

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
Monday, July 13, 2015**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING  
LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2015  
“AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF PHILMONT CODE IN RELATION TO WATER CHARGES.”**

Attorney Fitzsimmons gave an overview of the proposed local law which will allow for charges associated with a service call for meter problems. The charge would be added to the next quarter's water/sewer bill to recoup money the village is spending for parts to fix water meters. The service call charge will be a flat \$75.00 and does not include the cost of the meter, if a meter is needed.

There was no public comment.

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

**MOTION** to adopt Local Law #1 of 2015- Amending the Village of Philmont Code in relation to water charges, was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**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 #2) made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

Brian Wheeler had questions about garbage and recycling pickup. He stated that his recyclables are not getting picked up by the village and wanted an explanation as to why. After some discussion, Trustee Johnson will speak with the men to see what protocol is being followed for recycling pickup.

**ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:**

Attorney Fitzsimmons reported working on foreclosures within the village, working with the building department and working on ongoing projects.

**CLERK/TREASURER SIMMONS:** The Annual Report for the Department of Audit and Control has been completed and forwarded to the State of New York. A copy of the report is available in the office for review. All the usual office tasks have been completed. The annual tax bills are now past due with a 5% penalty. If anyone has not yet received a receipt please check with the office to make sure your taxes have been paid. The July water/sewer bills were mailed out on June 30<sup>th</sup> and are due without penalty through the end of this month.

**POLICE REPORT:** Given by Officer Tkacy, a copy of which is available in the office for review. He noted that Community Day was a success with no issues to report.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** Given by Director Karen Garafalo. She discussed the possibility of putting fencing around the library property and installing signage noting the grounds are open from dawn to dusk. Local Author Jeanne Bogino will be speaking at the library on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, on her book and the tour she took while promoting the book. The WIFI will now be turned off at 8:30 and they will be showing a PG rated movie this Friday night at 8:30. They have received "summer reading" money from Assemblywoman Didi Barrett and also received notice from Senator Kathy Marchione that she has some money for them as well. She also talked about circulation numbers going down, not just at our library, but at all libraries in general. Director Garafalo also informed the board that she will be retiring next June.

**COMMUNITY CENTER:** Report was read by Trustee Cropper. The afterschool program continues and they meet on Monday's, Tuesday's and Wednesday's. The center was used for community day activities and continues to be used by community members. Summer camps will take place in coordination with Free Columbia between July 13<sup>th</sup> and the 31<sup>st</sup>.

**MAYOR SPEED:** He reported attending meetings, signed all necessary paperwork and is looking forward to vacation. He also noted that an outhouse is located near the community center for those in need when the center is not open.

**TRUSTEE JOHNSON:** Read the DPW/WA/SW reports, a copy of which are available in the office for review. He reported that he has been busy with personnel issues.

**TRUSTEE OSTRANDER:** He gave the fire company report, a copy of which is available in the office for review. He then reported work with the BOA grant and also still working with Monolith Solar.

**TRUSTEE SAGAL: No report- on vacation**

**TRUSTEE CROPPER:** Asked officer Tkacy about correspondence the police received pertaining to NYS Use and Dissemination Agreement. He was informed OIC Doyle will take care of it. He then reported on Community Day. They had a good end of year meeting and they are looking forward to next year. Their annual picnic will be held in September and the next meeting is scheduled for October. Richard Howard then presented the board with a certificate of appreciation. Trustee Cropper then went on to report that he was busy with day to day operations and problems that have come up. He also checked village properties and all is well.

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

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

**MOTION** to extend the contract with Elan Planning to correspond with the extension granted by the Department of State for the Brownfield Opportunity Grant ending July 31, 2016; was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to accept with regret the resignation of officer Brian Laurange effective August 1, 2015, was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to hire Mason Willis as a part-time police officer effective immediately; was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to hire Tricia Mayo as a part-time police officer effective immediately; was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

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

Norma Rudback inquired about the possibility of getting public bus service in the village. Attorney Fitzsimmons informed her about the way the bus program works and that it is a county program. He then gave her contact information so she can work with the county for coordination. The village board believes there is a need for such a service for residents within the village and will help in any way they can to bring this service to the village. If anyone is interested in using bus service please contact the village office so a list can be generated and turned into the county to show need.

Ms. Rudback then had questions for the board about water lines and the need for new ones. Trustee Johnson explained that water lines are expensive and we can't replace them if they are not broken.

Trustee Ostrander then asked questions about a grant opportunity with New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and the New York State Department of Health for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects through Governor Cuomo's NYS Water Grants Program. Attorney Fitzsimmons told him he should contact the engineer with specific questions about this funding program.

With no further business before them a

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons  
Clerk/Treasurer