

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
Monday, November 10, 2014**

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

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

**MOTION:** to approve the treasurer's report made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION:** to approve payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Trust & Agency, Summit Lake and Health Care Deductible abstract's #6) made by Trustee Ostrander , seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

Kate Martino read the letter she wrote to the board last month about the old department of public works building. She would like to know what the Village intends to do with the property and how they plan on cleaning up the site. The Mayor and Trustee Johnson responded to her concerns explaining that as the department of public works department gets the time, they are cleaning up the area now, and the Village plans to take the building down sometime in the spring. Questions were raised about contaminates and asbestos and if any testing has been done. The board responded that no contaminates have been found on site and the building department will handle the proper procedure to take the building down. Caroline O'Neill asked about the future of the site. The board responded that it remains undetermined, with the possibility of leaving it open "green space".

**ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:**

He cited work with ongoing projects. He also informed the board that the Village may want to look into raising the exemption level for our Veterans Exemptions on property tax.

**CLERK/TREASURER SIMMONS:** Reported that the Village Office will be closed on Tuesday November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veterans Day. Garbage pick-up will be held on Wednesday November 12<sup>th</sup> this week. She also noted that the office will be closed on Thursday November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Water termination letters were mailed out today for properties still owing their July 2014 water/sewer bills. Termination has been scheduled for December 10, 2014. All regular office tasks have been completed.

**POLICE REPORT:** Given by Sgt. Thomas. A copy of the full report is available in the village office for review.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** The report was given by Trustee Ostrander. The library will be putting the ceiling in the pavilion soon and a new pitched roof will be going on the library building. Movie nights will continue, but they are now moving inside because of the weather. The Library has once again been named a 4-star library by the Library Journal. A copy of the full report is available for review in the village office.

**COMMUNITY CENTER:** Report was read by Trustee Cropper. The pumpkin walk, which was held on October 25<sup>th</sup>, had 45 children and adults attend. A special thanks to Michelle Benson for organizing the event and to all who worked to make the walk a success. A copy of the full report is available in the office for review.

**MAYOR SPEED:** Reported that he has attended meetings, answered complaints, oversaw the planting of trees at Veterans Park, and put up the seasonal banners with the help of his son Robbie.

**TRUSTEE SAGAL:** She updated everyone about Pine Haven and also noted that there will be a committee meeting soon. She also attended the library board meeting where there was discussion about getting a sign for the pavilion area to let people know they need to "clean up after your pet".

**TRUSTEE JOHNSON:** He read the DPW/WA/SW reports, a copy of which are available in the office for review. He then reported that he has spoken with Ray Jurkowski from Morris Associates about getting the pumps on Summit Street operational. The quotes that were received were high but Morris Associates are reworking them and will get a breakdown to him soon.

**TRUSTEE OSTRANDER:** Trustee Ostrander reported judging the Halloween party and noted that he is still waiting for a response from Senator Marchione about helping speed up the process for NYSERTA approval for the solar panels. He has also been working with ongoing issues. He also read the Fire Company report, a copy of which is available for review in the Village Office for review.

**TRUSTEE CROPPER:** Reported attending fire school, a CPR course and the DARE ceremony at Taconic Hills. He also has been working on updating the Emergency Management Plan and has not gotten a response from anyone; he will now work with the clerk and update the plan. He also attended the "Women of Distinction" ceremony. A copy of the ceremony program is available for review in the village office. He has checked all village properties and found that a new seat is needed on a picnic table by the gazebo on Lake Drive. He walked village property with Trustee Johnson and the DEC looking for problems and also judged the Halloween party.

Dick Howard asked the board if the Community Day Committee would be able to use the Village Hall on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> for a "Breakfast with Santa" fundraising event. The board granted him permission.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE LIST PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC**

#### **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**MOTION** to enforce the water turn-off law with termination scheduled for Wednesday, December 10, 2014 for those still owing their July, 2014 water/sewer bills was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to spend \$13,850.00 from the Building Maintenance Reserve account for a new roof for the Library was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

#### **UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:**

Sally Baker gave an update on the Brownfield Opportunity Grant for the Summit Lake Revitalization Plan. She noted that there will be a meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 at the Library. She encourages community participation with this project. She also asked the board if would put a link for the BOA project on our website. The board will speak to the web team about this.

Dick Howard noted that he has decorated two of the trees in Veterans Park.

Trustee Ostrander asked about the progress with moving the old records at which time he was informed that cardboard needs to be cleaned out and files need to be moved.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons  
Clerk/Treasurer