

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting**  
**Monday, February 8, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Brian Johnson, Trustees 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 #9, BOA Grant abstract #6) made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:** Katy Cashen from the Claverack Town Board gave the board an overview of the redefining the Mount Ida Wellhead Protection Area and Overlay District that the town will have New York Rural Water Association do for them. Due to the fact that the village sits within the town's boundaries, they can also include our wells at no cost to the village. After discussion the board feels this would be worthwhile and decided to go ahead and have the village included. Mark Roundtree asked for an update about the property located at 8 Ellsworth Street. He is interested in purchasing the property from the village once the village gets title to it. The board informed him that Davala Real Estate will be handling the sale for the village. The board would like to see the building go to someone who will restore it.

**ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:** He reported working with ongoing projects and gave an update on the village foreclosures. The title searches are being finalized and received by the village.

**CLERK/TREASURER SIMMONS:** Reported that the Village Office will be closed on Monday February 15<sup>th</sup> for Presidents Day. Water termination notices were mailed out today for those still owing their October bill. Termination has been scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup> at noon. All the usual office tasks have been completed. Budget work has started for the upcoming fiscal year. A reminder that petitions for village elections must be turned in by February 9<sup>th</sup> for the March 15<sup>th</sup> elections. The money has been received for the new fire truck. Somehow the money was put into the general fund checking account, but after speaking with the bank, the money has been moved into the fire truck reserve account. I currently have three proposals for a new software billing program for our water/sewer billing. I will compare the three and make a decision as to which company will best suit our needs.

**POLICE REPORT:** Given by Officer-In-Charge Doyle. A copy of the complete report is available in the office for review.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** No Report

**COMMUNITY CENTER:** Report was read by Trustee Cropper. A copy of the full report is available in the office for review. The center continues to be used by community members. The center will be holding a basket weaving class on Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> from 9-1 pm. The cost of this class will range from \$15 - \$20 per participant. The Humane Way has asked to use the center five days a week. The board would like to speak with the group and gather more information before a decision is made.

**MAYOR SPEED:** No report, on vacation.

**TRUSTEE JOHNSON:** He first gave the DPW/WA/SW reports, a copy of which are available in the office for review. Trustee Johnson then reported that he had a meeting with the engineer about the water tower and also about a new state mandate that will treat the wastewater. We will be painting the exterior of the water tower and also be taking a look at the inside of the tank this year. After seeing the inside we will make a determination as to the need of interior painting. The village and the engineer will look into a grant that will help with the cost of the ultraviolet light treatment for the wastewater. The dam report has been complete and has been sent into the DEC. He also reported that we need to replace the water booster pumps due to a bearing failure (see motions).

**TRUSTEE SAGAL:** No report

**TRUSTEE CROPPER:** He checked village properties and all is well. He also attended a legislative luncheon in Albany with community center director Julia Veronizi. They had a good discussion with other area leaders and the challenges we all face. He also attended the workshop meeting and the Emergency Preparedness class that was sponsored by the community center. He noted about 40 people attended this event. He has also been working with Brenda Adams from Habitat for Humanity about a project coming to Philmont, and also working on water issues and grants.

**TRUSTEE OSTRANDER:** Trustee Ostrander reported that the village should start seeing savings on our electric bills soon due to Monolith Solar's new solar farm in Copake Falls. The fire company has found someone who is interested in purchasing the old fire truck. He attended the BOA meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup>. He then read the BOA and the fire company reports, a copy of which are available in the office for review. He noted that an implementation plan will be in place for the BOA grant and the village will have to pick which parts of the plan to implement. He also noted they will be looking for some help with this, and have invited Elan Planning to come to an upcoming meeting.

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### **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**MOTION** to take action against delinquent water/sewer users was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to re-appoint Richard Osborn as a member of the Philmont Planning Board for a five (5) year term to expire March 1, 2021 was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to re-appoint Robert Macfarlane as chairman of the Philmont Planning Board for a one year term to expire March 1, 2017 was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to re-appoint Kurt Basl as a member of the Zoning Board for a five (5) year term to expire March 1, 2021 and also as the Chairman for a one year term, to expire March 1, 2017 was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION** to authorize the replacement of the water booster pumps due to an emergency bearing failure in the old pumps was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

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

The board spoke in length about an ongoing garbage complaint and decided the next course of action will be to let the police handle the situation and issue an appearance ticket to the offender. They also spoke about another troubled area on Summit Street and will ask the building department to handle this one. The village can no longer use our lever operated voting machines, so the board will be looking into ways to dispose of them. They then set a budget workshop for Wednesday February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons  
Clerk/Treasurer