

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, September 14, 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 Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION: to approve payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Trust & Agency, Summit Lake and Health Care Deductible abstract's #4, Brownfield Grant Abstract #5, Fire Truck Reserve Abstract # 2, Ellsworth Street Project Abstract #1) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

PUBLIC REQUESTS: John Smith informed the board he wished to lodge a formal complaint about three violation notices he received from the building department. He informed the board that he has been in the office looking for his file and the building department has told him they cannot find it. The mayor will check with the building department to see what is going on. Attorney Fitzsimmons advised Mr. Smith to file a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) with the building department.

Timothy Smith had questions about houses that are being foreclosed on. He would like more information about these properties as he knows of some young people who would be interested in purchasing them to refurbish. He was directed to the Columbia County website where these properties are listed. Officer Tkacy also told him to reach out to Lisa Brightly (from the Columbia County Attorney's Office) on Facebook because she has all the properties the county is foreclosing on listed there.

Anthony Krein IV asked the board about crosswalks. It seems he witnessed a Philmont Police Car go through a crosswalk without stopping while someone was standing in the crosswalk waiting to cross the road. The officer also appeared to be talking on a cell phone at the time. Officer Tkacy will look into what officer was on duty and he informed Mr. Krein that officer's are required to stop at crosswalks just like the public is.

Kate Martino asked about the demolition of the old DPW garage and if the building department gave permission to dump at the bus garage. Sally Baker read the November board meeting minutes where it states that the building department will handle the proper procedure to take the building down. She believes that building inspector Koloski "acts without jurisdiction" in matters. There was much discussion about Morris Associates not having the proper authority to do an asbestos inspection. She was informed that a demolition permit was indeed issued and the asbestos report from Morris Associates showed no need for further inspection. The board will provide a copy of the demolition permit at next month's meeting. There was also much discussion about how much, and where the fill was dumped and who regulates where it can be dumped. Ms. Baker states she received many phone calls about trucks dumping at the bus garage. This was of great concern to her as the area is near the area where the Village has the Brownfield Opportunity Area Grant. Attorney Fitzsimmons gave an overview of the project and informed her that Mr. Johnston is entitled to accept clean fill on his private property if he wishes. The board is okay with the way the demolition was handled. Kate Martino was saddened by this.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: Attorney Fitzsimmons reported working on miscellaneous issues with the clerk and ongoing projects. He then gave the board an update on happenings at the Moran trailer park.

CLERK/TREASURER SIMMONS: The office will be closed on Monday October 12th for Columbus Day. The regular scheduled board meeting for October will be held on Tuesday October 13th because of the holiday. The office will also be closed on Tuesday November 3rd for Election Day. Garbage pick-up will be held Wednesday November 4th. All the usual office tasks have been completed. Water turn off took place on September 10th with one property going off, it has since gone back on.

POLICE REPORT: Given by Officer Tkacy. A copy of the report is available in the office for review. He also asked if we could have the lights in the warehouse fixed. The board will have this done.

LIBRARY REPORT: Given by Trustee Sagal. They received an estimate from Roma Fencing to enclose the library grounds. The estimate they received was high enough to require more. They are concerned about the condition of their parking lot and would like to get it paved. Director Garafalo will meet with Michael Scheller to get his opinion. They have started story hour again and they are looking for more participants. Their yard sale was a huge success and they offered some of the leftovers to the fire department.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Report was read by Trustee Cropper. Game nights will resume on September 25th and will take place from 4-6 pm with Anthony Krein leading. Director Veronezi has been in contact with Taconic Hills and is looking for someone who may be able to offer tutoring services in math. She is also working on a demographic summary of Philmont in order to complete the application for the Emergency Preparedness Program.

