

Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, August 8, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Clarence Speed; Trustees Brian Johnson, Douglas Cropper, Eilene Morris, Laurence Ostrander; Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Simmons.

MOTION: to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Morris. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

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

MOTION: to approve payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Trust & Agency, & Summit Lake Abstract's # 3, and Health Care Deductible Abstract #2) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

PUBLIC REQUESTS: Barbara Sagal inquired into a recent experience she had with the building department getting an apartment inspection. Our building department has limited hours and her new tenant needed to move in on the first of the month, however, her old tenant didn't move out until the end of July. She came into the office on Tuesday for her apartment inspection, but because the tenant had already moved in, she received a fine for moving in the new tenant without an inspection. She asked if the board has any knowledge of anyone else experiencing the same treatment. No one on the board has ever heard of this kind of fine. The mayor will speak with the building department and then reach out to Mrs. Sagal. Charles Doheny recently had an apartment of his inspected, but reiterated that it is hard working around the building department's limited hours. Mr. Doheny also inquired about a recent fire call to Gabriel's restaurant where the fire department had trouble getting the hydrant open because it was painted shut. He was reassured by Fire Chief Mark Beaumont that the fire company has since checked the rest of the hydrants and found no other such problems.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: On vacation, report read by Clerk/Treasurer Simmons. He has been working on the Hudson Street Abandonment as well as the village tax foreclosures. Paper work is ready for the mayor to sign for John Smith's section of the abandoned road and we are still awaiting further information from the other neighbors for their prospective portions. The petition has been generated and filed with the County Clerk for the village foreclosures and notice has been sent to the local newspapers for publication. The last date for redemption is set as November 18, 2016. A copy of the full report is available in the office for review.

CLERK/TREASURER SIMMONS: The Village Office will be closed on Monday September 5th for Labor Day; all monthly reports have been completed as well as all normal office tasks. The Annual Report for the Department of Audit and Control has been completed and forwarded to New York State, notice of completion has also been sent to the newspaper; a copy of the report is available in the office for review. Summer hours will continue for the office until September 2nd. I have been busy working with Rick Juliano comparing the quotes for the new water/sewer billing program. In addition to the new program we will need a new "server" computer with an additional cost between one and two thousand dollars and a sole secure internet connection. I have requested permission to close the office for a few hours so we can go to a few other municipalities to see the different programs in action and get a better feel for the different programs. Water turn – off letters were mailed out today for those still owing their April bills. Turn-off has been set for September 14th at noon. We were also notified of a mistake in the village 2016-2017 tax roll. A parcel of property owned by NYS was mistakenly placed in the taxable section of the roll. These taxes, in the amount of \$128.01, will need to be "written-off." I have also been working with Ray Jurkowski from Morris Associates applying for funding for the new requirements for the water quality improvement project and working with attorney Fitzsimmons on the village foreclosures.

POLICE REPORT: Given by Officer Willis. A copy of the full report is in the office for review.

LIBRARY REPORT: Given by Director Tobi Farley. The fence next to the parking lot is in disrepair and ownership of the fence is under investigation. They are having a problem with disappearing supplies and either need to move them or lock the cabinet. Consumer Reports will be available in the library shortly, and they received a grant to start a mobile library to Whittier Place Nursing Home soon. A copy of the full report is available in the office for review.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Report was read by Trustee Cropper. The center continues to be used by community members. The fishing derby for Community Day was held at the center as well as a summer camp. The field trip to the farm was cancelled because of lack of participation. Director Veronezi is checking into an after school program for grades K-5. A copy of the full report is available in the office for review.

MAYOR SPEED: The mayor has been busy running around and promoting the "Thank-A-Vet" day with Jack Race. He noted a busy month working with the department of public works and the water/sewer department.

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 the work continues at the tower and they are having trouble shutting the water off. The valves are old and have not been exercised. Funding was submitted for the water quality improvement project with the help of Morris Associates. The village is receiving help from the New York State DEC keeping non-village residents out of Forest Lake. They will help village police patrol the lake as well as check for proper fishing licensing and boat registrations.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: He reported checking village properties. He also met with a representative from the DEC about Forest Lake issues. One street light was reported out this month and he also has reported an abandoned boat on the trail to the police.

TRUSTEE MORRIS: She reported reviewing the village boundary map and assessments at the Pine Haven line. She wanted to remind everyone that "Thank-A-Vet" day will be held on Sunday August 28th at the Claverack Town Park. The Philmont American Legion has agreed to pay for any veteran's ticket for the event that is picked up at the village office.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: He first read the fire company report, a copy of which is available in the office for review. He then reported we have the go ahead with Monolith Solar and we should see the credits on our electric bills within 60 days. He also has been speaking with S&F Technologies about the cameras and has been assured that the cameras are working properly. The current problem seems to be with the cell phone attached to monitoring the cameras. He noted that some trees need to be trimmed and the department of public works will be contacted for this. He also informed the board that S&F will be coming to the workshop meeting later this month to discuss concerns and a maintenance program for the cameras. He has also been in contact with our LOSAP representative and it looks like we are on target to achieve this year's goal of 6%. He also wanted to thank the village board and all who helped with the fire company tag sale this past weekend. He let the board know that between eight to ten totes remain in the warehouse, but the fire company will be moving them shortly.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

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

MOTION to sponsor up to three recruits to the Zone 14 Law Enforcement Academy was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS: Dick Howard thanked the village board for the use of the sound system as well as the department of public works for the no parking signs during the fire company's recent parades. Trustee Cropper wanted to let everyone know that the next meeting of the Community Day Committee will be held on October 3rd at the Community Center at 7 PM. They will be electing new officials at this meeting and all are welcome to attend. The village board needs more information on the new vehicle the fire company wishes to purchase before we can get an insurance quote. Mark Beaumont will keep the board informed on this topic as he learns more.

With no further business before them a moment of silence was observed for the passing of Al Wassenhove and Tim Simpson, then a

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons
Clerk/Treasurer