

**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2014**

PRESENT: Mayor Clarence Speed, Trustees Barbara Sagal, Douglas Cropper, Larry Ostrander, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Christine Speed (Brian Johnson & Rob Fitzsimmons, absent)

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

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

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Summit Lake & T&A Abstract #11, Health Care Deductible #9) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper ALL AYES NO NAYS

PUBLIC REQUESTS

Mr. Al Wassenhove, chairman of Save Pine Haven, spoke at length regarding the future of the Pine Haven Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. He stated that he had met recently with supervisors to tour the facility. While on this tour, Mr. Wassenhove said the supervisor noted changes which would be made if he had his way, i.e. cutting staff immediately, "institutionalizing" the rooms and stripping the residents of their personal belongings. Mr. Wassenhove stated that privatizing caused behavior issues in residents and if the home is sold it would not remain operational. Residents would be transferred to other facilities to keep their census numbers up. Mr. Wassenhove told the audience that he has been involved with Pine Haven for over 42 years and has more knowledge of the facility than the supervisors, who most likely had never even been to the facility. He continued by adding, "Our roots are deep and they haven't seen nothing yet". He noted that the new deli on Main Street and Cumberland Farms would suffer greatly with the loss of Pine Haven from Philmont. Mr. Wassenhove promised the Mayor & Board that "as long as he can stand, he will not wave the flag of surrender" and pled with them to pass a Resolution the save Pine Haven. In closing Mr. Wassenhove urged the audience to contact the supervisors to save Pine Haven.

Richard Osborn asked about the blacktop issues on Elmwood Avenue. Mayor Speed stated that the blacktop plants were just up and running for the season and the problem will be addressed. Mr. Osborn also mentioned that the Columbia Cruisers would again be donating trophies for Community Day

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: No report.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: Reported by Deputy Christine Speed that elections were held on March 18th and all went smoothly with Barbara Sagal and Brian Johnson winning 2 year seats on the Village Board and Russ Immarigeon was elected as our new Justice for a 4 year term. They were sworn in on April 7th. The annual budget hearing was held on April 7th and the budget was approved for the new fiscal year. Water bills were mailed out on March 28, 2014 and are due without penalty through April 30th. It was noted that the Village Office will be closed on Friday, April 18th for Good Friday. Noted that the Office was working with the attorney, delinquent tax letters were sent out last week. Also, all the usual office tasks have been completed (paid bills, reports, water/sewer collections, garbage sticker sales, bookkeeping, budget preparation, election work, etc.)

LIBRARY REPORT: Provided by Director Karen Garafalo and presented by Trustee Sagal.
Building & Grounds – Reported several issues regarding local youth which were handled after a call to the Sheriffs. Bids are out for the Pavilion roof. Reported some damage caused by plowing.
Services- Spring Break activities are scheduled. Taconic Hills is holding Math Workshops. Hawthorne Valley 4th graders used the Cultural Center. Circulation for March 2014 was down from March last year, noted due to Netflix and e-readers. **Grants & Donations:** Annual Grant received for \$5,000 from Hudson River Bank & Trust. She received notice of a grant of \$250 from Bank of Greene County for purchase of Laptop.

COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT: Provided by Director Julia Veronezi, given by Trustee Cropper. **Facilities** -The skating rink is being taken down & stored. **Program** – Game nights are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be an 8 week Zumba session starting April 14th. Bird House construction program will take place April 26th. New balls and equipment have been purchased. String eggs will be made for Easter. **Staff** – Director Veronezi met with Michelle Benson and Anthony Krein to review job descriptions are share ideas.

MAYOR SPEED: Gave the Police report provided by OIC Vernon Doyle, a copy is available in the village hall for review. OIC Doyle requested that Lek Nazi be hired as a P/T Officer to fill the vacancy created by Officer John Sotile relocating. This request was added to the motions. Mayor Speed attended demonstrations at Pine Haven, he addressed & fixed an insurance billing issue with Scott's Aluminum Truck for the Fire Co., he met with Deputy Johnson regarding the DPW garage repairs. He attended the organizational meeting and signed all necessary paperwork.