MAYOR SPEED: He reported signing all necessary papers, answering complaints and meeting with various departments.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON: Read the DPW/WA/SW reports, a copy of which are available in the office for review. It was at the end of the water/sewer report where he noted that the water tower is in need of painting and Ms. Baker noted the need for more long term planning to be done by the village board as they knew the tower has been in need for some time now. Sherry Bolevice agreed with Ms. Baker and thought perhaps grants would be available for this. Trustee Cropper asked if there was anything available at the county level and was told to contact Ken Flood or Mike Tucker. The board expressed that grants would indeed be preferred because they are always interested in saving money, but we do have reserve accounts that are set up for these specific purposes. Attorney Fitzsimmons noted that Philmont does a lot more than other villages in the area and that we are in pretty good shape.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: He noted Shakerley Sales is looking for the remaining deposit on the new fire truck. He has also been in contact with Monolith Solar about getting an extension (see motions) and he has also spoken with PB Inc. He then gave the fire company report a copy of which is in the office for review. He did note that the fire company is taking big steps towards their EMS response preparedness.

TRUSTEE SAGAL: She reported attending the BOA meeting earlier in the day. She also expressed concern for a four way stop at the intersection of Church and Prospect Streets. This can only take place with a Local Law and public hearing which attorney Fitzsimmons will start working on. Trustee Sagal also attended Village court and handled a water main complaint. She then read a review the village received about the Shakespeare on the Green performance. Trustee Sagal stated that it is nice to see this park in use. They are looking forward to next year.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: He noted that the Community Day Committee will hold their next meeting on October 5th at 7:00 pm at the community center. Electricity supply at the village green has been enhanced so there should be no problems next year. He has been in contact with the insurance company regarding the fire company responding to EMS calls. He did attend the demolition of the old DPW building and has met with Habitat for Humanity and also attended a village court night with Trustee Sagal. A new sign has been put up on Summit Street in an effort to keep trucks off this road. He has asked the police department to start issuing tickets to violators. Taconic Hills high school has also been in contact with him to set up a field trip to our sewer plant. The school would provide all safety equipment for the students.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION to change the October 2015 Regular Monthly Board Meeting date to **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH at 7:00 PM** due to the Columbus Day holiday was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to accept with regret the resignation of Mary Prazma as a member and Chairperson of the Village of Philmont Planning Board effective immediately was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to approve Robert MacFarlane as a member and Chairperson to the Village of Philmont Planning Board (to fill the vacated seat of Mary Prazma – with regular term ending March 1, 2018, and Chairperson term ending March 1, 2016). At this point Trustee Cropper asked if all members currently serving on the board were asked if they would like the chair position. After much public discussion about the open seats on the board, it was decided to hold this MOTION until proper notification and letters of interest can be submitted. The board will revisit this motion next month. **MOTION TABLED**

MOTION to spend \$12,000.00 from the Fire Truck Reserve Account and the remaining \$8,000.00 from the General Fund Debt Service Account (A9760.6/7) for the balance of the deposit on the new fire truck to Tonye was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to put out for bid the furnishing of No.2 fuel oil, service, and maintenance, for the Village of Philmont Municipal Building, Library, and Community Center. Bids to be opened at the October 13th regular monthly board meeting was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to approve William Wyant and Ryan Maisenbacher as recruits for the Zone 14 Law Enforcement Academy was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to close the Ellsworth Street Project checking account and put the balance of \$10,559.90 plus any additional interest into the GENERAL FUND (Buildings Account A1620.4) was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION for the village to write a letter of support for the Philmont Fire Company to respond to EMS calls. Insurance will be provided by the Village Insurance Policy with the stipulation that the responding fire company members meet all requirements as set forth by New York State. The Fire Company will provide a log of all certified individuals to the village office. Motion was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to appoint Faith Benson to the Philmont Library Board of Trustees effective this date with the term to expire September, 2019; was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to appoint David Bolevice to the Philmont Library Board of Trustees effective this date with the term to expire September, 2019; was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to allow the mayor to sign an extension for the incentive funding for two projects with NYSERDA was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

The village board will draft a letter to the Town of Claverack Highway Department for all their help with the demolition of the old DPW building as well as sealing our roads. They would also like to thank Mary Prazma for all her years of service.

With no further business before them a moment silence in memory of longtime residents Clarence Howard, Marilyn Tipple and Susan Schrader was had and then a

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons
Clerk/Treasurer