultural Center was used by the Santa Claus Club for Breakfast with Santa. Plans for the new pavilion will be at the "building inspector" stage by January.

(Services) The next book discussion will be December 19th. The free Christmas table has been filled and cleared about 4 times. We are still accepting Christmas/Holiday decorations. We have been named a "star" library for the fifth year. We are one of only 111 libraries in the United States that have achieved this level for the five years. One-on-one computer instruction has begun with Matt Perry as the instructor. He has had three sessions so far and three others have expressed an interest in lessons. Lessons have included setting up an e-mail, use of face book, setting up files and shopping on line.

(Grants and Donations) The Art Sale continues. We have netted about \$800.00 so far. Black Friday sale was a bust but we do continue to sell. The next discount of ½ off original price will begin on December 10th. She also provided charts of circulation as it relates to population.

COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT:

The report was given by Director Kevin Maisenbacher.

He reported that he met with Trustees Ostrander and Sagal to discuss issues. Also reported that the center will be in use for a birthday party on December 15th. He noted that he is moving forward with the plan for ice skating at Memorial Field. He has been offered an "ice rink" from the Town of Claverack. The liner is need of repair. He would like to use the snack bar when the skating rink is open and would like to start cleaning it up as soon as possible. He hopes to have a fitness class in place this month. Equipment donations have been made by Ryan Maisenbacher. There will be no weight use over 5 pounds and the class will stress cardio conditioning. The class will be focused around a (non contact) boxing program and will be available to all ages and each workout will focus on the individual. He is still working on background checks for employees. He feels he will need to add more employees moving forward (no more than two). He also reported that total participation for game night for November was 14.

TOWN OF CLAVERACK/COUNTY OF COLUMBIA:

The report was given by Town of Claverack Supervisor Robin Andrews.

(Town of Claverack) The town budget has been completed and Philmont residents will pay \$.80/1000 of assessed value for town services. The final budget is available on the website. The confusion regarding the authority of the Claverack Dog Control Officer has been resolved (see "Motions and Resolutions") The town took action to reduce the assessment values for village owned property to reduce the burden of school taxes to be paid (note that the Town of Claverack and County of Columbia has exempted the village). This should greatly benefit the village tax burden. She reported that the town received an \$8400 grant from the Preservation League of New York to complete a historic structure report for the Shaw Bridge. She also noted that they are looking for additional members of the Claverack Historic Committee. The next meeting of the town board will be December 13th at 7:00 pm. End of year meeting dates will be adjusted by motion. The workshop meeting will be canceled and the regular January meeting will be combined with the organizational meeting on January 3rd to be followed by a new year's celebration event. Everyone is invited.

(County of Columbia) The next full board meeting for the County will be Wednesday, December 12th at 7:30 pm. There will be no regular committee meetings in December. The year- end

meeting will be December 28th at 3:00 pm and the organizational meeting will be January 4th at 3:00 pm.

Pine Haven Status Update: At 5:30 pm this Wednesday (prior to the regular meeting) there will be a presentation from Don Evans, who is the financial consultant for the Pine Haven project. The proposal for the new Pine Haven has been accepted by the state board of health, and we have sent RFP's to complete the final design based on the proposal. The project must be complete by October, 2015.

MAYOR SPEED:

Reported he received the usual complaints and signed necessary papers. He also put the holiday banners up. He reported that two DPW trucks and a police car were repaired. He noted that people could call him if they need him.

TRUSTEE CROPPER:

Reported that he has been checking properties (including Forest Lake) on a regular basis and all has been quiet. He also attended the Community Day Committee meeting (next meeting is scheduled for January 7th). He also gave the DPW, Water, and Sewer reports. Copies of all are available in the village office for review.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER:

Attended the workshop meeting and met with Director Maisenbacher about Community Center issues. Spoke with S&F Communications regarding security for the Community Center and the Village Office. S&F Communications will attend the next workshop to discuss possibilities. He also had a discussion with Ed Brabender (DPW employee) about providing recycle bins to residents (at a fee?) so they stop using inappropriate containers (ones with no drainage or ones made of cardboard). It will be discussed further at the workshop. The Mayor stated that any recycles that are put into the garbage truck are "dirty" and the County will not accept them.

TRUSTEE SAGAL:

Reported that she has checked the street lights and all are fine. She also went to the Community Center meeting and is pleased with the progress. She also attended the Community Day Committee meeting.

TRUSTEE PERRY:

He reported that he assisted the Mayor putting up the holiday banners. He also looked into the generator situation at the Library. He commended the fire company on a job well done on clean-up of the gas spill on Main Street. The Vehicle was partially identified through the cameras and the investigation is continuing. He also reported that the BOA Grant information has been put on the web site. He also noted that he will serve on the Fishing Derby Committee for Philmont Community Day. He also discussed the possibility of a "First Responders" program. Supervisor Andrews stated that P.J. Keeler (EMS Coordinator for Columbia County) is willing to give the class. It was noted that it was expensive and there was not enough interest in the past. Area fire companies should be polled as to their interest in this type of course. Trustee Ostrander wondered if it was necessary to be a fire fighter to be eligible for the course or could anyone take the course. It was noted that question could be answered by Mr. Keeler.

CORRESPONDENCE – A LIST WAS PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to move funds within accounts as needed made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to authorize the Claverack Dog Control Officer to issue tickets under Village of Philmont Local Laws made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS. (Note to check with Judge Tracey to see if *Philmont* tickets NEED to be used or can he use *Claverack* tickets and just cross them off and write "*Philmont*").

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Trustee Ostrander asked about progress on the derelict building list. All felt a letter should be written to Andrew Smith on Summit Street regarding clean-up of the area where a fire occurred. There has been no progress on the clean-up (it was not decided who would write the letter).

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor reminded all that Santa Claus would be in Philmont on Saturday evening (December 15th). The Holiday Parade will begin at 6:00 pm. He also reminded everyone that the Holiday Lighting Contest would be judged Friday evening (December 14th) starting at 7:00 pm.

MOTION to adjourn in memory of **Louis Curcio** (long-time village barber) made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT