

Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, April 11, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Clarence Speed; Trustees Brian Johnson, Eilene Morris, 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 Morris. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION: to approve payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Trust & Agency, Summit Lake and Health Care Deductible Abstract's #11, BOA Grant Abstract #7) made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

PUBLIC REQUESTS: Charles Doheny asked about how early the meeting agendas are available for public review. He was informed that the order of business the Village follows for its board meetings does not usually change from month to month and department and individual reports are not available until the night of the board meeting.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: He reported working on a few different resolutions for tonight's meeting and gave an update on the county's sale of the Pine Haven Nursing Home. The sale is moving forward and should be final by June 1st. Premier has been operating the facility for about one year now and the level of care has not changed.

CLERK/TREASURER SIMMONS: Village Elections were held Tuesday March 15th; all went smoothly with no competition and the new paper ballots. The new Trustee's were sworn in by Attorney Fitzsimmons at the April 4th Annual Organizational/Budget Meeting. The 2016-2017 budget work is complete and was adopted at the April 4th meeting as well. Water termination took place on March 10th with two properties going off, one has since gone back on, and the other is vacant. The April water/sewer bills were mailed out on April 1st with the annual water quality report. The bills are due without penalty through the end of this month. All usual office tasks have been completed.

POLICE REPORT: Given by Officer-In-Charge Vernon Doyle. A copy of the complete report is available in the office for review. He reported that the police car needs new tires but everything else seemed to work fine over the weekend. The Mayor asked if the department would put notices up on Prospect Street to have the cars moved for street sweeping in the morning. Trustee Johnson asked if patrols could spend some more time patrolling the well area on Preusser Road because there seems to be a lot of garbage being dumped in the area. The department will handle both of these requests.

LIBRARY REPORT: Given by Trustee Morris. They will be having upcoming workshops with Spring Flowers with Susannah White and Therapy Dogs with Joan Alexander-Nunes. Movies continue to be shown about every other week. They received a grant from Stewart's and notification of another grant from the Bank of Greene County which is to be used to replace their copier. The Hudson River Bank and Trust Co. Foundation also came through with some much needed money they will use to enhance their collection and also help with the summer reading program. They also received notification that Assemblywoman Didi Barrett is giving them \$784.00 to pay for last year's reading program expenses.

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 New York State Safe Boating Class was held on March 29, 30 and 31st. Plans to offer a CPR recertification class are being made. Free Columbia will again be offering a spring camp in April. The DPW hung a new flag and weeded the garden area at the center.

MAYOR SPEED: He reported attending lots of meetings and signing all papers. One of the meetings he attended was the Legislative Breakfast meeting at the college where he heard a lot of good ideas. He also attended the Community Day Committee meeting. He then presented Barbara Sagal with a card from the board thanking her for her years of service on the board.

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 he has been working with Mike Scheller, Ray Jurkowski and Harkins on the booster pumps. The work should be done by the end of this month and the pumps operational.

TRUSTEE MORRIS: She noted being new to the board and having some large shoes to fill by the vacated seat of Barbara Sagal. She will do her best.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: He reported seeing the new fire truck come in. He has been working updating the Village website and asked for help from all with getting updates for the website. If you have something of interest please make sure to get it to either him or the office so it can be put up quickly. He also told the fire company their website also needs updating. He co-taught the NYS Boating Class, attended the Legislative Breakfast, and has been in on the talks with the Bank of Greene County. He also spoke with Congressman Chris Gibson about attending Community Day (a letter went out to him in February). He then reported the PFOA water report was very good. He has checked all village properties and wants to remind all that the Forest Lake property is for **Village Residents Only**. He also informed everyone that Columbia Greene Media is now voting for the best in Columbia County and he wants everyone to go vote for Philmont at www.columbiacountybest.com.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: Trustee Ostrander reported a meeting has been requested from LOSAP representatives. They wish to meet with the fire company and the village board some time in April. Our old "Big Blue" fire truck has found a new home in Florida; he thanked all that made it happen. He then read 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 accept as warrant the tax levy in the amount of \$516,400.00 and the tax rate of \$7.615/1000 as passed at the Annual Budget Hearing held on April 4, 2016 was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to move funds within accounts as needed was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to accept the following slate of Philmont Fire Company 2016-2017 Officers as presented with each member meeting or exceeding qualifications,

- OFFICERS – President – Larry Ostrander
- Vice President – Fred Zitto
- Secretary – John Blaauw
- Assistant Secretary – N/A
- Treasurer – William Blaauw
- Assistant Treasurer – Jeanette Beaumont
- LINE OFFICERS – Chief – Mark Beaumont
- 1st Assistant Chief – Ryan O’Dowd
- 2nd Assistant Chief – John Caldron
- Captain – Brian Ostrander
- 1st Lieutenant – Cody Mossman
- 2nd Lieutenant – Nick Decker

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

MOTION to approve Debbie Grau and Angus Whitaker as new members of the Philmont Fire Company; was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Morris, ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**VILLAGE OF PHILMONT
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK**

RESOLUTION NO. 1, 2016

At a regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees for the Village of Philmont, Columbia County, New York, duly held on the 11th day of April 2016 at the Village Hall, Main Street, Philmont, New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: Trustee Johnson;
Seconded by: Trustee Cropper.

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Philmont has determined that a parcel of real property that it currently owns known as "8 Ellsworth Street" Tax Map. No.: 113.9-2-70 located at Philmont, New York ("the property") is not being utilized, and therefore is no longer necessary for public use and maintenance and does not serve the needs of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village has received an offer to purchase the property from Mark Rowntree and Julia Sedlock; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board believes that the offer meets or exceeds the fair market value of the property and wishes to enter into a formal contract for the purchase and sale with respect to the property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Philmont pursuant to the provisions of New York Village Law §1-102, does adopt this resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents to sell and transfer the property, said documents being in form and content acceptable to the village attorney, and be it further

Upon question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Philmont Village Board members voted "Aye" in favor of the Resolution:

- Trustee Morris;
- Trustee Ostrander;
- Trustee Cropper;
- Trustee Johnson; and
- Mayor Speed.

The following Philmont Village Board Members voted "No" in opposition, Thereto: and

 N/A .

The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Village Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Mayor of the Village of Philmont.

Dated: _____, 2016

Kimberly Simmons, Village Clerk
Village of Philmont

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RESOLUTION NO. 2, 2016

At a regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees for the Village of Philmont, Columbia County, New York, duly held on the 11th day of April 2016 at the Village Hall, Main Street, Philmont, New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: Trustee Johnson;
Seconded by: Trustee Cropper.

WHEREAS, the Village of Philmont desires to allow the lease of the old warehouse building, on Canal Street, Tax Id. 113.13-1-57.200 to Columbia Opportunities, Inc., 2 Rock Street, P.O. Box 88, Philmont New York, 12565; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Philmont has unused space in the old warehouse building, and has been approached by Columbia Opportunities to use the space for storage purposes, the Village finding that the space is available, and not currently necessary for municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Philmont recognizes Columbia Opportunities and the programs and support they give to the local community, and desires to make the space available for the cost of \$100.00 per month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Philmont Board of Trustees does pursuant to New York Village Law §1-102 hereby authorizes the Mayor to lease warehouse space to Columbia Opportunities for storage, on such terms and conditions as may be finally negotiated between the parties.

Upon question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Philmont Village Board members voted "Aye" in favor of the Resolution:

Trustee Cropper;
Trustee Ostrander;
Trustee Morris;
Trustee Johnson; and
Mayor Speed.

The following Philmont Village Board members voted "No" in opposition, thereto: and

 N/A .

The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Village Board the same was declared duly adopted by the Mayor of the Village of Philmont.

Dated: _____, 2016

Kimberly Simmons, Village Clerk
Village of Philmont

[SEAL]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Trustee Cropper asked about the new community use form and was informed that we are awaiting a response from the insurance company. Trustee Johnson wanted to inform all that the day the new booster pumps go on line, water service will be off for about four (4) hours for those residents on Summit Street. Notification will be given to those affected. Kate Martino asked what this will do for us. She was informed that in will ensure fire protection and water pressure to the area, the new booster pump will be replacing two old pumps and that the completion will have no effect on the rest of the village, as our water system is gravity feed.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Speed announced that the village board will be issuing a proclamation to Bob Card who has been the fire company treasurer for the past sixty-five (65) years. The proclamation will be presented to him this Saturday night. Trustee Ostrander brought up the fire companies yard sale items that the DPW disposed of last October. He said a letter from the fire company will be coming with a dollar amount. Mayor Speed then spoke about the closure of Key Bank. He has had lots of talks with the Bank of Greene County and they are interested in coming to the village, however, they would like to see twenty million dollars in depositors. He would like any and all business and individuals currently working or living in Philmont to reach out to the Bank of Greene County and let them know they would use the bank if it came to Philmont. He has already spoken to many area businesses, but he needs your help keeping a bank in the village.

With no further business before them the mayor asked for a moment of silence in memory of our long time resident Effie Braunfels.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons
Clerk/Treasurer