

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, June 8, 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 #1, Fire Truck Reserve Abstract # 1, Brownfield Opportunity Grant Abstract #5) made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal . ALL AYES, NO NAYS

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Monte Jennings asked what could be done about the garbage and tires that have been dumped on Main Street. He also asked what could be done with the dog waste law. People are not cleaning up after their pets. The board discussed options and will ask the owner of a house in question if she can tidy up the area, they will also send the DPW down to pick up the litter. As for the problem with the dogs, short of having the police stop everyone walking a pet to check and see if they have a clean - up bag, little can be done without having someone sign a complaint.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:

Attorney Fitzsimmons reported working on foreclosures within the village. He has sent the list of delinquencies to the county clerk's office and will order the necessary title searches. He has revised the water law to reflect a new service charge. He has also been reviewing health insurance coverage for the employees as their current plan will expire soon. He also has been in touch with bond counsel for the new fire truck.

CLERK/TREASURER SIMMONS: All the usual office tasks have been completed. The office will be closed on Friday July 3rd for Independence Day. The annual tax bills were mailed out on June 1st and are due without penalty through July 1st. Sixteen properties still remain on the water turn-off list. Turn off is scheduled for June 10th at noon. The books are closed for the fiscal year end and I will be starting the annual report for the NYS Department of Audit and Control soon.

POLICE REPORT: Given by Sergeant Huyck, a copy of which is available in the office for review. He noted that Community Day was a success with no issues to report, also that the neighborhood watch meeting has been rescheduled by Sgt. Thomas.

LIBRARY REPORT: Given by Trustee Sagal. Spring clean up has been completed at the library and thanks to the security cameras, some of the area youth were apprehended and disciplined for their after hour's misbehavior. The cultural center is currently hosting work by Ockawamick Alumni Artists. Summer reading packets are ready for distribution, and the latest book club is a "Cookbook Book Club" and they will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. The Community Day book sale netted over eight hundred dollars for the library. Remaining books are now free and are located in the pavilion. They have also received a donation from an Ockawamick alumni for technology to educate young people and they have applied for a grant for museum passes from the Children's Fund.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Report was read by Trustee Cropper. The center is still working on getting the new tiles to replace the broken ones. The afterschool program is underway and they meet on Monday's, Tuesday's and Wednesday's. Michelle Benson has been busy planning activities for Community Day and she and Trustee Cropper are looking into offering a bike safety program with the Police Department to distribute helmets.

MAYOR SPEED: He reported attending Memorial Day and Community Day festivities, hanging banners on Main Street to welcome the Ockawamick Alumni, signing papers, moving bleachers for Community Day and staying busy with year ending projects. He reported that a greater electrical supply is needed on the Village Green. Trustee's Johnson and Cropper will look into this.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON: Read the DPW/WA/SW reports, a copy of which are available in the office for review. He reported that he will look into the fire company's recent request regarding some fire hydrants.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: Reported keeping busy with BOA business, attending Community Day meetings and Community Day. He read a letter from the Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary requesting use of the Village Hall for their meetings which are held on the first Monday of each month. Trustee Cropper has already handled the meeting conflicts and the Community Day Committee will now meet at the Community Center. The Auxiliary has the board's permission to use the meeting hall for their meetings.

TRUSTEE SAGAL: Trustee Sagal reported attending meetings as well as Community Day activities. She had a photo shoot at the Bank of Greene County for their Community Day donation. She noted that Community Day turned out to be a nice day and the fireworks were well attended and the display was nice this year. She also attended the library board and the BOA meetings this month. The BOA meeting was held at the Community Center and consisted of a focus group on economic development. There was lots of discussion about a bike trail that they would like to come into the Village. She also reported streetlights out to NYSE&G and she is still working on the streetlight on Canal Street.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: Reported attending Memorial Day and a "Drive to Survive" seminar provided by NYMIR Insurance. He highly recommends the program to all other departments and noted that they also offer a seminar for law enforcement personnel. He also attended Community Day meetings and Community Day events. He and Trustee Johnson had a meeting with a representative for Habitat for Humanity. He has checked Village properties, attended the workshop meeting and dealt with the Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary request for use of the hall.

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MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION to increase the rental fee at the Community Center to \$50.00 per event effective July 1, 2015; was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to pay \$140,000.00 to Shakerley Fire Truck Sales from the Fire Truck Reserve Account for the down payment of a new fire truck, as bid awarded, per motion at the January, 2015 board meeting, was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to hire Christopher Bleau as a part-time police officer effective immediately; was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to accept with regret the resignation of part-time police officer Owen Conway effective June 1, 2015; was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to accept the resignation of part-time police officer Lek Nazi effective June 1, 2015; was made by Trustee Cropper, second by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to accept Joseph Markham as a member of the Philmont Fire Company, was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to set a Public Hearing for July 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM pertaining to Local Law #1 of 2015 – amending the Village of Philmont Code in relation to water charges was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

Richard Howard took this opportunity to thank the Village Board for their support with Community Day and also presented certificates of appreciation to the DPW, Fire Company, and the Police Department. He noted that the next Community Day meeting will be held at the Community Center on July 6th.

With no further business before them a

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons
Clerk/Treasurer