

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, December 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 Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION: to approve the treasurer's report made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION: to approve payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Trust & Agency, Summit Lake and Health Care Deductible abstract's #7) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION: to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

The Village Board convened to the office to discuss a personnel matter. After discussion a **MOTION** was made by Trustee Cropper and seconded by Trustee Sagal to close the executive session. ALL AYES, NO NAYS (**THE BOARD WILL DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNION CONTRACT**)

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Richard Howard informed the board that a cabinet in the kitchen is broken and needs to be fixed. He also asked if an exhaust fan can be installed.

Charles Doheny asked once again about what can be done about the newspapers that are thrown in the driveways around the village. He was informed that if an individual does not want the paper, they can call the company and ask that they not leave one on their property. A note informing residents of this will also be included in the January water/sewer bills.

Sally Baker spoke about what is included in the meeting minutes. There was general discussion with the board about this. Attorney Fitzsimmons informed her that the minutes have to record who is present and any motions or resolutions; they should also include an overview of any public comment.

Kate Martino feels that not all questions have been answered about the old department of public works building. There was more discussion about the drawdown on the reservoir ending when the mayor once again stated he left an open invitation for the department of environmental conservation to come down and he would personally take him up and show the lake to him first hand.

Charles Doheny noted that he has observed the board convening to the office after the motion to adjourn and wanted to know if there was another meeting after this. Trustee Ostrander informed him that there is not another meeting; the board is simply reviewing and signing bills.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: He reported ongoing projects.

CLERK/TREASURER SIMMONS: Reported that the Village Office will be closed for the Christmas and New Year Holidays. Water termination took place on December 10th with four properties going off. All the usual office tasks have been completed. I have been working with the Mobile Locksmith and new locks will be installed on the file cabinets in the meeting room soon. The new sign has gone up on the Municipal Building.

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 November and a busy start to December. Sgt. Thomas will be holding the next citizen watch meeting soon.

LIBRARY REPORT: The report was given by Trustee Sagal. Director Garafalo and Chris Hoppe met with architects from Cosmo Design Factory about tying all the work on the building together. Plans have been presented involving new paint and trim as well as a new sign. Director Garafalo sees a spring project coming together. She reported a very successful Ornament Workshop, due in part to all the volunteers assisting Tobi. Approximately 30 local children attended. The next display in the Cultural Center will be "Favorite Photographs from Local Photographers." Columbia County Library Directors asked for an increase in funding from the County and their request has been met with a 10 percent increase as well as \$5,000 to be used to purchase digital materials through the Mid-Hudson Library System. The Friends of the Philmont Library have received notice from the IRS of their new 501 C 3 status. The submission was made without any additional preparation costs normally associated with such an application.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Report was read by Trustee Cropper. A copy of the full report is available in the office for review. Grounds were raked and cleaned by the Hudson Correctional Inmates. (Thanks to Dick Howard for coordination on this matter) The center continues to be rented by community members, and also continues to be the meeting place for the Community Day Committee. Gifts-from-the-Hands have also been holding workshops with eleven children attending on a regular basis. There will be an open house for residents to come and suggest what programs they would like to see offered. Preparations are being prepared to hold Emergency Preparedness Training session(s).

MAYOR SPEED: He reported that all the banners have gone up. He thanked Monte Jennings for his help with this endeavor. The Santa Parade was successful Saturday night and well attended. He signed all papers and has been busy keeping updated.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON: He first gave the DPW/WA/SW reports. A copy of which are available in the office for review. Trustee Johnson noted a busy month dealing with personnel issues.

TRUSTEE SAGAL: She attended the BOA open house. She also attended a meeting with an investment company that handles LOSAP. She then gave an overview of what LOSAP is and wants to make sure the Village looks into all options for this program.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: He checked village properties and all is well. He attended the workshop meeting with the Mayor and also a LOSAP meeting, the Community Center Open House and wants to let everyone know that the office will once again keep a list of available youth willing to shovel this winter. The Community Day Committee will meet on the first Monday in January. If you are interested, they are still looking for help. The Village Board will also be judging Holiday Lights on the 17th starting at 6:30. Prizes will be awarded, so be sure you have your lights on!!

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: Trustee Ostrander reported corresponding with Attorney Fitzsimmons about bonding for the new fire truck. We have not heard anything from Monolith Solar and he asked if anything could be done. After some discussion, he would like to like to give them another chance to produce some results. He met with Tony from Penflex about LOSAP, and also attended the Holiday Parade. He then read the fire company report, a copy of which is available in the office for review. Chief Beaumont then reported the fire company has received a \$69,000 grant to renovate the downstairs bathroom and old vault areas. They will be putting in a ladies room as well as laundry facilities with equipment. The project should take off soon.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Ostrander noted the fire company held their breakfast with Santa this past Saturday and while they were doing dishes water started bubbling up downstairs again. This situation needs to be addressed and a new line needs to be put in before the renovations happen. He also stated that he has received the names of other companies who handle LOSAP investments, the village may like to speak with them about this. Attorney Fitzsimmons also thought perhaps someone from the board should talk with Bob Preusser from the Churchtown fire company and look into all options before making any decisions on this matter.

Sally Baker then gave an update on the BOA project. She first stated that even though the Mayor did not report it, he did attend the Open House. All reports about the project are on the PB Inc. website for all to review. The Open House was well attended. She stated that on the last page of the Open House summary people are concerned about the "ownership" of the plan. She noted that Elan Planning has almost completed their work and there will be a few more meetings of the steering committee. Renewage is currently waiting on bids for a 3D model of the area.

With no further business before them the Mayor asked for a moment of silence in memory of long time resident Betty Heath.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons
Clerk/Treasurer