

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday October 11, 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 Morris, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

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

MOTION: to approve payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Trust & Agency, & Summit Lake Abstract's # 5, and Health Care Deductible Abstract #4) made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

OIL BID OPENING

One Bid Received.....Montague Oil
Fuel Price.....\$2.1866/gallon (or current market value)
Labor.....\$55.00/hour for service and maintenance.

MOTION to accept the bid from Montague Oil was made by Trustee was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS: Jim Brady inquired about the presence of Claverack Town Supervisor Kippy Weigelt. Mayor Speed informed him that Mr. Weigelt and board member Steve Hook spoke to the board about the old Claverack highway garage/court building on Route 217. The building has been deemed not structurally sound and is being scheduled for demolition. They asked the village board, as governing agency, if the Philmont Fire Company would be interested in a joint application with the Mellenville Fire Company in placing a new fire house at the site.

John Blaauw commented on the recent "CHIPS" sealing on Summit Street. The stone has now been packed down or pushed to the side and is in need of sweeping. He was told this job is already on the schedule and the loose stone should be removed soon.

Darryl Mossman asked the board about the possibility of getting Summit Street painted with lines. He stated Summit Street is a dark street and traffic seems to drive in the center of the road. Trustee Johnson will check into this and see if the Village can remedy this problem.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: Absent

CLERK/TREASURER SIMMONS: All normal office tasks have been completed. The office will be closed on November 8th and the 11th for Election and Veterans Day. Garbage pick -up will take place on WEDNESDAY November 9th. Our new "server" computer has been ordered and should be installed soon; the new internet connection will be installed this week. The October water/sewer bills were mailed out on Friday September 30th and are due without penalty through the end of this month. I have also been busy working with the attorney on the village foreclosures. I wish to thank Animal Kind for holding two spay/neuter mobile clinics on Canal Street this past month to help control the cat population.

POLICE REPORT: Given by Trustee Cropper. A copy of the full report is available in the office for review. It was reported that all officers have completed their annual range qualification and they will have a full staff for Halloween.

LIBRARY REPORT: Given by Trustee Morris. A copy of the full report is available in the office for review. The Medicare 101 workshop was presented by the Office for the Aging and had a solid attendance. A tentative nature sound recording program has been set for November 19/20th. Christine Hales has contacted the library about holding parenting workshops/support groups at the library through Cornell Cooperative Extension. They are looking for a feasible way to make this happen. The money from Senator Machionne will be dispersed from Mid-Hudson soon, but it will only cover the cost of the chess table.

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. They are currently looking for instructors for the November and December workshops to be run in conjunction with Free Columbia.

MAYOR SPEED: The mayor noted a quiet month. He has signed all necessary papers and handled a few complaints.

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. Water service for the entire village will go off on Tuesday October 18th starting at 9 pm while the crew hooks up the new booster pumps. Once the water is off, new valves will be installed so we will not have this problem in the future. The new building inspector started work today. Lee Heim will have office hours on Tuesday's from 11 – 3 and on Thursday's from 7:30 – 10:30. He will also be available for inspections by request.

Trustee Ostrander asked about what has been going on with the Planning Department as the board has not received any report in a long time. Darryl Mossman informed him that they had three members attend class at the college and another class is coming up. He then gave an update on the few applications that have come before them.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: He has been in contact with Habitat for Humanity about the old DPW garage property, checked village properties and has completed evaluations on the Community Center staff. The next meeting for the Community Day Committee will be held on November 7th at 7:00 PM. He also worked with the clerk completing a survey about the upcoming Risk Mapping Discovery project. He will be attending a meeting on this topic later this month and would like village employee Michael Scheller to attend with him. He also commented that it was nice to see some of our electric bills down to zero or even a credit balance because of the solar energy now being used.

TRUSTEE MORRIS: Although doing some unscheduled traveling this month she has been in contact with the office staff regularly. She suggested that the village consider hiring someone for data entry once the new water/sewer computer is installed. If anyone knows of someone who would be interested in this task they should contact the office.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: He gave the fire company report, a copy of which is available in the office for review. The steering committee for the BOA grant will have a meeting on October 21st at 9:00. The LOSAP program reports they are on target reaching their 6% goal. He also attended the workshop meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION to set the Annual Elections for **Tuesday March 21st from noon – 9 pm** at the Village Hall, to elect two (2) Trustees for a two year term each and one (1) Mayor for a two year term was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to allow the mayor to sign the contract with Software Consulting Associates in the amount of \$6,300 for the new water/sewer billing program was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Morris. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to approve Toniann Wagner as a Social Member, and Scott Kraft as a Fire Police member of the Philmont Fire Company, with Scott Kraft passing his physical and both completing arson awareness background checks as submitted, was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to authorize leaf pick up at the Mellenville Union Cemetery was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to deem the old Department of Public Works garage property, 18 Eagle Street, as surplus and no longer needed for Village purposes was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Cropper inquired about a recent piece of correspondence pertaining to a adopting a "Smoke Free" policy. After much discussion the board decided not to proceed with this policy.

At this time a **MOTION** to go into Executive Session to discuss village foreclosures was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

The board convened to the office for discussion.

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

MOTION not to offer any payment plans for outstanding village taxes was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons
Clerk/Treasurer