

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY August 11, 2014 – 7:00 PM

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

PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2014 – “ESTABLISHING THAT THE VILLAGE OF PHILMONT VILLAGE JUSTICE SHALL BE A VILLAGE RESIDENT PURSUANT TO NEW YORK LAW 3 – 300”

Two members of the public, Grant Prime and Richard Osborn, commented that they are in agreement with this new local law.

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

MOTION to adopt “Local Law 2-2014- Establishing that the Village of Philmont Village Justice shall be a Village resident pursuant to New York Law 3-300 was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

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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 Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. 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 # 3, & Grant Account Abstract # 1) was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

PUBLIC REQUESTS – Dale Rowe from the Philmont Rod and Gun Club asked the board’s permission for the club’s members to fish at Village owned Forest Lake. He presented the board with a permit system in which the club would hand out up to six passes each day to members. Each pass would allow two people permission to fish the lake each day. The passes would be laminated and left on the dashboard of the cars. The passes will be used year round so as to allow ice fishing as well. In exchange for permission to use the lake the club would “police” the area and call law enforcement when necessary. After discussion, the board decided to allow the club permission, but for only up to four passes each day.

MOTION to allow the Philmont Rod and Gun Club to allow members use of Forest Lake for fishing on a permit basis with no more than four permits issued per day. The area will be “policed” by the Gun Club; was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

Also Richard Osborn thought that the DPW department did a fine job patching area roads. His also thanked the men for their swift action cleaning up after the rain storm that took down many trees in the village.

Karen Garafalo asked that the Police start enforcing the one hour parking on Main Street. The Mayor informed her that the police are aware of the situation and are watching. Tenants along Main Street are parking on the street instead of using the parking spaces allotted for them, thus taking up all the parking for area businesses.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT – Attorney Fitzsimmons reported working on the new Local Law, Summit Heights booster pump station, matching the village foreclosure list to the county’s, getting bonding information for a new fire truck, working with the union and ongoing matters.

CLERK/TREASURER’S REPORT – All monthly reports as well as all usual office tasks have been completed. The office will be closed on Monday, September 1st for Labor Day. Certified water turn-off letters were mailed out to 35 homeowners still owing their April 2014 bills. Water turn off is scheduled for September 10th at noon. There has been lots of positive feedback about the calendar and reminders that were placed in with the water/sewer bills. We hope to continue this practice.

POLICE REPORT – Was given by Mayor Speed. The complete report is available in the village office for review. OIC Doyle has requested sponsorship for four recruits to attend the Zone 14 Law Enforcement Academy (see motions). Discussion was had about area nighttime activities. It was decided that the police department needs to start having overnight shifts, so as to deter these after hour activities.

LIBRARY REPORT – The report was given by Director Karen Garafalo. The purple slab for the pavilion is being poured on August 12th. The parging is finished and the electric is about 70% complete. They will wait to finish the ceiling until additional funds can be raised. It was suggested that they install an additional camera to cover the pavilion for security purposes. The completion party is scheduled for September 21st. They will be providing a pig roast and chicken barbeque. Attendees will be bringing a dish to pass. The yard sale netted \$1,300. They had lots of help both on Friday and Saturday. The summer reading program continues to draw crowds, thanks to the hard work of Jessica Schedler and Kayla Keyser. The wrap up party will be held on August 12th at the Claverack Town Park with the Claverack Library. They have also received a grant for 80% reimbursement for their phone lines. They also have received a \$500 donation from the roofing contractor.

COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT was given by Trustee Cropper. The full report is available in the office for review. The center is planning on installing an air conditioning system. Bees continue to be a problem on the playground despite the work of the DPW crew and our trustees. Game nights continue and the puppet camp has 10 children enrolled. The center is always looking for activities and programs, anyone interested in running one is asked to contact Julie Veronizi.

MAYORS REPORT – He had a good time on vacation. Since his return he has had numerous photos for the “Thank – A – Vet” party. He is hoping for a good turnout for this event which will be held in the Claverack Town Park on August 24th. He has also been busy answering complaints.

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 with the contractor on parging of the library pavilion, and soon, the municipal building. He has been working at the community center and wishes to warn residents that the DPW has discovered bees in the ground on Prospect Street.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER – Trustee Ostrander gave the fire company report, a copy of which is available in the office for review. He reported that Rodney Waite was the low bidder for painting the municipal building and that City Glass will be working on the downstairs windows. He has been busy working on bonding information for the new fire truck. We have a few options. He reported that the hydrant on Church Street is not working and needs to be repaired. He will speak to the DPW about this.

TRUSTEE SAGAL – Reported attending meetings and reported a light pole that is leaning on Main Street.

TRUSTEE CROPPER – Reported that he has attended meetings, met with Trustee Johnson and the village clerk about banking issues. He also has been working with the webmaster to have training for office staff to help maintain the website. He has spoken with County Waste about issues of garbage being left on the streets for extended periods of time. He wishes to remind residents who use other waste removal companies that cans should not be placed out at the curb before 7PM the night before their scheduled pick up and must be taken back in by 7PM the following night. He also commented on the good response from the DPW crew on the storm that blew through the village.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST was provided to the public

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

MOTION to sponsor four recruits to the Zone 14 Law Enforcement Academy was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS - The board had discussion about the Wright properties. Attorney Fitzsimmons reported that we are again awaiting a court decision. The trailers on Summit Street have been cleaned up and this clean up would not have been possible without the work from our DPW staff.

With no further business before them a

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons
Clerk/Treasurer