

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
Tuesday, October 13, 2015 (Due to the Columbus Day Holiday)**

**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 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 #5) made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**OIL BID OPENING:**

One Bid Received.....Montague Oil  
Fuel Price.....\$2.1540/gallon (or current market value)  
Labor.....\$55.00/hour for service and maintenance.

**MOTION** to accept the bid from Montague Oil was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:** John Blaauw spoke about how successful the fundraising yard sale was for the fire company this past summer. He then asked the board for an explanation as to what happened to the stuff the fire company was storing in the warehouse for an additional yard sale that was to be held this past weekend. Trustee Johnson explained that he was out of town when he received a phone call from DPW foreman Scheller asking him if he wanted him to get rid of all the stuff at the warehouse. Trustee Johnson had no idea that there was to be another yard sale so he told Mr. Scheller to get rid of it. More communication is needed between departments so things like this won't happen again. There also needs to be more common sense used in instances like this because the stuff that was being stored was "nice stuff and it was covered with tarps." Mr. Blaauw also asked when the old air conditioner from the Police office is going to be taken away, as it has been sitting outside for months. Sherry Bolevice suggested that there should be some kind of monetary donation to the fire company for taking away their next fundraiser. The board asked for a letter from the committee estimating how much they may have made, and will also make sure the air conditioner is taken care of. Sally Baker asked about getting a copy of the demo permit for the old DPW garage. She was given a copy of the permit.

**ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:** He spoke about working on a Memorandum of Agreement between the Village and the Union because of the health insurance change that took place with the renewal this past August. A bill of sale for the water pressure booster pump equipment is in the mail. He also has been working with ongoing projects. Trustee Ostrander asked about bonding for the new fire truck and it was determined that we will have to start working on this soon.

**CLERK/TREASURER SIMMONS:** Reported that the Village Office will be closed Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> for Election Day. Garbage Pick-Up will take place on Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup> that week. The office will also be closed on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veterans Day. The October water/sewer bills were mailed out on September 30<sup>th</sup> and are due without penalty through the end of this month. It was also noted that all normal office tasks have been preformed. The water/sewer computer is giving us trouble and we have looked into a new billing program, receiving two quotes (one from BAS and the other from SCA).

**POLICE REPORT:** Given by officer Tkacy. He informed the board that the police will be out with a full staff for Halloween. Now that school has started the police have handed out about 30 traffic tickets. Questions were asked about the bike helmets we were promised from Hudson, and also about the neighborhood watch program. The Village has acquired 15 helmets and the neighborhood watch has a meeting scheduled for the end of the month.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** The report was given by Trustee Sagal. They are still looking into quotes for fencing around the property. Village and Town crews have been working on the parking lot drainage and will be blacktopping soon. Story hour attendance is picking up with 8 kids last week. The preteen and teen problem has been quiet for now with the added police patrols and letters going home to parents of kids involved.

**COMMUNITY CENTER:** Report was read by Trustee Cropper. In spite of publicity for game night, there has been no one in attendance; therefore, this program has been suspended. The center continues to be used as a meeting place for various groups and individuals. They are still in need of a tutor (math). Despite efforts to find one, no response has been received. There was a lot of discussion about the center and it was suggested that perhaps Columbia Greene Community College may be able to help with the tutoring situation. Trustee Cropper informed members of the public they should contact Director Veronizi to let her know about this possibility.

**MAYOR SPEED:** He noted that he will be hanging banners next week. He answered complaints, signed papers and looked at a possible water break that turned out to be nothing.

**TRUSTEE SAGAL:** She noted attending the Community Day Committee meeting as well as the BOA meeting. The BOA is in the final stages and they will be having three public workshops coming up. She encouraged everyone to attend these meetings. The first one will be held this Saturday at the Village hall from 3-5pm.

**TRUSTEE JOHNSON:** He first gave the DPW/WA/SW reports, a copy of which are available in the office for review. Trustee Johnson has been busy working with Michael Scheller and Christopher Hoppe on the library parking lot and they believe they have solved the drainage issue. There was lots of discussion about Prospect Street and the parking and speeding issues that are going on. The DPW has painted new lines by the stop signs in an effort to cut down on the speeding.

**TRUSTEE OSTRANDER:** Trustee Ostrander reported that he has been working with Monolith Solar. He then gave the fire company report, a copy of which is available in the office for review.

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

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

**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 ) was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to set the annual Village Elections for Tuesday, March 15, 2016 from noon – 9 pm at the Village Hall, to elect (2) Trustees for a two year term each was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to appoint Darryl Mossman as a member of the Village of Philmont Planning Board with the term to expire March 1, 2020 was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:** The board will set up a meeting with LOSAP representatives. Sally Baker spoke about the upcoming BOA workshop meetings. She has distributed 700 informational flyers around the county. They are working on goals and vision. The last public meeting will be held November 18<sup>th</sup>. They will present a draft of the plan to the Village and take final public input to present the final plan in late December or January. She strongly encouraged the board to check in on the 18<sup>th</sup> for this meeting, and specifically singled out Trustee Johnson. Trustee Johnson informed her that due to prior commitments and the upcoming hunting season he will be unable to attend *any* of the BOA meetings.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons  
Clerk/Treasurer