

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
Monday, April 13, 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 Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

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

**MOTION:** to approve payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Trust & Agency, Summit Lake and Health Care Deductible abstract's #11, Building Maintenance Reserve Abstract # 3) made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper . ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

Mr. Glenn aired concerns about personal safety within the village. He showed great concern after a gentleman was jumped by a group of people, beaten and robbed last week as he was walking home from the store late at night. He stated that residents are living in fear and the need for a neighborhood watch program. A police report was filed in this instance but he was not sure with what police department. Attorney Fitzsimmons encouraged him to set up a meeting with the Columbia County Sheriffs for help forming a neighborhood watch program.

Al Wassenhove shared his appreciation to the board for all their support with Pine Haven. He told the board they should be proud of the job they have done. He also congratulated the Mayor and Trustee's Ostrander and Cropper on their newly elected terms. He then gave an account of his appearance before the County Board of Supervisors where he requested them to pull the sale of Pine Haven for no less than thirty days because he feels there have been no disclosures given to the public. He cited no information has been given concerning an access road, right of ways, cell tower, or what will happen to the new Ford Plus van that was donated to Pine Haven. He also feels that the County has no concern for the economic impact the sale will have on the Village of Philmont and the level of care residents of Pine Haven now receive cannot be matched by any privately owned nursing home. He spoke about how the Veterans center he was working on will never happen, and that he had promising contact with the Veterans administration in Syracuse. He stated that some politicians are doing nothing and succeeding, and how he is ashamed of his County government. He again thanked the Village Board for their support and that the failure is on State Street in Hudson.

**ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:**

Attorney Fitzsimmons reported going ahead with changes to the Monolith Solar contract and work with ongoing projects.

**CLERK/TREASURER SIMMONS:** Village Elections were held on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, all went smoothly with no competition. The Mayor and Trustee's Ostrander and Cropper were all sworn in at the annual organizational/budget meeting held on April 6<sup>th</sup> by the honorable Judge Jonathan Nichols. Water termination was held on Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>. Two properties were shut off (one property was unable to be turned off). April water/sewer bills were mailed out on March 31<sup>st</sup> and are due without penalty through April 30<sup>th</sup>. Our annual Water Quality letter was mailed with each bill. The 2015-2016 Budget work is complete and was adopted on April 6<sup>th</sup>. All usual office tasks as well as the monthly and quarterly reports have been completed. I would once again 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. Two recruits have finished the Zone 14 Academy and will now begin their field training. More discussion was had about a neighborhood watch program. OIC Doyle is working with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office (Deputy Bauhoff) on the assault that happened last week. Citizens are concerned about what this summer will be like if things are out of hand now. OIC Doyle told them we have a problem with certain youth's in the village, because of the age of some of them, their parents have been charged. He also told them they have not yet determined how old the people involved in last week's assault are, just that it is an ongoing investigation. OIC Doyle took the names and numbers of all members in the audience and will set up a meeting to form a neighborhood watch program. Trustee Sagal will also see what can be done to get another street light in the area.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** No Report

**COMMUNITY CENTER:** Report was read by Trustee Cropper. The village is looking for someone who would be willing to do the small tile repairs needed on the floor. The NYS Safe Boating Course was held on March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> in partnership with the Philmont Rod and Gun Club and Hudson River Historic Boat Preservation Society. Twelve people attended and received certificates. Free Columbia held a summer camp the week of April 6<sup>th</sup>. The after school program restarted today and will continue on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday's each week. The center is continually being rented by members of the village for a variety of parties and events. Director Veronizi is currently investigating offering the "Safe Sitter" program in the near future.

**MAYOR SPEED:** He reported being sworn in at the organizational/budget meeting, attending the Columbia Economic Development breakfast meeting and the Legislative meeting. Although these meetings have kept him busy he has learned a lot and has had fun networking. He has also signed all necessary papers.

**TRUSTEE JOHNSON:** He read the DPW/WA/SW reports, a copy of which are available in the office for review. He then reported working with the men planning "spring clean up" and working with Morris Associates who will be reviewing the old DPW garage so we can start the process of taking it down. He also reported the water pumps on Summit Street will be going in this coming fiscal year.

