

**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY July 14, 2014 – 7:00 PM**

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

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

**MOTION** to approve the treasurer's report was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. 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 # 2, Summit Heights Abstract # 1 & Grant Account Abstract # 1) was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**PUBLIC REQUESTS** – None

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT** – Attorney Fitzsimmons reported ongoing matters, working on a new local law and derelict properties.

**CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT** – The Annual Report for the Department of Audit and Control has been completed and forwarded to the State of New York. A copy is available for review in the office. Village tax bills are now past due. A 5% penalty will be applied through the end of this month. July water/sewer bills were mailed out on June 30<sup>th</sup> and are due without penalty through this month. All quarterly and monthly reports as well as all usual office tasks have been completed.

**POLICE REPORT** – Was given by Trustee Johnson. The complete report is available in the village office for review.

**LIBRARY REPORT** – The report was given by Trustee Sagal. The roof on the pavilion is on and it is almost finished. They are still having problems with some of the area youths. They are planning on a book sale later this summer. The Directors Challenge is almost half over and they have just over 600 signatures. The Robotics workshops were very successful and they had the maximum participation in each group. They have close to 40 signed up for the summer reading program and the joint mobile library program has been eagerly received by the youth at the Claverack Town Park.

**COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT** was given by Trustee Cropper. Game nights and programming have been impacted by the heat. Despite this, game nights have continued. The center hosted an "ice cream social" and they have helped children learn how to make real whipped cream which they tested on strawberry shortcakes. Plans for the puppet play summer camp continue. They would like to use the kiosk for the camp, so they will have to clean up this area. The village may want to consider an air conditioner for the center.

**MAYORS REPORT** – (On Vacation)

**TRUSTEE JOHNSON** – Trustee Johnson started with the DPW/WA/SW reports, a copy of which is available in the office for review. He then reported working on the trailer park clean up, helping at the sewer plant after the heavy rains, and is looking forward to future "clean-up" projects.

**TRUSTEE OSTRANDER** – Reported working on the Community Day fishing derby. They had low attendance and would like to see greater participation in the future. He has been working long hours on the BOA grant and with the fire truck committee. The two new windows for the firehouse are here and waiting to be installed. Glass still needs to be replaced along the back side of the building. He has received three quotes for exterior painting of the municipal building and decisions now need to be made. He also gave the fire company report, a copy of which is available in the office for review.

**TRUSTEE SAGAL** – Reported working on Community Day and the fireworks. She purchased a new basketball net for the community center, reported one street light out and also has had meetings about the BOA grant.

**TRUSTEE CROPPER** – Reported that he has also worked on Community Day, attended meetings, checked village properties, inspected the trailer park clean up and attended the fire truck inspection night. Richard Howard gave the Community Day report at this time. He reported overall a good day, however because of the local high schools graduation, a lower turn out. The Philmont Police Department have earned bragging rights this year winning the "tug-of-war" competition. The baseball game was canceled due to lack of participation but Trustee Johnson informed all that the "Crush" softball team has agreed to play against the Police Department next year. Mr. Howard handed out Certificates of Appreciation to the village board. Community Day will be held next year on the FIRST Saturday in June.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Sagal at this time to increase the annual donation from \$2,000 to \$2,500 for the Community Day firework display; it was seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**CORRESPONDENCE LIST** was provided to the public

#### **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**MOTION** to hire Julie Nack as Substitute Librarian at the rate of \$11.00/hour; was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS** - The board had discussion about a proposed new local law. They wanted to know if they could take action on the law tonight. They were informed that it has to be noticed for a Public Hearing. There will be a public hearing at the beginning of next month's board meeting. Trustee Cropper inquired about the status of the contract with the employee's union and was informed that Attorney Fitzsimmons is waiting for the union representative to get back to him. Richard Osborn commented that Memorial Field looks very nice all cleaned up. Trustee Cropper received permission to invite our website handler to the village office for a meeting with the office staff. Trustee Ostrander and Ryan O'Dowd spoke about the new fire truck. They are close to being able to put it out to bid. Trustee Sagal reminded the board that the library roof needs to be replaced and money needs to be "found" for that. Trustee Ostrander informed all that progress is being made with the drain on the municipal building.

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

Deputy Mayor Johnson asked for a moment of silence in memory of Robert Chambers, Betty Calvin, and Peggy Montague.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons  
Clerk/Treasurer