

**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2014**

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

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

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

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Trust and Agency, Summit Lake Abstract #'s 9) was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

PUBLIC REQUESTS

Eric and Judy Bonci from the Taconic Hills Crush Softball League are interested in making Memorial Field their "home" field for the upcoming season. They coach a traveling girls' softball team and they play mostly year round with practice's starting April 1st and games in June and July. They have parents and coaches who will be willing to help with the clean-up of the field in exchange for having "first refusal" rights for the field. They are fully insured and each of the players also has insurance. Judy will bring a certificate of insurance to the village office by the end of next week. All of the coaches have ASA certification and have completed background checks. After some discussion, the board will speak with the town of Claverack and see if they will help our DPW staff "skin" the field. After checking into the condition of the field, and getting cost estimates on the price of clay for the infield, the board will decide if it has the money to spend on the improvements needed.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

He reported that he has been working on the abutters notice for the zoning laws as well as the dissolution of the LDC. He is waiting for Mr. Pace's attorney to get back to him with a settlement offer for the water theft situation. He also reported that he has a signed order by a Judge in regards to the Casivant trailer park. The Wright property will be back in court on February 26th at 7 PM. He also has been checking the delinquent tax list against the county's list and thirteen of the properties are in the process of foreclosure with the county. He will get an updated list for the remainder of the properties. He also spoke about the Summit Heights development and will be speaking with the building department.

CLERK/TREASURER

She noted that the office will be closed on Monday, February 17th for Presidents Day. Work has started for the 2014-2015 upcoming budget. All of the usual office tasks have been completed and water termination letters went out to those still owing their October 2013 bill. She also reminded all that petitions for village elections must be turned in no later than February 11th for the March 18th elections.

POLICE REPORT none given

LIBRARY REPORT was given by Karen Garafalo.

Buildings and Grounds - She noted that the cultural center floor has a new shine on it again and Tim Smith plans to finish his part of the pavilion beginning April 1st. She also noted that the roof is leaking again. It appears this time it is due to icy gutters backing up. There is damage to the insulation and ceiling tiles.

Services - The indoor snowball fight was a success and all had a good time "throwing" the snowballs. They received over \$1400.00 with Soup Sales this year and she wishes to thank all who provided soup and desserts to sell. Story time will start up again in February. The cultural center saw attendance and use of 4458 for 2013 (a good year). The hardest area to reach seems to be the "teen" group.

Grants and Donations - They have received over \$3800.00 in memory of Dorothy Bowes and they are considering a digital sign to promote activities.

COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT was given by Trustee Ostrander

Facilities - A lighting system was installed in the furnace and storage room by Trustee Cropper and a team consisting of Trustees Cropper, Ostrander and Perry along with director Veronezi built the ice rink and it was filled by the fire department. Ice skates have been donated but they are still in need of more skates. Due to engineering problems the rink has to be relined and refilled.

Programming - Yoga met twice during January and the instructor will no longer be providing services. The NYS Boating Safety Course was offered on February 5th, 6th, and 7th, the class filled quickly. They

will be offering a quilting class on March 1st, 8th, and 15th if enough interest is shown. She also attended a luncheon at the center for economic growth in Albany; she spoke with Steven McLaughlin about the need for broadband services and more computers for school aged children.

Staff - She has developed job descriptions for community center employees and they received an application from Anthony Krein IV for recreation leader and she recommends that he fill the position. The director and Michelle Benson attended the Sexual Harassment Training class in January.

MAYORS REPORT - No report given (on vacation)

TRUSTEE CROPPER - He read the DPW and Water/Sewer reports, a copy of which are on file in the office for review. He wished to inform everyone that the plow sign that was placed at the entrance to the new DPW garage is an old plow that inmates from Hudson Correctional Facility sanded and painted. It is NOT a new plow. He then reported that he has attended the sexual harassment training class, Claverack's 225th birthday celebration, and also attended the legislative luncheon meeting for the center for economic growth and has left the summary of the issues they will be working on in the office for review. He also attended the Community Day meeting and is pleased to announce that this year will feature a "TUG-OF-WAR" between the Village Police and Fire Departments. He also has been working on the upcoming budget and also worked on the skate rink. He gave an update on the warehouse project and he co-taught the boating safety class. He has also checked on village property and all is well with them.

TRUSTEE SAGAL - Reported that she attended the community day meeting and they are looking for fund raising ideas. She also attended the library board meeting and the roof and parking lot problems really need to be addressed. There is the possibility that drainage work needs to be done with the parking area. There is only one street light out in the village and it has been reported.

TRUSTEE PERRY - He fielded questions about the water break and also about Summit Heights. He also worked on the ice rink and budget.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER He gave the Fire Company Report, a copy of which is available for review in the office. He noted that a house has been donated to the fire company for training. He also attended the workshop, community day and sexual harassment meetings. ST Hudson has cleared the drain in the firehouse and found lots of grease in the line. Monolith Solar has been invited to the workshop meeting but they have not yet gotten back to him about attendance. He also worked on the ice rink and the BOA contract. He wishes to thank Dick Howard for all the work in the village with Hudson Correctional Inmates getting things in shape.

CORRESPONDENCE - A LIST WAS PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

MOTION to re-appoint Judy Tice as a member of the Philmont Planning Board for a five year term (thru March 1, 2019) was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to re-appoint Mary Prazma as Philmont Planning Board Chairperson for a one year term (thru March 1, 2015) was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to re-appoint Karen Garafalo to the Philmont Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term (thru March 1, 2019) was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

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

MOTION to re-appoint Nancy Brousseau as Philmont Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson for a one year term (thru March 1, 2015) was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to take action against delinquent water/sewer users was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Perry. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to hire Anthony Krein IV as Community Center Recreation Leader at the rate of pay of \$8.75 per hour on an as needed basis was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Cropper. THREE AYES (TRUSTEES CROPPER, OSTRANDER & PERRY) ONE NAY (TRUSTEE SAGAL)
MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

The board talked about the recent water break and the need for more notification. It was determined that an email be sent out to all board members and Trustee Perry will speak with Bill Black about the use of the "CODE RED" system and get the guidelines for use. It was also determined that the police can start using the old DPW garage to park their cars.

MOTION TO ADJOURN was made by Trustee Ostrander and seconded by Trustee Perry

Respectfully submitted

Kimberly Simmons
Clerk/Treasurer