

**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Clarence Speed, Trustees Barbara Sagal, Douglas Cropper, Matthew Perry, Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons, Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly J Simmons.

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

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

**MOTION** to approve payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Trust & Agency, Summit Heights & Summit Lake Abstracts #4, DPW Garage Project Abstract # 13, Health Care Deductible Abstract # 2) was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

Henry Casivant asked what needed to be done in order for him to fix his trailers located on Summit Street and also one located on Main Street. Attorney Fitzsimmons instructed him to get a building permit, but he first needed to get a certified mobile home repair man on board with his plans for the properties.

**REPORTS:**

**ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:** Reported that he has been working on the Casivant trailers; easement issues with the Gourlay and Ambos (American Legion) properties; court issues with the Town of Claverack and Village Police; also he has been working on the union contract and the legalities of the Community Center purchasing gift cards.

**CLERK/TEASURER SIMMONS:** Reported that the Village Office will be closed on Monday October 14<sup>th</sup> in observance of Columbus Day. The regularly scheduled monthly board meeting scheduled to be held on October 14<sup>th</sup> will be change to Tuesday, October 15 due to the holiday. Water termination is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 14 parcels still remain on the turn-off list. Gave notice to ALL employees pertaining to the new health care reform coverage options and that all normal office tasks have been completed.

**POLICE REPORT:** Report was given by Officer Michael. A copy of the report is available in the village office for review. He also noted that the police department will be sponsoring three recruits for the Zone 14 Law Enforcement Academy this September.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** Report was given by Trustee Perry.

(Building and Grounds) The DPW crew has dug out for the footings and foundation for the pavilion.

(Services) The Director's challenge continues. Please report miles! They have over 66,000 miles reported in with just two weeks to go. Also story hour had a total of 8 children which is excellent for this program. She noted that the police have been called a couple of times because of a group of teenagers, a couple of whom have been asked not to return for a week. Review of the cameras shows that at least one of these teens were continually on the property.

**COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT:** Report was given by Trustee Cropper. He noted that windows for the center have been ordered. Game night took place three nights a week for the first three weeks of August and that yoga continues. The Lightning Safety and Lost in the Woods program was held on August 14<sup>th</sup>. They have a program for teens to receive certification in babysitting scheduled to take place in October. They are considering a CPR course, Soil and Water Conservation and a homework help night. The center has two sewing machines set up and ready to go for anyone interested in learning the basics of machine operation and sewing.

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK/COUNTY OF COLUMBIA:** The report was given by Town Supervisor Robin Andrews.

(Town of Claverack) She noted that the follow up meeting for the Big Up is scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Town Court Building. She also noted that the State DOT has scheduled to take down the large tree in Mellenville on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. She also noted that the Town will have an anniversary parade on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The parade will start at 1 PM. It will go through Philmont and end at the Town Park, a party will follow at the park.

(County of Columbia) The county board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. Also a reminder that the polling place has changed for all who used to vote at the Village Hall, Claverack Court and the Mellenville Grange. They all now will be voting at the Tripp Center located at 93 Main Street in Philmont.

**MAYORS REPORT:** He wishes to inform all that there will be a ribbon cutting at McNan's deli, 10:00AM, on Wednesday September 11, 2013. He would like the community to come out and support a new business and possible purchase the "SKIP" sandwich. He noted that he was busy answering complaints and signing papers. He also noted that the DPW will fix the problem with a driveway on Union Court. He also thanked Doug Cropper for all his help.

**TRUSTEE CROPPER:** Trustee Cropper started with Trustee Ostrander's report.

Trustee Ostrander wanted to let all know that he has been inquiring about solar panels for the village to cut electrical costs. He has also ordered windows for the Community Center and wanted to inform everyone that Choose Columbia will be having a business seminar for economic development. The course starts September 17<sup>th</sup> at the cost of \$150.00.

Trustee Cropper then gave his report. He noted that he has been working on the union contract and he is not happy with some of the wording. He also has been working with the Town of Claverack on the Police/Court agreement. He also has been working with the building inspector on derelict properties. He also informed everyone that there will be a wrap up party for the Community Day Committee September 30<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM at the Rod and Gun Club. He also gave the DPW and Water and Sewer Reports, a copy of which are available in the Village Office for review. The DPW will be having a “brush pick-up” the week of September 30<sup>th</sup> and continue through October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**TRUSTEE SAGAL:** Reported that she attended an Emergency Management meeting that she found interesting and informing. She learned that FEMA will not fund man-made hazards. Funding is now available for mitigation. The executive steering committee will have a meeting regarding the BOA. They are hoping for community participation to review the request for proposals. She also reported that she notified NYSE&G that three street lights were out in the village. She also has spoken to a representative of NYSE&G about a new street light to be installed on Church Street but they have not yet finalized when the installation will take place. She also received a complaint about the sidewalk that was repaired on Rock Street. It was repaired with blacktop and will be slippery in the winter months. She was informed that the sidewalk was the property of Philmont Holdings and it will be sanded when needed.

**TRUSTEE PERRY:** He reported that he has received neighborhood complaints about the Casivant trailer and complaints also about youth on the streets in big numbers. He talked about the possibility of a curfew or perhaps the police strictly enforcing the curfew we have. He attended a storm water meeting and took a tour of the library pavilion project. He has also talked with OIC Doyle about enforcing the one hour parking on Main Street during the daytime hours. Our businesses along Main Street have limited parking available to them and the tenants from the apartments are using the spaces for their cars instead of using lots available to them. The police will start giving warnings.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE – A LIST WAS PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC**

#### **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**MOTION** to put out for bid the furnishing of No. 2 fuel oil, service and maintenance for the Village of Philmont Municipal Building, Library, and Community Center to be opened at the October 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to change the October 2013 Regular Monthly Board Meeting date to TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> at 7:00 PM was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to approve Steffen Buck, Jonathan Merante, and Joshua Leedy as recruits for the Zone 14 Law Enforcement Academy was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to approve membership of Karyn Johnson as a member of the Philmont Fire Company was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to reappoint Christopher Hoppe to the Philmont Public Library Board of Trustees for a five-year term ending September 2018 was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to allow the Philmont Community Center to purchase Price Chopper gift cards in the amount not to exceed \$250.00 for the purchase of food items and supplies for the center was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to terminate the easement on the lands of Gourlay and authorize the Mayor to sign all documentation pertaining to such was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to allow an easement over the lands of the Village of Philmont to benefit the American Legion parcel and allow the Mayor to sign any documentation pertaining to such was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

At this time Ryan O’Dowd gave the fire company report. He reported that the fire company responded to a total of five calls for the month, they had two drills, and one truck inspection. The fire company also marched in the Chatham parade where they took third place. Sub night has started again and the

company will be attending Fire Prevention week at the Taconic Hills and Hawthorne Valley schools.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Osborn had questions regarding possible sewer plant upgrades with grant monies for possible problems with flooding. Attorney Fitzsimmons discussed a letter received regarding the disillusion of the LDC and that he will follow up on this. Trustee Cropper discussed the fact that the Rod and Gun Club has approved a “dry hydrant” to be installed at their pond as a possible source of water for the fire department and also discussed the sidewalk and small parking area on Ark Street. After discussion it was determined that the sidewalk and parking area were installed by the Church and are both privately owned. The owners of the properties need to check their deeds to reflect the property boundaries. Questions were also brought up about the Pace water theft situation. Attorney Fitzsimmons will check into this again and invite Mr. Pace to court.

With no further matters to consider a moment of silence and a

**MOTION** to adjourn in memory of *Larry Andrew, Tom Gibbons* and *Charles Nichols* was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons  
Clerk/Treasurer  
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT