

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 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 (note-Attorney Fitzsimmons did not attend the union negotiation meeting as stated in last month's minutes) 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 Cropper. **ALL AYES, NO NAYS.**

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #1, Water Abstract #1, Sewer Abstract #1, Library Abstract #1, T&A Abstract #1, Summit Lake Abstract #1, Summit Heights Abstract #1) made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. **ALL AYES, NO NAYS.**

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Linda Gatter presented the board with an engineering report completed by Taconic Engineering DPC referencing the Philmont Warehouse Building located on Canal Street. Grants are being sought for needed repairs.

Mr. Gourlay asked what progress has been made regarding his request for abolishment of the easement which affects his property. Attorney Fitzsimmons has reviewed the easement and will need to review the referenced map before a determination is made. He also will need to check with the water/sewer department to determine that there are no water or sewer lines located on the area of the easement in question.

Henry Casivant Jr. had questions regarding his "trailer park" located on Summit Street. He would like to repair and rent the trailers located there however would prefer to work with Building Inspector Callahan rather than Building Inspector Koloski. The attorney noted that Mr. Casivant would first need to have official engineering reports on the trailers as well as a definitive answer on where each trailer's water service/sewer service is located. It was also noted that he may have to remove any trailers that are determined to be "not livable". It was determined that Mr. Casivant would meet with the building department to see what needs to be done.

REPORTS:

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: Reported that he has been working on Casivant issue, and the easement issue on Lake Drive. He has reviewed the FEMA flood insurance requirements and will advise the board on what steps need to be taken. He has also discussed union negotiations with the board and is working with the planning board on Summit Heights issues. He noted that the next meeting of the planning board (Summit Heights) will be June 25th. He also reviewed the renewal contract for Insite Towers. All is fine and the clerk will return the signed copy.

CLERK/TREASURER MORRIS:

*The Village Office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th for Independence Day.

*She is in the process of doing the annual report for the NYS Department of Audit & Control.

*Village tax bills were mailed out Monday, June 3rd and are due through July 1st without penalty.

*Eighteen parcels still remain on the water termination list. Water turn-off is scheduled for June 12th at noon.

POLICE OIC DOYLE:

The report was given by Officer Doyle. A copy is available in the village office for review. There was much discussion regarding the "Big-Up" event to be held August 8-11 off Stever's Crossing Road. Police patrols will be stepped up and it was noted that the promoter will have an "800" hot line for any complaint issues. There will also be private security and medical staff on site. The board decided that Forest Lake would be locked for that time period.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR GARAFALO:

(Report was provided by Director Garafalo and presented by Trustee Perry)
(*Building and Grounds*) Neighbors are still using the library hose to fill their pool. Mulching, hedge trimming and flower beds are ready for the summer. Also, the pavilion is slowly proceeding. She is hoping to do some fund-raising for a new roof.
(*Services*) The Community Yard Sale netted \$550.00. SRP packets are ready. Also July book sale will be the weekend of July 21st. The Taconic Hills Honor Society will be assisting. She also provided a Circulation Chart of Columbia County Libraries for May, 2013. A copy of the report is available in the village office for review.

COMMUNITY CENTER DIRECTOR VERONEZI:

(Report was provided by Director Veronezi and presented by Trustee Cropper)
(*Facilities*) Reported that the DPW has assisted with work at the Center and she thanked them for their help. Also, the garden has been mulched, weeded and bushes have been trimmed.
(*Programs*) After school games will be three nights a week in July and August (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday). Game nights and Yoga nights continue. There was a program held on May 20th for National Egg Month. On June 11th there will be an outdoor cooking and safety lesson (4:00 pm). Plans continue for the Community Shower to be held on July 17th. Also, on July 1st, 2nd, and 3rd the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties will sponsor "Stories of the Stars and Sky/Astronomy" program for ages 6-12. Preregistration is required.

MAYOR CLARENCE SPEED:

Reported that he attended the Memorial Day Parade and noted that he was very impressed with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner by Zachery Marshall. He was happy that his Grandson could participate in the program. He has also been answering complaints on various issues. He has attended meetings on the county parking lot at the Tripp Center and with Union representatives. He noted that water storm basins are being cleaned and reminded everyone about Community Day on June 29th.

TRUSTEE DOULGAS CROPPER:

He reported that he attended the Memorial Day Parade, and the workshop meeting. He also has been working to get internet service to the new DPW garage building. He has also been dealing with Community Center issues and checking Forest Lake on a regular basis. All has been fine there. After checking the other park areas (especially at the Community Center area) he found what looked to be drug items and also needles. The police are asked to visit the area on a regular basis. He also thanked Paul Slusar for assisting him in putting the new sound system together and showing him how to operate it. He also attended the Union Negotiation meeting and Community Day meeting. At this time Dick Howard, Community Day Chairperson, gave a progress report and noted that there would be a hot dog eating contest this year as well as a 5K run. He also noted that the Elvis show would be held at the Rod and Gun Club this year instead of on Maple Avenue. At this point the Mayor noted that Taconic Hills would like to use the Philmont Softball Field for a memorial softball tournament (the date has not been set). They would also like to use the concession building if at all possible. There was no objection and the Mayor will contact Mike about the field/concession building and will contact Taconic Hills. Also, OIC Doyle noted that he has a combination lock available that he can use for Forest Lake during the time of the "Big-Up" event and will handle locking it up.

TRUSTEE LAURENCE OSTRANDER:

Reported that he attended the Union Negotiations meeting, the Planning Board meeting, the Memorial Day Parade. He also worked on getting picnic table material donated for the Co-op from Herrington's.

FIRE CHIEF MARK BEAUMONT:

He gave the Fire Company report. A copy is available in the Village Office for review. He mentioned that there will be a Mardi Gras parade on July 12th and the Fire Company will be involved in Community Day on June 29th. There is also a scholarship fund in memory of Past Fire Chief Vernon Higgins. The first scholarship (\$1000) was recently presented to Brandon Rice. Chief Beaumont also inquired as to how to handle "burning" in the village. He realizes that several people had fire pits that are used just for recreation and there are others who are flat out burning brush. It was suggested that people need to use common sense and that if the fire company feels that it breaks the law and is a threat to the areas around that they should handle it accordingly. He also noted that the "Claverack Task Force" is now official and will be of great assistance in answering fire calls more efficiently.

TRUSTEE MATTHEW PERRY:

He reported that he is working on getting an estimate for a new roof for the Library. He also attended a meeting on the parking lot at the Tripp Center. He received a complaint about a storm grate on Prospect/Ham Sts. He will notify The DPW. He also attended the Memorial Day Parade and the Community Day Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST – PROVIDED TO AUDIENCE

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Ostrander indicated that the village board needed to start thinking about replacing a fire truck ("big blue" has had many problems). It was suggested that a Truck Committee be set up to do the research and then report back to the Village Board.

(Clerk's note – someone on this committee should be assigned to researching possible grant funding through our government representatives and other outlets).

MOTION to adjourn in memory of JOHN GRAZIANO was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris
Clerk/Treasurer
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT