

**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Douglas Cropper, Trustees Laurence Ostrander, Matthew Perry, Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons, Clerk/Treasurer Eilene Morris (Mayor Speed was on vacation, Trustee Sagal was absent).

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

MOTION to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #9, Water Abstract #9, Sewer Abstract #9, Library Abstract #9, T&A Abstract #9, Summit Heights Abstract #5, Summit Lake Abstract #9, DPW Garage Abstract #8) made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Francis Kucija, representing the Philmont Rod & Gun Club, requested that the Village Board pass a resolution supporting the Second Amendment rights to bear arms referencing the recently passed "NYS Safe Act". He noted that the 273 members of the Philmont Rod & Gun Club promote gun safety through courses offered to the community and ask that the traditions of hunting, fishing and the sport of shooting be kept alive for the community for generations to come. Deputy Mayor Cropper noted that the Village Board is in the process of reviewing and "tweaking" a resolution. It will be reviewed at the regular monthly workshop meeting and likely voted on at the board meeting in March. (The clerk will send a copy of the proposed resolution to the Philmont Rod & Gun Club at PO Box 99, Philmont when it is completed).

Linda Gatter gave a progress report on the warehouse building owned by the Village on Canal Street. She noted what renovations would be required to get the building in usable shape. She also is working on funding (both private and public). She also reported that she is working with some professional artists on suggestions for programs and has been in touch with groups that may be interested in using the building for performances. It was noted that a long-term commitment (25-30 years) would be expected for a group to take on the renovations of the building. Ms. Gatter will continue to keep the board informed.

Jenna Lamond noted that her concern continues regarding the burned out building on Summit Street. The Board noted that they are working on solutions through the building department and currently violations will be issued in local court. If there is no satisfaction there, the next step would be Supreme Court. It was noted that each step gets more expensive for the tax payers. There were questions about the legality of pursuing the offenders and Attorney Fitzsimmons addressed those issues.

COMMUNITY DAY REPORT:

The report was given by Dick Howard. He noted that the Rotary will sponsor the Fishing Derby this year with a donation of \$500 and the Elvis Show will be held at the gun club this year. The next meeting will be held on the 1st Monday in March.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

He reported discussing the derelict building situation. He is also working on the Summit Heights sub-division (he noted that the developer is basically "starting over"). He also will review the Philmont Fire Company Auxiliary by laws.

CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Reported that she is in the process of preparing the budget for 2013-2014. She also noted that water turn-off letters went out today (2/11) and water termination is scheduled for March 14th for those still owing their October, 2012 water/sewer bill. It was reported that the village office

will be closed on Monday, February 18th for President's Day. (Also all the usual items...paid bills, reports, water/sewer collections, garbage sticker sales, bookkeeping, etc.).

POLICE REPORT:

The report was given by OIC Doyle. He was happy to report that no tickets were issued for "on street parking" during the storm. He also will be issuing "shoveling" tickets for those who have not cleared their sidewalks. Ms. Chadwick asked about ownership of the sidewalk on Rock Street down past the Cumberland Store as it was not shoveled and dangerous. Mr. Howard noted that Cumberland only owns to the end of their building on Rock Street. OIC Doyle will look into the issue.

LIBRARY REPORT:

The report was given by Director Karen Garafalo. (*Building and Grounds*) The floor in the Cultural Center has been resealed. (*Services*) Storycrafters will be performing "Snow Queen" on February 18th with a snow date of February 19th. Soup Sales netted about \$1200. The Library will be closed on Monday, February 18th (except for the Storycrafters performance). The next show in the Cultural Center will be the Floods and Fires of Philmont at the beginning of March. The Photo Club show is still up. Three photos have been sold with a portion of the selling price going to the library. (*Grants and Donations*) Application was made to the Berkshire Taconic Foundation for folding chairs and a cart for the pavilion and should hear sometime the end of March or April. Application will also be made to the Bank of Greene County for a laptop to be used in the Cultural Center and the Pavilion. Ms. Garafalo also provided a floor plan and a drawing of the proposed Pavilion for the board's review. She has estimated the cost as \$25,000 - \$30,000. The Attorney noted that prevailing wage must be paid and items must be bid out when law dictates. A letter will be written by the Clerk to the Building Department approving the construction on village land.

COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT:

The report was given by Trustee Ostrander. Director Kevin Maisenbacher has put in a request for work to be done at the Center and noted that he would appreciate some type of reply back as to when the work might be completed.

TOWN OF CLAVERACK/COUNTY OF COLUMBIA:

The report was provided by Supervisor Robin Andrews and given by Deputy Mayor Cropper. She reported only one workshop and no county meetings have taken place since her January report. The regular town board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 14th and will include a public hearing for a missed change on the zoning map. The Town website is being updated and a new building inspector page will be added along with planning and zoning forms. The Columbia County board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13th at 7:30 pm. The new Health Director, Angella Timothy, will be addressing any procedural issues needed referencing the Boil Water Alert put in place after the Church fire in Philmont. If a Code Red alert is required, I, as Supervisor, am authorized to approve it or to give authority for approval. If the village ever needs it, please let me know. The authority for Code Red alerts is handled through the Columbia County Emergency Management Department or Lt. Lamphear. I (Supervisor Andrews) has personally asked for a correction of an article in the online edition of the Register Star referencing the building inspection of the county courthouse temporarily located in Claverack. The paper indicated "When questioned about the matter, Town of Claverack Supervisor Robin Andrews said the town wasn't requiring the county to do the work". This was a total misrepresentation of what I said and the role of the town and county. What I had told the reporter was that it was the County's responsibility to get the building permit. They were certainly not exempt, but they were not required to use our building inspector, and had indicated they would use their own. They certainly could use ours if that would be helpful, but that it was up to them. I hope they will correct this for any printed version. If anyone has ANY question about an issue, especially in light of how it may have been reported, please contact me directly and I will be happy to share what I know. Both the town and county meetings will include acknowledgements of the passing of John Hess, former Town of Claverack Supervisor.

In addition, I would like to commend again the Philmont Fire Company for their handling of the fire at the Reformed Church on Church Street. It was clear that the utmost care was taken to protect the firefighters, surrounding property (thanks!) as well as do everything they could to minimize the fire damage. Thank you again to all the firefighters and emergency responders.

MAYOR SPEED'S REPORT:

93 degrees and sunny! (He is in Aruba on vacation).

DEPUTY MAYOR CROPPER:

He gave the DPW, Water and Sewer reports. Copies are available in the village office for review. He also has been working (along with Mayor Speed) with Mr. Gellert to rent his newly renovated store fronts. He was present at the Reformed Church fire and addressed the water pressure issue. He also attended two workshop sessions and a Community Day Meeting. He has also been working on the derelict building issue. He asked that anyone using the hall to please put the dates on the calendar in the village office so that the cleaning lady can try and work around events. He is working with Ms. Gatter on the Walking the Dog Theater situation. He also dealt with snow removal/plowing issues.

TRUSTEE MATTHEW PERRY:

He reported receiving compliments and complaints on the snow plowing. He has been looking into "single stream" recycling. He also noted that the Rotary has agreed to sponsor the Fishing Derby for Community Day. He also met with the Department of Health regarding the "boil water order" issued after the church fire. It was noted that the Department of Health and Columbia County Emergency Management must be contacted if a "Code Red" needs to be put in place. He noted that the purchase of "recycle bins" has fallen through because of the price. He asked that a notice be put in the next water/sewer billing (April, 2013) stating the necessary requirements for an acceptable recycle bin.

TRUSTEE LAURENCE OSTRANDER:

He reported on meeting with the Executive Steering Committee regarding the BOA Grant. He noted that thirteen (13) "Request for Qualifications" were received and all appeared to be very qualified. It will eventually be narrowed down to three (3) prospects. He also has attended workshops and special meetings. He had "Lady Rooter" clean out the drain at the firehouse but noted that it needs to be replaced and will look into getting a price. He also has received information from S&F Communications regarding a quote for security.

TRUSTEE BARBARA SAGAL: (Absent)

CORRESPONDENCE – A LIST WAS PROVIDED FOR THE AUDIENCE

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to waive fees associated with the demolition permit for the Second Reformed Church made by Trustee Cropper, 2nd by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** as requested by Building Inspector Stanley Koloski, to reduce the permit fees for Laura Summer, for use of the small area located next to the Family Dollar Store from \$530 permit fees to \$260 which would include the permit fee, the C/O fee and the Special Permit fee due to the minimal amount of inspection effort made by Trustee Ostrander, 2nd by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to approve the appointment of Kathy Montross as Substitute Assistant Library Director effective January, 2013 while Renee Maxwell is on maternity leave made by Trustee Cropper, 2nd by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS. (\$10.00/hr. per Library Director).

4. **MOTION** to pass a resolution in support for being able to attain NYS Contact Information for Vacant Structures made by Trustee Ostrander, 2nd by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS. (Full resolution will be attached to original minutes).
5. **MOTION** to appoint David Bolevice to the Philmont Library Board to fill the unexpired term ending September, 2015 made by Trustee Perry, 2nd by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
6. **MOTION** to re-appoint Mary Prazma as Philmont Planning Board Chairperson for one year (thru March 1, 2014), AND Philmont Planning Board Member for five years (through March 1, 2018) made by Trustee Perry, 2nd by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
7. **MOTION** to re-appoint Nancy Brousseau as Philmont Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson for one year (through March 1, 2014) made by Trustee Ostrander, 2nd by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
8. **MOTION** to re-appoint Kim Czyewski as a member of the Philmont Zoning Board of Appeals for five years (through March 1, 2018) made by Trustee Perry, 2nd by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
9. **MOTION** to take action against delinquent water/sewer users made by Trustee (Deputy Mayor) Cropper, 2nd by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Ostrander requested that the Village Board consider having the kitchen in the meeting hall renovated. He will get a price for materials and labor and get back to the board. He also noted that he will contact someone to look at the fire house drain and get an estimate for the repair/replacement.

MOTION to adjourn in memory of *Ken Myers* and *John Hess* made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer