

**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014**

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

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

**MOTION:** to approve the Treasurers Report made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION:** to approve the payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Trust & Agency, and Summit Lake Account Abstracts #8; Health Care Deductible Account Abstract #6; Fire Truck Maintenance Account Abstract #1) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**PUBLIC REQUESTS**

Clarence "Skip" Proper wanted to thank the board, and especially Doug Cropper, for the fast action they took when he spoke to them about speeders on Railroad Avenue. The signs that were installed on the road have decreased speeders by 75% – 80%.

**ATTORNEYS REPORT:** Attorney Fitzsimmons sited ongoing projects and work on the Summit Heights development.

**CLERK/TREASURER:** She reported that the office will be closed on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Water bills were mailed out on December 31<sup>st</sup> and are due without penalty through January. All the usual office tasks have been completed and budget work will start soon. She asked for all departments to turn in their proposed budgets as soon as possible. Also that petitions for village elections must be turned in between February 4<sup>th</sup> and February 11<sup>th</sup> for the March 18<sup>th</sup> elections.

It was at this time that the board asked all department heads to attend the January workshop meeting with their proposed budgets. The workshop meeting will be held on Wednesday January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00PM. A letter will go out to all departments with this request.

**POLICE REPORT** was given by OIC Doyle. He noted that they Police Department started Claverack Court coverage this month and that it is going well. He answered questions about cars being pulled over after leaving Village restaurants, he explained that they do not target any of our local business, however he explained that any car speeding will be pulled over. Sometimes the car being pulled over does so quickly and other times they drive a little before they pull over. Thus, if the car ends up in front of, or near, a local business, the police are not targeting the business. He also reported that they are looking for walks that are in violation of our shoveling law and that some warnings were given. Now that we are well into winter tickets, will be issued.

**LIBRARY REPORT** was give by Clerk/Treasurer Simmons.

**Buildings and Grounds** – Consideration needs to be given to resurfacing the parking lot as it is difficult to find a "puddleless" path to the door when it rains or if there is snowmelt.

**Services** – The coat giveaway (sponsored by Our Lady of Hope Church) was somewhat of a success. If they hold it again next year, the sponsor will make some changes. The indoor snowball fight is on and over 250 snowballs have been earned by reading library books. Also that soup sales have started. They hope to see more people at the upcoming sales held on Wednesdays.

**Grants & Donations** – They have received a grant from the Arthur and Marie Hagerty Foundation of at least \$10,000. They will be using this money along with soup sales to complete the pavilion this spring. Also that donations in memory of Dorothy Bowes have reached \$3,000. They are considering using this money for a digital sign to promote activities at the library. They have also received a large donation from a couple who use the library which will allow them to purchase SAM (Smart Access Management). This is a regulator for people who use the computers and the length of time they are used. She also noted that circulation is down this year, but that most libraries have seen a reduction in circulation due in part to e-books, streaming movies on computers and Netflix.

**COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT** was given by Trustee Cropper.

**Building** - He noted that the heating system has been repaired and that a book cart was donated by Dawn Olson.

**Programs** – Game night and yoga continued. The center was decorated for the holiday and a party was held with refreshments and stockings with gifts were given out. Dawn Olson held a presentation on St. Nicholas and Martin VanBuren’s Christmas. Plans continue for a NYS Boating Safety Course that will be offered in February in conjunction with the Philmont Rod and Gun Club. The skating rink is now in Philmont but has not yet been set up. They are looking into holding a quilting class. Also United Health Care Community and State’s Outreach Mission is looking into holding programs at the center. They are also looking into recreating the position of substitute or assistant to the recreation leader.

**MAYORS REPORT** He reported that he helped Santa at the parade, had the banners taken down on Main Street, is making new pipes for the banners when they are put back up in the spring, signed papers and did all the usual mayoral things. He also noted that they (his wife mostly) is making soup for the library.

**TRUSTEE PERRY** reported he is working on a grant for the library. He attended the community day meeting and helped judge the holiday lighting contest. He is also reviewing the budget.

**TRUSTEE OSTRANDER** reported that the Philmont and Mellenville Fire Companies have been invited to attend a harassment and workplace violence training class given by Mr. Richard H. A. Washburn, Chaplain. Two dates have been scheduled to allow maximum attendance. The first class will be held on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30PM with the second scheduled for Saturday, January, 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM. He will also look into another training class to be scheduled during the regular workday so the village employees may also attend. He reiterated that the drain problem at the village hall needs to be a priority as it has backed up yet again. He will contact a plumber and see about getting it repaired. He noted work with the Fire Company with their budget problems and wanted to know why the truck bays were not cleared after the snowstorms. He also noted that the village property on Summit Street by the dam was not shoveled. He feels that if the village is going to ticket property owners that we should have our walkways cleared as well. He will also invite Monolith Solar to the February meeting to speak with the board.

**TRUSTEE SAGAL** handled complaints about plowing, dogs and the salt shed. She reported four street lights that are out. She also judged the holiday lighting contest.

**TRUSTEE CROPPER** gave the DPW/WA/SW reports, a copy of which is on file for review. He also reported the next community day meeting will be held the first Monday in February at the village hall at 7:00PM. He noted that he got prizes donated for the holiday lighting contest and wanted to thank his wife, daughter and daughter’s boyfriend for helping judge the Christmas parade. He attended the community center Christmas party, spoke with the new cleaning person and checked village properties, all is well.

**FIRE COMPANY REPORT** was given by Trustee Ostrander a copy is available for review. He noted that they had five members attend a firefighter safety seminar; they held a CPR/AED class where they had twelve members certified. Upcoming classes include harassment, and blood - borne pathogens. They have placed two life-pak AED 500’s in service on 47-1 and 47-4. They also participated in the Christmas parade and provided refreshments. They also wish to welcome new member Matthew Martel who now brings their membership up to 72.

**CORREDPONDENCE** list was provided to the audience

## **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**MOTION** to identify the Village Meeting Hall, located at the rear of 124 Main Street, Philmont, NY as the polling place for the Village Elections to be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 with the polls being opened from 12:00 noon until 9:00PM was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to appoint Nancy Brousseau, Kurt Basl, and Karen Garafalo as Election Inspectors for the March 18, 2014 Village Elections to be held in the Village Meeting Hall from 12:00 noon to 9:00 PM at a rate of \$10.00 per hour made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to appoint Peter Groll as Election Custodian and Machine Custodian for the March 18, 2014 Village Elections to be held in the Village Meeting Hall from 12:00 noon to 9:00 PM at a rate of \$75.00 for machine set up and \$75.00 for machine opening and closing, made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to move funds within accounts as needed, made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to spend \$9,818.85 from the Village of Philmont Fire Truck Maintenance Account was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to accept with regret the resignation of Cindy Tracey effective April 1, 2014 was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to recommend to the Planning Board that the Summit Heights review be discontinued until the escrow account is brought to the balance of \$7500.00 was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**OLD BUSINESS:** The board discussed the Pace settlement, the Casivant trailer park and derelict properties. We are still waiting on getting a detailed order from the court on the Casivant trailer park, Trustee Perry will speak with the building inspector about the derelict properties. The attorney is drafting an outstanding tax foreclosure letter and also working on modifying the abutter's law. There has also been work on the BOA grant.

**NEW BUSINESS-** None

**MOTION** to adjourn with a moment of silence in memory of Dorothy Bowes was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly J. Simmons  
Clerk/Treasurer