

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

PRESENT: Mayor Clarence Speed; Trustees Douglas Cropper, Laurence Ostrander, Matthew Perry; Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons; Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly J. Simmons.

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

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

MOTION to approve the payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Trust & Agency, & Summit Lake Account Abstract's #7, Summit Heights Abstract # 6, Health Care Deductible Abstract # 5) was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

PUBLIC REQUESTS

Chris Hoppe voiced his concern over the Summit Heights subdivision. (He submitted a letter that is included in the correspondence.) He is concerned that the plat plan on file is old and outdated as well as having old drawings. After much discussion Mr. Fitzsimmons informed all that maps are available in the village office and the planning board has notification from DEC that they are in compliance. A new survey map was submitted and permits were kept on file with the DEC. Legally the subdivision is alright.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

He reported that he has been working on outstanding taxes and a letter to delinquent properties is set to go out. He has also been in court with both the Casivant and Wright properties. He is waiting on a court order for the Casivant property while the Wright property will be back in court on the 19th. He has also been working on Summit Heights.

CLERKS REPORT

The office will be closed for the upcoming Christmas and New Year Holidays. The Police posted 31 water termination notices on doors and 23 still remain on the list. Water termination is scheduled for December 11th at noon. Also all the regular office tasks have been completed.

POLICE REPORT

The report was given by OIC Doyle. A copy is available in the office for review. He spoke with the board about tractor trailers using Summit Street and also about the winter parking and snow shoveling warnings.

LIBRARY REPORT

Buildings and Grounds are ready for the cold winter months while movies are being planned for the two week break from school. The Cultural Center was used by the Santa Claus Club for breakfast with Santa where over 60 children were able to "purchase" gifts for their families. The center is also being used by AA on Saturday nights and by ACOA on Sunday nights. Karen and Dave Bolevice attended the Columbia County Library Association Dinner meeting at Kozel's where every library in the county was represented.

COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT

The report was given by Trustee Cropper. The center received a donation of a wooden table and display cart from Dawn Olson, and the front windows have been replaced. Game night and yoga continue while they are looking into December activities. A NY State Boating Safety Course will be offered in the future.

COUNTY/TOWN REPORT

In county news airport meetings are ongoing and the site for the new Pine Haven Home has been decided. While in the town, approval has been made to sign the contract with the village

for the Village Police to provide court security for the Town Court. They also approved refinancing for their highway garage at a lower interest rate. The town budget passed staying within the 1.66% tax cap. Full time hourly employees received a raise of 2% while no elected official received an increase. The town is also looking for anyone interested in serving on the planning and zoning boards and the search for a new web designer is also underway. Anyone interested should put in an application with the town.

MAYORS REPORT

He reported that he installed banners and spoke with the DPW about taking down the flags along Main Street. He also attended meetings and handled problems that came up.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER

He reported that he has met with Monolith Solar a few times and they will be attending the January workshop meeting to make a presentation to the board. He also had City Glass replace the windows in the Community Center and has been working on the drain problem in the Village Hall as well as working on the BOA project.

TRUSTEE PERRY

He reported that he has had meetings with Columbia County Soil & Water about ways to keep the silt and dirt from washing into the reservoir. He has also been working on foreclosures, derelict buildings and answering phone calls. He also helped the Mayor hang the holiday banners.

TRUSTEE CROPPER

He first gave the DPW and Water/Sewer Reports, a copy of which are available for review in the village office. He then reported that he has checked the properties and all is well, even through hunting season. The inmates will be doing some work for the DPW on Wednesday and that Community Day Committee is still in the need for help. Their next meeting will be held on January 6th.

CORRESPONDENCE - A LIST WAS PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

MOTION to authorize the Mayor and Officer in Charge Doyle to sign a Municipal Cooperation Agreement with the Town of Claverack to have the Philmont Police provide security for the Town Court was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. **ALL AYES, NO NAYS**

MOTION to allow the Philmont Community Center to purchase JoAnn Fabric gift cards in the amount not to exceed \$250.00 for the purchase of supplies for the center was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. **ALL AYES, NO NAYS**

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The village board is working on putting an ice skating rink up at the Community Center and they also are reviewing suggestions from the Building Inspector about making changes to the planning/zoning laws. They will also be judging holiday lights on Monday, December 23rd at 6:30 pm.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Perry. **ALL AYES, NO NAYS**

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J Simmons
Clerk/Treasurer

