

**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY MAY 12, 2014 – 7:00 PM**

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

PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW #1 – 2014 “Establishing an installment agreement for eligible real property owners pursuant to section 1184 of the New York Real Property Tax Law”

Attorney Fitzsimmons gave a brief overview of the proposed law allowing qualifying homeowners the ability to enter into a payment plan with the village for outstanding village taxes.

MOTION to adopt “Local Law #1-2014; Establishing an installment agreement for eligible real property owners pursuant to section 1184 of the New York Real Property Tax Law was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

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MOTION to approve the minutes of the previous meeting (with the correction to Trustee Cropper’s resolution to OPPOSE the privatization of Pine Haven, NOT to prevent it) was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to approve the treasurer’s report made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to approve the payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Trust & Agency & Summit Lake Abstract #’s 12 and Health Care Deductible Abstract # 10) was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

PUBLIC REQUESTS - There were no public requests

ATTORNEY’S REPORT – Attorney Fitzsimmons reported ongoing matters and working on the new local law.

CLERK/TREASURER’S REPORT – The village office will be closed on Monday, May 26th for Memorial Day. The tentative tax roll has been completed and returned to Columbia County Real Property Tax Service for processing. The annual tax bills will be mailed out on May 30th and will be due by July 1st without penalty. Water turn-off letters were mailed out for those still owing their January 2014 water/sewer bills. Turn-off is scheduled for June 11th at noon. All the usual office tasks have been completed. She has been working with the attorney on the new local law and is preparing to close the books for the fiscal year end and will start the annual report for the NYS Department of Audit and Control.

POLICE REPORT – None given

LIBRARY REPORT – Director Karen Garafalo reported that the bid for the roof on the pavilion went to May Hill Timberpeg. Linda McNeil and Pat Harder will be planting the flower beds this year and the Claverack Garden Club donated the money for the flowers. She also reported that Cornell Cooperative Extension will be providing two workshops on Lego Robotics in June; the Columbia County Amateur Photography club will be exhibiting starting May 12th in the Cultural Center with a reception on May 17th from 5-7pm. She also reported that the Book It program was a huge success and plans for next year’s walk/run are being made. They had 133 registered for this year’s event and each library made about \$1200.00. The library also received a grant from Mid-Hudson for literacy in the summer reading program, and they will be working with the Claverack library on a “lending program” for the Claverack Town Park Program this summer.

COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT was given by Trustee Cropper. He reported that the DPW has been working on the flagpole and playground area. Plumbing work was done on the bathroom and they will be sheet rocking one wall in the kitchen soon. Game nights continue on Monday, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, and Zumba will continue through May 19th on Mondays. Participants had a good time with the birdhouse building program. Special thanks goes out to the Philmont Rod and Gun Club for providing all the wood needed for the project and to Cornell Cooperative Extension for sending information used in the lesson. They have purchase new supplies and programs for dish gardens, terrariums, fairy houses and the growing of herbs will be coming soon. The program from Monolith Solar had a good attendance.

MAYORS REPORT – The may reported attending meetings about health insurance and meeting with others on the damage at the DPW garage due to snow this past winter. He also signed all necessary paperwork. He also reported that he will be putting banners up soon.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON – Trustee Johnson started with the DPW report and he reported that they have been chipping brush, painted curbs, sweeping streets working on the softball field, putting in the speed bumps at the community center, and doing general clean up around the village. He has been working with Morris Associates about the damage on the DPW building and he has also been working on the Summit Heights pump station, we have one of the pumps in.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER – He gave the fire company report, a copy of which is available for review in the village office. He then reported that the new truck committee has been meeting regularly and they have been working on getting three quotes that will be coming in shortly. We have received one quote to paint the outside of the municipal building and he has talked with George Robertson who will be “pointing” the building. He attended a meeting with Monolith Solar and was informed that solar power should be able to provide 100% of the power at the DPW building and about 53% for the municipal building. He also met with Trustee Johnson about replacing windows in the firehouse and has also been working on the BOA grant. He also had a meeting set up with the engineer at the warehouse but the meeting was cancelled.

TRUSTEE SAGAL – Reported the she attended the community day committee meeting and had a conference call regarding the BOA grant. She also spoke with the county about recycling protocol, and admits that she herself has been improperly recycling. The village will be undergoing an education program to inform residents the proper way to recycle.

TRUSTEE CROPPER – He reported that he has spoken with both Linda Gatter and our building inspector Stan Koloski about the warehouse, has had the locksmith work at the community center and attended the fire banquet where he was able to administer the oath of office. He attended the birdhouse and solar classes at the community center. He checked on all village properties, and all is well. He also spoke about the book written by Russell Dunn entitled “Paddling the Quiet Waters” because it speaks of our reservoir. He also attended the community day committee meeting and Dick Howard gave an update on their progress.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST was provided to the public

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

MOTION to take action against delinquent water users; was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

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

MOTION to hold the end of the year meeting on Wednesday May 28, 2014 at 12:00 noon in the village office for the sole purpose of paying the end of year bills was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to authorize the mayor to sign the contract with Monolith Solar was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS - Trustee Ostrander again spoke about the truck committee and that they have looked at several trucks. He has spoken with the Bank of Greene County and asked the attorney if they would have to go out for a referendum vote. He wanted to know how long that process would take. He was informed the process would take a couple of months. Paperwork has been filed for the dissolution of the LDC.

With no further business the mayor asked for a moment of silence in memory of Alice Blaauw and Walter Morris.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons
Clerk/Treasurer