

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

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

**MOTION** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Cropper. 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 the payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Trust & Agency, Summit Lake Account Abstract # 10, and Health Care Deductible Abstract # 8) was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Perry

**PUBLIC REQUESTS**

Dave Robinson gave an update on the new Pine Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Home. He said that the design phase is about 30% complete at this time. He noted all the background information and that they received the certificate of need last year. The new home will house a total of 128 beds divided up into six households. Three households on the bottom floor and the additional three folded on top. He would like to meet with the board again when the design phase has reached 60% and 90%. They are shooting for an opening date of October 2015. He also gave an update on the parking and water/sewer needs of the new facility.

Members of the public, Hannah Bail and Hugh Williams spoke to the board about the snow shoveling law and the fact that they received a ticket for not having their sidewalk cleared. They believe that because the village plows cover the walk after it has been cleared that the village should be responsible for clearing the walks. They also spoke about not receiving a "warning" from the police as some other residents received. Ms. Bail also asked about how, or if, people who are not home when the police are out get their tickets. Jeff and Nancy Mann also spoke about how they shoveled their walk twice before going to bed but woke up to snow and ice covering the walk in the morning. They were concerned that the police came to their door 10:00 at night to give them a ticket. After much discussion the board thought it would be best for the residents to take the tickets to court and talk with the officer at that time.

**ATTORNEYS REPORT** – He reported that Sam Wright was found guilty in court last month and that we are awaiting the judge's decision on the amount he will be fined. He has also been working on the LDC dissolution.

**CLERK/TREASURER REPORT** – She reminded all that the village elections will be held on Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup> from noon – 9 PM in the village hall to elect two (2) trustees for a two (2) year term each and a justice for a four (4) year term. The proposed 2014-2015 budget is ready and available in the village office for review. Also water termination is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> for those still owing their October 2013 bills. All regular office tasks have been completed.

**POLICE REPORT** – The report was given by Officer In Charge Vernon Doyle. A copy of the report is available in the village office for review. He did note that 19 tickets were issued to property owners who did not shovel their sidewalks. The homeowners who were not home received their tickets in the mail.

**LIBRARY REPORT – Buildings and Grounds** – A book cart was purchased to be used in the Young Adult Room and they are considering taking out the blackboard and replacing it with book shelves.

**Services** – Story time for preschooler's is being held on Thursdays at 10:00AM. They are also trying to schedule "Movie Night" every other Friday.

**Grants and Donations** – Donations in memory of Dorothy Bowes are at \$4190. They made an application for a mini-grant from Mid-Hudson but it requires a community partner. They are planning to start a mobile library at the Town of Claverack Park program this year. They have been awarded \$450 from Stewart's that they will use on the summer reading program. This grant was prepared by Matthew Perry.

**COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT – Facilities** – The center was cleaned for reopening in March, they have purchase storage boxes for supplies. The ice rink was a learning experience. It is hoped that with this year's experience the rink will be up and ready at the beginning of next season.

**Programs** - Game night will be held on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4:15 – 6:00PM. They had fourteen people complete the NYS Boater Safety Course. An interest has been expressed with Zumba classes and they are looking for an instructor. Matt Perry has been contacted to help set up a social media site to help promote center activities. The center will be used on March 22<sup>nd</sup> by Susannah White for a project with wool.

A copy of the complete report is available in the village office for review.

**MAYORS REPORT** – He reported a nice February (on vacation). He attended meetings and signed all necessary paperwork. He also spoke with Dave Robinson about Pine Haven.

**TRUSTEE SAGAL** – She reported that all street lights are working. She attended the Community Day, Library Board, Budget and Workshop meetings and handled complaints.

**TRUSTEE PERRY** - He also attended meetings and met with baseball and softball people about getting our field ready for spring. He noted that there will be a 5K run in May to benefit our library and the Claverack Library. He also handled complaints.

**TRUSTEE CROPPER** - He gave the DPW and Water/Sewer reports, a copy of which are available in the village office for review. He then wanted to thank Matt Perry for his service to the village. In the Mayor's absence last month he had a very busy month running and attending meetings. He also met with various others about budget issues. He spoke with Habitat for Humanity and they will be attending the April 23<sup>rd</sup> workshop meeting. He is looking for a group who might be interested in using the warehouse building. He will be in contact with PS21 and asked Matt Perry if he could contact the Hudson Opera House for interested parties. He also attended the community day meeting and Dick Howard informed us that they now have a new secretary and treasurer as well as an Employer Identification Number (EIN).

**TRUSTEE OSTRANDER** – He gave the fire company report which is available for review in the village office. It highlighted that the fire company should be ready to respond to ECHOE level EMS calls in the fire district by April 14<sup>th</sup>. The Taconic Hills little league has asked if the fire company would serve refreshments during games at the Town Park this spring. He then reported that he also attended meetings and has worked with Sally Baker on the BOA grant. He had ST Hudson clear the drain at the firehouse and also met with Monolith Solar and Viridian Power.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE – LIST WAS PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE**

#### **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**MOTION** to hold the Annual Organizational Meeting and the Annual Budget Hearing on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 7:00PM in the Village Hall was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to re-appoint Charles Hoag as Associate Justice with a term beginning April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

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

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

**UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS** – The question was raised about the Reformed Church and if they would be rebuilding soon. It was determined that they have no plans to rebuild right now. Trustee Sagal will check with Church officials for a more definite answer.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons  
Clerk/Treasurer