

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY June 9, 2014 – 7:00 PM

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

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

MOTION to approve the treasurer's report was 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, and Health Care Deductible Abstract's # 1) was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

PUBLIC REQUESTS –

Robert Macfarlane brought an outstanding tax matter before the board in which he has been charged penalties for an outstanding tax. He feels that because he never received the tax bill, (the bill went to his mortgage company) he should not be liable for the penalties. Attorney Fitzsimmons answered him, informing him on New York State tax law. There is no way the village can wave penalties on property taxes.

Brian Wheeler then spoke about the water lines in front of his residence. It seems that they stick up out of the ground and he and his children have tripped over them. He would like to have them lowered. He also raised a question on a water bill in which he thinks he has been charged in error. Mayor Speed will check with water superintendent Michael Scheller about both situations.

Holly Hedgepeth from the Healthcare Consortium briefed the board and public on cancer screening services they offer to uninsured or underinsured individuals. She left coupons for free mammogram, pap and colon screening. The coupons are available in the village office.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Attorney Fitzsimmons reported ongoing matters and working on litigation.

CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT – The village office will be closed on Friday, July 4th for Independence Day. The annual tax bills were mailed out on May 30th and are due through July 1st without penalty. Twenty properties still remain on the water turn-off; turn-off is scheduled for June 11th at noon. All the usual office tasks have been completed. The books are closed for the fiscal year end and she will start the annual report for the NYS Department of Audit and Control. She reported that a number of residents have taken advantage of the new local law allowing payments for their outstanding village taxes.

SUMMIT HEIGHTS – An update was given by engineer Ray Jurkowski on the progress of the Summit Heights Subdivision. The project developer has decided not to move forward with Phase 2B, but he would like to keep the thirteen lots that are already there. He has equipment on site that he is willing to give to the village in exchange for one building permit so he can put up a "model" home. The equipment includes a generator, booster pump and fire pump. Although the equipment is already there, it is not hooked up and would cost the village a substantial amount of money to get it up and running. The board will consider this offer.

POLICE REPORT – Was given by Officer Huyck, he reported ten arrests in May with twenty-one criminal complaints. The complete report is available in the village office for review.

LIBRARY REPORT – The report was given by Trustee Sagal. She reported that work on the pavilion is slow and that the trusses have been ordered. The final tally for the book it program netted each library \$1,330. The library also received a grant from the Bank of Greene County to purchase a laptop.

COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT was given by Trustee Cropper. Game nights continue on Monday, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, and that Zumba is now over but may resume in the fall. Susannah White will be hosting a summer camp for a one week session in August that will focus on puppetry and puppet making. Preregistration will be required and class size will be limited to fifteen. They also noted that they have a new volunteer from the high school who will be helping out at the center.

MAYORS REPORT – The mayor reported attending meetings, signing all necessary paperwork, and answering phone calls. He also wanted to thank Tim Teaney, Don Sartori, Jeff French and himself for putting the banners up on Main Street.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON – Trustee Johnson started with the DPW/WA/SW reports, a copy of which is available in the office for review. He reported that all the trees have been marked for the solar power, and that the tree on Main Street between the municipal building and the bank will have to be trimmed before the solar panels can be installed.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER – Mark Beaumont spoke to the board at this point about the fire companies request to be able to respond to cardiac arrest calls with the Greenport rescue squad. He reported that the fire company is ready and anxious to help. Trustee Ostrander then gave his report. He sighted receiving a second estimate on exterior painting for the municipal building and waiting for NYSERDA before we can move forward with solar power. He has met with the truck committee and they are getting close to being able to put bid requests out. The fire company also would like to hold a fundraiser in the village hall on June 20th from 4-8 pm to help a family that has recently lost a child.

TRUSTEE SAGAL – Reported she attended meetings and the Memorial Day parade. She also informed everyone that there will be a rally on Wednesday at 6:30 before the board of Supervisors meeting in support of Pine Haven. She also reported one street light out.

TRUSTEE CROPPER – He reported attending meetings, the parade, and the ribbon cutting at Local III, as well as doing his property checks. He found one out of state car at Forest Lake and no other problems with village properties, with the exception of having to call the police to the community center because they found drug paraphernalia in the water. All is going well with community day and donations are coming in. At this time Richard Howard gave an update on community day. He let the board know that the town board has accepted the tug-of-war challenge and is looking forward to meeting their opponent. They will also be having a hot dog eating contest and a 5K run. Trustee Cropper mentioned to the mayor that he may want to have at least three “honorary” trustees for the day.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST was provided to the public

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

MOTION to hire Abigail Nack to work in the library with her hours not to exceed 40 per month, at the substitute rate of \$11.00/hour; was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to approve the fire companies request to respond with truck 47-4 when the Greenport rescue squad is dispatched to cardiac arrests starting June 15, 2014 ; was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS - Trustee Ostrander spoke about the Sam Wright properties on Highland Avenue and Ellsworth Street. He wants to know what is being done to have them cleaned up. The village has won a decision in Justice Court and Mr. Wright has been fined for the properties, but he is not cleaning them up. The board will forward their concerns to the building department so a letter can be issued to Mr. Wright to have the properties secured.

With no further business the mayor asked for a moment of silence in memory of Kathy Essig.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons
Clerk/Treasurer