

Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Clarence Speed; Trustees Brian Johnson, Douglas Cropper, Eilene Morris, Laurence Ostrander; Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons; Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly 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 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 # 4, and Health Care Deductible Abstract #3) made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

PUBLIC REQUESTS: None

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: Reported ongoing projects and working on the village foreclosures.

CLERK/TREASURER SIMMONS: All normal office tasks have been completed. The office will be closed on Monday October 10th for Columbus Day. The regularly scheduled board meeting will be moved to Tuesday October 11th because of the holiday. Chrissy and I took some time in August and went to the Town of Claverack office and highway garage to look at their water billing program. From what we saw we are comfortable with their program and believe it will handle our needs. We would like to recommend that we use the program from Software Consulting Associates, their staff is local and if we ever need them they could be here quickly. We will be getting a new "server" computer to handle the program as well as a new internet hook up with a new "domain" name soon. Water turn - off will take place on Wednesday, September 14th at NOON. I have been also busy working with the attorney on village foreclosures and with Jack Race for "Thank-A-Vet-Day. Animal Kind will be holding a Spay and Neuter mobile clinic on **Tue, Sept. 27th on Canal Street for Cats. The fee's are:** Owned cats: \$ 65.00 (incl. rabies vaccine) Low-income pet owners: (proof required) \$ 25.00/ cat, feral cats: (brought in traps) FREE (will be ear notched). For appt. contact: fitz.armory@juno.com Drop off between 7:30 -9am and- pick up after 3pm.

POLICE REPORT: Given by Officer Tkacy. They have been busy with property checks, traffic stops, as well as handling a few arrests and assisting other agencies.

LIBRARY REPORT: Given by Trustee Morris. The fence continues to be an issue; they will be talking with the adjoining property owner and asking the DPW to remove parts of the fence that have fallen down. Plans are being made to paint the interior of the library. They are hoping to have the paint donated and have the library painted by volunteers. Consumer Reports and Library Elf are up and running on their website. Director Farley went to the NYS Fair in Syracuse on August 30th with Thea Schoep, Claverack's director, where they manned the library information booth, pictures are on Facebook. They have been chosen to be part of the Early Literacy Cohort through Mid-Hudson. Director Farley has been in contact with Head Start and is waiting to hear back from them. They are also looking into an additional story hour for infants and toddlers. The mobile library has started at Whittier Place. The residents and staff are very excited to have them come. 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. Director Veronezi would like to have a stove added to the kitchen and possible renovations to the building so the kitchen can be a part of the main room. "Gifts from the Hands" will take place at the center again this year in November and December. A new "Yoga for toddlers" program will begin on Tuesday's in October with Avery Sumner leading the group. A copy of the full report is available in the office for review.

MAYOR SPEED: The mayor has been busy with "Thank-A-Vet" meetings and activities as well as a chicken barbeque. He also has been working on Casivant trailer problems.

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 water tower, they have been unable to get the valves to turn off. They are going to try a different approach soon and once they can shut off the water, new valves will be installed.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: He has had a complaint about the sidewalk by on Maple Avenue by Pastor McDarby, had a meeting with the new building inspector candidate, checked village properties, attended "Thank-A-Vet-Day" and has worked with firefighter John Calderon and the water department flushing the lines at the water tower with a pumper truck. He wished to thank the fire company for their help.

TRUSTEE MORRIS: She reported being in contact with the office staff regularly, and also writing a speech for the mayor for the "Thank-A-Vet-Day" program. She noted doing a lot of traveling this past month.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: He first read the fire company report, a copy of which is available in the office for review. He has been in regular contact with Barbara Sagal, Sally Baker and committee members for the BOA grant. A meeting of the committee will take place soon and they will discuss how to spend additional funding. He also noted contact with Monolith Solar and plans for a public relations day.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION to change the October 2016 Regular Monthly Board Meeting date to **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH AT 7:00 pm** due to the Columbus Day Holiday was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Cropper. **ALL AYES, NO NAYS**

MOTION to put out to bid the furnishing of No. 2 fuel oil, service, and maintenance for the Village of Philmont Municipal Building, Library, and Community Center. Bids to be opened at the October 11th regular monthly board meeting; was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. **ALL AYES, NO NAYS**

MOTION to hire Sandra Caggianelli as a part time library clerk effective August 14th at \$11/hr. was made By Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Johnson. **ALL AYES, NO NAYS**

MOTION to hire Lee Heim as a part-time building inspector effective October 10, 2016 was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. **ALL AYES, NO NAYS**

MOTION to approve Virginia Irwin and Darryl Mossman as members of the Philmont Volunteer Fire Company as submitted with both passing their physicals and background awareness checks, was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. **ALL AYES, NO NAYS**

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Cropper inquired about the status of a new bank coming to the village. Mayor Speed noted nothing new yet but he is in contact with The Bank of Greene County representatives. The board also discussed a Habitat for Humanity project for the village, there has been interest from someone to purchase of the old DPW property which is the site discussed with Habitat.

Trustee Johnson spoke about a phone call he received from Wal-Mart about the "Thank-A-Vet-Day". Mayor Speed informed him that this situation has been taken care of and it was a misunderstanding with the Wal-Mart staff.

Trustee Ostrander informed the board the fire company wishes to use the Community Center for a fundraising "Haunted House" in October. After some discussion a

MOTION to allow the fire company to use the Community Center, with the dates to be worked out with Director Veronezi, was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Morris. **ALL AYES, NO NAYS**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons
Clerk/Treasurer