

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013 – 7:00 PM

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

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

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

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #11, Water Abstract #11, Sewer Abstract #11, Library Abstract #11, T&A Abstract #11, Summit Heights Abstract #7, Summit Lake Abstract #11, DPW Garage Abstract #10) made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Mr. Alexander noted problems in his neighborhood with vandalism and theft. He would like to have a light installed in the area (Trustee Sagal will check with NYSEG regarding the request). He stated that considerable damage has been done to the ball field on Church Street (benches and dug out destroyed, electrical boxes torn off the building, etc.) and he has also had items stolen from his property. He has talked to the police. They will be making an effort to focus more attention in the area. Mr. Alexander also mentioned the likelihood of drug issues with these same individuals. The board will look into the entire situation and asked Mr. Alexander to keep the board informed.

Ms. Lamond asked about the progress on the burned out house on Summit Street. (during the "unfinished business" portion of meeting the Attorney explained where the case was in the courts and what has transpired thus far as well as noting the progress on other buildings in disrepair)

REPORTS:

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: Reported that he has been spending time on the "derelict buildings" list and noted that the board has spent considerable time, energy and money trying to resolve the situation.

CLERK/TREASURER MORRIS: Reported that elections were held on Tuesday, March 19th and all went smoothly with no competition. Newly elected officials were sworn in by Judge Jonathan Nichols on April 1st (for two year terms). The annual budget hearing was also held on April 1st and the budget was approved for the new fiscal year. Water/Sewer bills were mailed April 1st and due without penalty through April 30th. All the usual items were completed (paid bills, monthly and quarterly reports, water/sewer billing, garbage sticker sales, election paperwork and preparation, bookkeeping and budget preparation etc.).

POLICE REPORT: None Available.

LIBRARY REPORT: The report was given by Library Director Karen Garafalo.

(Buildings and Grounds) Received the building permit for the pavilion and they are currently getting estimates. Checking on the smoke alarm system problems as it continues to go off.

(Services) Movies are shown every other week – 4/19 will be "Lincoln". Summer Reading Program will be led by Jessica Schedler and Sean Wallace. A program on American Girl dolls is scheduled for July 25th. A Community Yard Sale is scheduled for May 4th. Director's challenge this year involves walking and running in an effort to walk 100,000 miles. The first "group walk" will be Sunday, April 14th at 4:00 PM at the Library. All are invited to attend.

(Grants and Donations) Received \$500 from Stewarts to be used for the Summer Reading Program. Requested funds from Bank of Greene County for a new laptop for the cultural center. Also requested funding to assist with museum passes from the Children's Foundation. Passes available this year will be USS Slater, Troy Science Museum, MassMoCa, Berkshire Museum and Norman Rockwell Museum. Working with the Harvest Club from Taconic Hills School District, the library will be applying for a grant through the Mid-Hudson Library System for the Summer Reading Program.

COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT: The report was provided by new Director Julia Veronezi and given by Trustee Douglas Cropper.

(Facilities) She inspected the property with Trustee Cropper and developed a list of items needing attention. Trustee Cropper worked with the DPW regarding debris removal and having the front of the building refurbished and the front area raked. Trustee Cropper also did some painting and installed an American Flag in front of the building. He also met with Ms. Price regarding cleaning and supplies.

(Programs) Earth Day will be held on 4/22 at the Community Center. Flyers are available around the village. She is also working with Trustee Perry on a face book page for the center. The Community Center will sponsor a hike to High Falls at 10:00 am on 4/27 in honor of Arbor Day which is 4/26. She also met Karen Garafalo regarding event posting. She also met with Clerk Morris regarding the budget. She is trying to meet with Michelle Benson about specific needs for her program. She is following up on ideas received from residents. There will be a Sheriff's Dept. presentation on bicycle safety in May.

TOWN OF CLAVERACK/COUNTY OF COLUMBIA: The report was provided by Supervisor Robin Andrews and given by Trustee Barbara Sagal.

(Town of Claverack) She reported that their meeting will be held Thursday, at 7:00 PM. They will have a public hearing at that time regarding change of zoning for the Claverack School parcel from Residential to Hamlet Business with the consideration of allowing wholesale business and retail stores (no manufacturing). They will also be considering a motion to use General Code to computerize all their local laws. Also, an oversight committee has been set up for the "Big Up". Anyone with questions or issues can contact one of these committee members (Stephen Hook, Gretchen Stearn, Brian Goodrich, Katy Cashen, Bob Preusser and Stanley Koloski).

(County of Columbia) The next county meeting is Wednesday at 7:30 PM. Last month a resolution on a cell phone tax was postponed and the resolution in opposition to the SAFE Act was passed. Articles about the Pine Haven situation were misleading in the newspaper and a meeting is being scheduled between the Public Works Committee and the Health Committee to make sure everyone is working with the same information. She also shared with the Village Board information regarding the update of the Countywide Hazardous Mitigation Plan (note that Trustee Cropper and Clerk Morris are working on updating the village version of the plan).

MAYOR SPEED: Attended the Organizational Meeting and was sworn in as Mayor by Judge Jonathan Nichols. He also attended the Budget Hearing and noted that the board passed the budget for the new fiscal year (2013-2014). He also attended a breakfast at Columbia Green Community College on Economic Development and met with many of the elected state officials. He also handles various issues and complaints.

TRUSTEE PERRY: Noted that the board worked on and passed the budget and he attended the Budget Hearing and the Organizational Meeting. He has also been reviewing a maintenance code for properties in disrepair. He is also involved in the Community Day race and has been working with Linda Gatter regarding the Mill Project. He has talked with Julia Veronezi from the Community Center regarding setting up a face book page and noted that a recycling notice will go in the July water/sewer billing.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: He reported getting the line (drain) at the fire house cleaned out. He also received estimates for the replacement of two doors at the municipal building and has also received estimates for repairs to the kitchen. He attended the Organizational Meeting and the Budget Hearing and was sworn in by Judge Jonathan Nichols as a Trustee for two years.

FIRE CHIEF MARK BEAUMONT: Gave the monthly fire company report and also gave the annual fire company report. He was very pleased with the direction the fire company was taking and hoped to continue to “blossom”. He also noted that he completed the fire company inventory (Clerk is grateful) and noted that the fire company is up for their ISO Evaluation which will determine rates. (Copies of the reports are available in the village office for review).

TRUSTEE SAGAL: She reported any street lights that were out. She attended the Library Board Meeting, and also a meeting with Columbia Opportunities. She also designed a sign for the Holiday Street Lighting “Street” winner – which this year was Highland Avenue. The sign has been put up at Highland Avenue.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: He attended the Community Day meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, 4/11. Dick Howard gave the specifics of the scheduled run for Community Day. He also has been checking Forest Lake on a regular basis. He has been working with updates for the Emergency Management Plan. He has been following the progress of the DPW Garage. He gave the DPW, Water and Sewer reports provided by Supt. Michael Scheller. Copies are available in the village office for review. He noted that a BOA Grant update was given to the board by Sally Baker (Trustee Larry Ostrander informed the board that the BOA Grant Committee Meeting to pick the final three will be held soon). Trustee Cropper also noted that he spoke to the Register Star reporter as he felt the headline in the paper was misleading as the rate went up only because the taxable assessed value went down by a considerable amount. He has not heard back from them. He also attended the breakfast meeting at Columbia Greene Community College. He has been working with the new Community Center Director (Julia Veronezi) looking for new programs and opportunities. At this point Mr. Osborn stated that his car club is ready to go as far as Community Day goes.

CORRESPONDENCE – A LIST WAS PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to accept as warrant the tax levy in the amount of \$503,975.00 and the tax rate of \$6.85/1000 as passed at the Annual Budget Hearing/Meeting held on April 1, 2013 made by Trustee Sagal, 2nd by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to confirm the resignation of Kevin Maisenbacher as Director of the Philmont Community Center and the appointment of Julia Egan Veronezi as the new Director of the Philmont Community Center as stated at the Annual Organizational Meeting held on April 1, 2013 made by Trustee Sagal, 2nd by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to accept the appointment of John Tice as a member of the Philmont Volunteer Fire Company made by Trustee Perry, 2nd by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to accept the following Philmont Fire Company 2013-2014 officers: (MOTION made by Trustee Cropper, 2nd by Trustee Ostrander to accept all. ALL AYES, NO NAYS)
OFFICERS: President-John Blaauw, Vice President-Matthew Oakley, Secretary-Sarah Hartly, Assistant Secretary-Tonya Oakley, Treasurer-Robert Card, Assistant Treasurer-William Blaauw
TRUSTEES: 5-Year Trustee-Richard Howard, 1-Year Trustee-Dave Naughton
LINE OFFICERS: Chief-Mark Beaumont, 1st Assistant Chief-Richard Howard, 2nd Assistant Chief-Ryan O’Dowd, Captain-Jerry Beverly, 1st Lieutenant-Frank Langdon, 2nd Lieutenant-Anthony Krein IV..
APPOINTMENTS: Fire Police Captain-Scott Wickwire, Fire Police 1st Lieutenant-Matthew V. Oakley, Fire Police 2nd Lieutenant-Arthur Shook Jr., Safety Officer-William Blaauw.

5. **MOTION** to accept, with regret, the resignation of Treacy Terracciano from the Library Board of Trustees as of April 1, 2013 made by Trustee Sagal, 2nd by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
6. **MOTION** to appoint Rain Whittaker to the Philmont Library Board of Trustees effective this date made by Trustee Sagal, 2nd by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
7. **MOTION** to transfer funds within accounts as needed made by Trustee Ostrander, 2nd by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Attorney Fitzsimmons gave a progress report on the burned out building on Summit Street (see public requests) and noted that DEC would probably not be interested unless there were hazardous materials involved so it is unlikely they would be able to apply any of their laws to the situation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Ostrander noted the quotes he received for the doors and the kitchen and the board will decide which quotes/offers to consider.

Trustee Cropper asked that the Mayor make contact with Leggett Electric regarding the overhead lights in the Fire Company parking lot. Chief Beaumont will check regarding any specifications for those lights. It was also noted that the lights at the Gazebo by the Community Center needed to either be repaired or replaced. Trustee Sagal will check to see if these lights belong to NYSEG or the village. It was also noted that some window work needed to be done at various village buildings.

With no further business to be conducted a **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Trustee Sagal and seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT