

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
Monday, March 9, 2015**

**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 #10, Building Maintenance Reserve Abstract # 2, and BOA Grant Abstract #5,) made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal . ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**PUBLIC REQUESTS: NONE**

**ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:**

Attorney Fitzsimmons reported work with ongoing projects.

**CLERK/TREASURER SIMMONS:** Reminded all that Village Elections will be held on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from noon – 9 pm in the village hall to elect two trustee's and one mayor for a two year term each. Water termination is scheduled for Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>. All usual office tasks have been completed and work on the proposed budget is now complete. The office will be closed on Friday April 13<sup>th</sup> for the Good Friday Holiday. I would like to ask all departments to be careful with spending for the rest of this fiscal year. Accounts are getting low and expenses have been high this year.

**POLICE REPORT:** Given by OIC Doyle. He reported the department has been busy with enforcing the parking and shoveling laws and has been putting extra patrols on in the area of Garden, Ham and Lower Church Streets. The department had taser recertification this past weekend in conjunction with the Millerton Police Department.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** No Report

**COMMUNITY CENTER:** Report was read by Trustee Cropper. Director Veronizi is concerned about some missing tiles in the center and an icing problem on the entrance door. The center is being used more by the community to hold meetings, showers, and parties. The NYS Safe Boating Class will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and is free to village residents. Free Columbia will also be hosting a "Spring Break Camp" held April 6<sup>th</sup> – 10 for children ages 5-12.

**MAYOR SPEED:** He reported having a nice vacation and since his return he has been busy answering complaints and signing papers.

**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 attended meetings with Monolith Solar, and the Budget Workshop. He has also been working with the roofer and handling complaints while the mayor was gone.

**TRUSTEE SAGAL:** She reported attending the Library Board Meeting. She also attended the Community Participation meeting for the BOA grant which was an all day event held at the library.

**TRUSTEE OSTRANDER:** Trustee Ostrander reported attending the workshop, community day, and budget meetings and having a meeting with Monolith Solar. He reported that they will be extending the agreement with Monolith and the possibility of selling some land at the sewer plant to them. According to estimates the village should be able to save approximately \$400,000 over the next 20 years by going solar. He also gave the fire company report.

**TRUSTEE CROPPER:** Reported attending the community day, workshop and BOA meetings. He announced that the Community Day Committee will be having two fundraising breakfast's which will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup>. He has been working on police issues, dealing with the concerns of the public, and checking village owned properties. He reported that there is still no access to Forest Lake. He also noted work on the Emergency Action Plan is complete and most of the changes where with trucks and personnel.

**CORRESPONDENCE LIST PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC**

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**MOTION** to hold the Annual Organizational Meeting and the Annual Budget Hearing on Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Village Hall was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

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

**MOTION** to allow the Mayor to enter into a five year inter municipal agreement with the Columbia County Department of Public Works for cooperation between highway departments, was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION** to spend \$31,400 from the Debt Reserve Account and another \$31,400 from the Sewer Maintenance Reserve Account to make the Annual Debt Service payment on the sewer plant was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION** to adopt the changes to the Emergency Management Plan was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION** to increase the price of garbage stickers from two dollars per sticker to three dollars per sticker affective April 1, 2015 was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:**

Concerns were aired about the Casivant code problems on Main Street. Attorney Fitzsimmons noted that the clock is ticking on this issue. Trustee Cropper asked that the next day Community Day Meeting be moved to a later time due to a conflict with the Annual Organizational meeting. It was also noted that two lights shining on the parking lot are out and Trustee Johnson will take care of this problem.

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