

Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, November 9, 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 Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION: to approve the treasurer's report made by Trustee Sagal, 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 #6) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Monte Jennings informed all that Community Day has been scheduled for July 9th next year. He requested, as in years past, the village contribute to the cost of the fireworks with their support of \$2,500.00 as well as making areas of the village open for the day. The board was happy to grant his requests.

Brian Wheeler then brought up the subject of overnight winter parking. The parking lot that residents on Prospect Street have used in the past now has a fence around it and they will not be able to park there this year. The board explained that parking spaces are available at Memorial Field and the Mayor told him to speak to Philmont Holdings and ask them about opening up the right of way that runs behind the row of houses. Mr. Wheeler also complained about the parking lot looking more like a junk yard than a parking lot. The board asked him to submit a written complaint to the building department and they will have the building inspector take a look at things. There was discussion about the building department and the village justice. Trustee Cropper told him that people are allowed to have equipment on their property. Mr. Wheeler also asked the board, as the governing body of the fire department, to take a look at the fire companies use of their bi-laws because he believes they are not being followed. He spoke about a recent incident where he was suspended from the company but has not yet had a hearing. Trustee Ostrander told him he was sent a certified letter informing him of the hearing. Mr. Wheeler said the letter came three weeks late. Trustee Ostrander will look into this.

Charles Doheny asked about what can be done about the newspapers that are inserted into plastic sleeves and thrown in the driveways around the village. Copake has put a ban on this type of activity and the board will follow their law closely to see how things go. In the meantime he can call the company and ask that they not leave one on his property, which he has already done.

Brian Ostrander has asked that the fire hydrants be marked this year prior to snow fall. Trustee Johnson will take care of it.

Sally Baker asked about a Local Law pertaining to agendas for the board meetings. Trustee Cropper told her that we are not required to have one. There was much discussion on this subject and the fact that our public comment section comes at the beginning of the meeting, before the motions and resolution section. She was reminded that we also have a section at the end of our meetings for new or unfinished business. She was once again given an overview of the demolition of the old DPW garage by Attorney Fitzsimmons after she had more questions on this subject. In the future, if the village does any more demolition, they will handle things a little differently. The Department of Labor came down and looked into things. They found no real issues. Ms. Baker then moved on to the subject of the reservoir. She asked why the water was drained, to what she believed to be such a low level. Mayor Speed explained that heavy rains were forecasted and this was a preventive measure to prevent flooding. He had a heated discussion with a representative from the Department of Environmental Conservation on this subject, after someone reported a fish kill. He explained the "lake" is full of silt and has no trout in it. The normal level of the lake is only a few feet deep. He welcomed him to come down so he could take him up to the lake and show it to him first hand.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: He reported ongoing projects.

CLERK/TREASURER SIMMONS: Reported that the Village Office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th for Veterans Day, as well as November 26th, and 27th for Thanksgiving. Water termination letters were mailed out today for those still owing their July bills and termination has been scheduled for December 10th. The water/sewer computer has been fixed for the time being, but the programmer cautioned that we really need to get a new system as soon as possible because he's not sure how much longer he will be able to fix this one. All the usual office tasks have been completed.

POLICE REPORT: Given by Officer In Charge Doyle. A copy of the full report is available in the office for review. He reported a quiet Halloween. Trustee Cropper asked him if the department would be up for a softball game on Community Day next year. They will also see if the girl's softball team would be interested. OIC Doyle is up for the game.

LIBRARY REPORT: The report was given by Trustee Sagal. The parking lot is complete and patrons like the new surface and parking pattern. They have had a few electrical issues fixed. Plans are being made for an additional Story Hour which will be held on Saturday, November 21st by MLS candidate Heather Jenner. A Christmas craft program is being planned by Tobi and Claverack's librarian Thea. Movies are being shown a couple of time a month. The library has gained its 5 star recognition back. They are one of only 80 libraries nationwide to achieve this distinction.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Report was read by Trustee Cropper. A copy of the full report is available in the office for review. Weeding has been completed, and the tiles on the floor have been replaced. The center continues to be rented by community members. Anthony Krein has been surveying residents to determine what types of programs they would like to see at the center. Staff will be working together to develop an implementation plan based on the results.

MAYOR SPEED: He presented Dick Howard with a plaque of appreciation for all the years of dedication to our Community Day Celebrations. He then reported signing all papers, judging the Halloween costumes, answering questions and speaking with the DEC.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON: He first gave the DPW/WA/SW reports. The DPW has been busy with the library parking lot and it is finally done. They have also been battling leaves and working on the equipment. All is well with the water/sewer department, however, they will need some brush cleared in the spring for one of the lines. He asked Dick Howard if he could get the inmates out to do this work for us. Mr. Howard will see what he can do. Trustee Johnson has been personally working with the men on the parking lot.

TRUSTEE SAGAL: She attended Community Day, Library and BOA meetings. She personally thanked Mr. Howard for his work on all the Community Day's past. He certainly made a hard job look easy. She also attended all three Public Workshops for the BOA grant. She found the workshops entertaining and informative.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: He checked village properties and found no big issues, however, there is a picnic table up near the gazebo in need of repair. He reminded anyone who wanted to hunt at Forest Lake this year to stop in the office and get the needed permits to do so. He also attended two out of the three workshops for the BOA grant and he learned a lot from them. He also judged the Halloween costumes and informed everyone that the organizer, Al Brousseau, would like some feedback about how they thought things went. He also attended a Community Day meeting. The Community Day Committee

are still looking for help. The next meeting will be held on January 4th. He also wanted to thank Michael Simmons for the cleanup he did at the reservoir.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: Trustee Ostrander reported that he has been busy with the fire company. The new truck is on the assembly line and should be complete in late January or February. He also attended the BOA workshops and he found them informative. He has been working on fire company issues and also judged the Halloween costumes.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION to accept, with regret, the resignation of Julie Nack from the library staff effective immediately was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to hire Amelia Mclsaac as a substitute library clerk effective immediately at the hourly rate of \$11.50/hour was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to enforce the water turn off law with termination scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2015 for those still owing their July bills was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to allow the Mayor to sign a new Memorandum of Agreement with UPSEU allowing the Village to pay the second half of the Health Insurance Deductible so there is no "out of pocket" expense to the employees; was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

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

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

Sally Baker gave an update on the BOA project. They held their 19th meeting and there will be an open house at the Village Hall on November 18th from 11am-7pm. There will be exhibitions and stations and they will take community input on the plan. They will also hold two meetings after the open house to finalize the plan, which should be done in mid January. She invited all to attend the open house. She also reported that the local workshops were well attended.

Trustee Ostrander would like to talk with the representative of LOSAP to discuss the retirement plan.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons
Clerk/Treasurer