**TRUSTEE SAGAL:** She reported attending the community day meeting and also the BOA meeting. She will check into getting a new street light in the area of Elm and Canal Streets.

**TRUSTEE OSTRANDER:** Trustee Ostrander let Chief Beaumont give the fire company monthly and yearly reports. He then reported working with the attorney and Monolith Solar, attending two meetings for the BOA grant where they are working on the input they received from community members and also working on goal statements. He also attended the community day breakfast and the organizational/budget meetings.

**TRUSTEE CROPPER:** Reported attending the community day meeting. Richard Howard then gave the date and time for the next breakfast. It will be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April and will be a fundraiser for a father and son cancer victims. Trustee Cropper then reported teaching the boating course and attending the fire company's annual meeting where he swore in the new officers. He complemented the fire company on the newspaper article pertaining to the female firefighters in the company. He has also been busy dealing with other issues within the village.

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

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

**MOTION** to accept as warrant the tax levy in the amount of \$515,800.00 and the tax rate of \$7.52/1000 as passed at the Annual Budget Hearing held on April 6, 2015 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 Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to accept with regret the resignation of Vonda Teaney as Substitute Librarian as of April 1, 2015 was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to accept the following slate of Philmont Fire Company 2015-2016 Officers as presented with each member meeting or exceeding qualifications,

OFFICERS – President – Larry Ostrander  
Vice President – Mike Wheeler  
Secretary – John Blaauw  
Assistant Secretary – Nathan Williams  
Treasurer – Robert Card  
Assistant Treasurer – William Blaauw

TRUSTEES – 5-year Trustee – Jose Ortiz  
1-year trustee – Matt Oakley

LINE OFFICERS -

Chief – Mark Beaumont  
1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief – Ryan O'Dowd  
2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief – John Calderon  
Captain – Brian Ostrander  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant - Kevin Beahn  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant – Christina Brusakos

At this time Dave Naughton stated concerns that not all of the above have meet all criteria for appointment. One of the individuals is short of the two years of service by a few months. Trustee Ostrander informed the board how this happened and after much discussion the **MOTION** was made to accept the slate as presented by Trustee Johnson, and seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION** to allow the Mayor to sign The Bank of Greene Count Charitable Foundation grant award was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**VILLAGE OF PHILMONT  
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2 OF 2015**

Adopting a Revised Building Department Fee Schedule.

At a regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees for the Village of Philmont, Columbia County, New York, duly held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015 at the Village Hall, 124 Main Street, Philmont, New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: Trustee Ostrander

Seconded by: Trustee Johnson

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board has review and discussed the making revisions to the fees and charges assessed for building projects within the village, known as the Building Department Fee Schedule; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board, in consultation with the Building Department has made revisions to the fee schedule to charge fees appropriate and relative to the costs incurred by the village to administer and review such building projects.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Philmont Board of Trustees does hereby adopt the Building Department Fee Schedule as attached hereto and made part hereof.

Upon question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Philmont Village Board members voted "Aye" in favor of the Resolution.

Trustee Ostrander;  
Trustee Johnson;  
Trustee Cropper;  
Trustee Sagal; and  
Mayor Speed

The following Philmont Village Board members voted "No" in opposition, thereto:

NONE.

The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Village Board the same was declared duly adopted by the Mayor of the Village of Philmont.

Dated: April 13, 2015

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Kimberly J. Simmons, Village Clerk  
Village of Philmont

**UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion was had about proceeding with foreclosures in the Village. Attorney Fitzsimmons will proceed and file a lien with the county once the county has finished with their latest round of foreclosures as this will take a lot of names off of the village list, leaving only a handful of properties for the village to proceed with. Trustee Ostrander informed all that the need for public transportation was brought up during the BOA meeting. There was a large response requesting transportation to and from Hudson. Also brought up at the meeting was the need to form a housing committee because the ratio between owners and renters is out of proportion. The board will "revisit" a bus service for the village. Mr. Casivant spoke with Attorney Fitzsimmons on an issue he is having with the building department and his trailer. Attorney Fitzsimmons explained the process he needs to follow and the need to make an appointment with the building department and speak with them directly.

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