TRUSTEE SAGAL: Reported that she attended 2 Pine Haven demonstrations, signed a petition and wrote a letter to the editor on the matter. She noted that the street lights are all working. She attended the Organizational and Community Day Meetings.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: Gave the DPW/WA/SW Report provided by Superintendent Scheller, a copy is available in the office for review. Trustee Cropper attended the Community and Organizational Meetings, met with Mike Scheller to address sludge disposal pricing. He is working to get Community Theater in Philmont with PS21. He also repaired the fishing poles for the Community Center. He checked Forest Lake and other properties and reported that all are good and free of litter. Trustee Cropper also asked Dick Howard to comment on the Community Day status. Mr. Howard noted that the day would also include a 5K race, Hot Dog Eating Contest and a Tug-O-War.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: Gave the Fire Company report provided by Chief Mark Beaumont. His report highlighted graduations and certifications of members and is available in the village office for review. Trustee Ostrander attended the Community Day and Organizational Meetings. He noted that he has met with PB Inc. and Elan Planning regarding the Brownfield Grant. They will continue moving forward until funding arrives. He has been working with Monolith Solar; the next meeting is in May. NYSEG was contacted for Village electric usage and has been sent to the village office. He also received a call from Robert MacFarlane regarding a Village tax issue.

CORRESPONDENCE – LIST WAS PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to accept as warrant the tax levy in the amount of \$508,150.00 and the tax rate of \$7.38/1000 as passed at the Annual Budget Hearing held on April 7, 2014 was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS
2. **MOTION** to accept with regret, the resignation of Nancy Brousseau as Zoning Board Chair effective immediately was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustees Ostrander, Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS
3. **MOTION** to appoint Kurt Basl as Zoning Board Chair to fill the vacated seat of Nancy Brousseau was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to accept with regret the resignation of Kurt Basl as a regular member of the Zoning Board of Appeals effective immediately was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS
5. **MOTION** to appoint Nancy Brousseau as a regular member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the vacated seat of Kurt Basl was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS
6. **MOTION** to move funds within accounts as needed, made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
7. **MOTION** to hire Lek Nazi as a Part Time Police Officer was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
8. **MOTION** to accept the following Philmont Fire Company 2014-2015 Officers (Per Chief Beaumont, all have proper certifications), was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal, ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Officers

President: John Blaauw
Vice President: Matthew Oakley
Treasurer: Robert Card
Assistant Treasurer: William Blaauw
Secretary: Dave Naughton
Assistant Secretary: Tonya Oakley

Trustees

5-Year Trustee: Larry Ostrander

Line Officers

Chief: Mark Beaumont

1st Assistant Chief: Ryan O'Dowd

2nd Assistant Chief: Richard Howard

Captain: John Calderon

1st Lieutenant: Kevin Beahn

2nd Lieutenant: Brian Ostrander

9. **Motion** to approve the following slate as members of the Philmont Volunteer Fire Company:

Karyn Johnson

Randy Prazma

Matt Martel

Nabal Camacho

Andrew O'Neill

Jeannette Beaumont

Mike Foley

Doug Cropper

was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander and Mayor Speed, SAGAL, OSTRANDER, SPEED AYES, NO NAYS, CROPPER ABSTAINED.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

UNFINISHED - Chief Mark Beaumont asked about the status of the fire gutted Summit Street property. Mayor Speed said the Village is moving forward with this property. Trustee Ostrander said the County has been holding the Village up, but we are in the process of taking care of that.

NEW – At this time Trustee Cropper asked for a Resolution for Pine Haven tonight.

Resolution to offer to prevent the privatization of the Pine Haven Home was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustees Sagal and Ostrander as well as Mayor Speed. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Trustee Sagal and seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A Speed
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT