

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting**  
**Monday December 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 Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

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

**MOTION:** to approve payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Trust & Agency, & Summit Lake Abstract's # 7, Health Care Deductible Abstract #6, BOA Grant Abstract #3) made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Morris. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**Truck Bid Opening**  
**No Bids Received**

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:** Steve Jablanski asked the board about the cleanup of the loose stone on Catskill Court. The Department of Public Works did sweep some of the stone, but left a large portion of the road untouched. Mr. Jablanski is concerned that with winter plowing, the stone will end up in his yard and driveway. Trustee Johnson will speak with the men about this.

**ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:** He has been busy with ongoing projects, union negotiations, and the village foreclosures.

**CLERK/TREASURER SIMMONS:** All normal office tasks have been completed. The office will be closed on Monday December 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday January 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. The new water/sewer billing program has been installed and we are busy transferring all necessary data. We are hopeful that the January billing should be with the new system. Water termination is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>; we currently have nine properties still on the list. Work on the village foreclosures has slowed, but we are still moving forward. I have been in contact with Tom from Monolith Solar as well as Trustee Ostrander about a bill we received from Monolith. After some digging, we found that we have a credit balance with NYSE&G and we will be using this credit on some other electric accounts starting in January.

**POLICE REPORT:** Given by OIC Doyle. Since this is our second snow event, the police department has issued warnings for overnight parking as well as sidewalk shoveling; they will be ticketing offenders soon. He spoke at length with the board about recent events in the village and the issues still plaguing the cameras. Trustee Morris will see what can be done about getting the old pole on Church Street taken down and the village electrician will be contacted for electrical issues in the police office.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** Given by director Tobi Farley. The library had to replace a security camera on their property that was not functioning properly. They have a new chalkboard calendar of events in the hallway that will show all events at the library. Trivia night saw small attendance and they are hoping for a larger turnout for their next meeting that will take place at the end of January. The cultural center is the home of a children's art show, director Farley encouraged everyone to stop in and see the children's work. There was a small group of patron's that braved the cold weather and participated in the Holiday Parade Saturday night marching as their favorite Christmas books. Upcoming events include a children's ornament workshop on December 17<sup>th</sup> as well as a Christmas Caroling on December 21<sup>st</sup>. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact the library. A \$1200 mini grant from Mid-Hudson Library System has been received for the mobile library.

**COMMUNITY CENTER:** Report was read by Trustee Cropper. A copy of the full report is available for review in the village office. It highlights the "Gifts from the Hands" programs are well attended with people from as far away as Albany. They are currently looking for someone to lead any type of yoga class. If you, or someone you know is interested in leading this class please contact director Veronezi.

**MAYOR SPEED:** The mayor toted a good month including hanging the holiday banners, attending meetings and the Santa Parade. He wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**TRUSTEE JOHNSON:** He gave the DPW/WA/SW reports. Leaf pick up is now done for the year and the men are working on the Fire Booster Pumps which will service the Summit Heights development. Trustee Morris commented that she has had a lot of positive feedback about the men picking up leaves after the first snow storm. Their extra pickup time was greatly appreciated.

**TRUSTEE OSTRANDER:** He reported attending meetings this month as well as being in contact with the office and Monolith Solar personnel. He also gave the fire company report, a copy of which is available in the office for review.

**TRUSTEE CROPPER:** He reported attending two union meetings, checked village properties, and had a meeting with the new building inspector and Trustee Johnson regarding a property on Highland Avenue. He would like the building inspector to take a look at the Village's website and make updates on the building department information there. He has also been working with Anthony Krein getting the floors at the Community Center ready to be cleaned. The port-a-potty that is on the lake property needs to be taken away; Mayor Speed will look into this. He announced that the Village Sewer Plant has been awarded a Disinfection Grant that we applied for in the amount of \$191,250.00. He also attended the Holiday Parade and reported that the board will be judging the Annual Holiday Lighting Contest on December 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30.

**TRUSTEE MORRIS:** She reported a good month and that she has been in constant contact with the office.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE LIST PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC**

#### **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**MOTION** to transfer the proceeds from the Casivant Trailer Park Clean Up of \$18,722.45 from the General Fund to the newly established Property Maintenance Reserve Account; was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION** to utilize the remaining \$500.00 carryover balance that was left from the Harkins bill to pay for the change order with Software Consultants for the new water/sewer billing program; made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION** to approve Laurie C. Schmolz as an EMS member only and John Tice as a Class A Firefighter of the Philmont Vol. Fire Company as submitted by the fire company; made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:** Richard Howard expressed the need for a new exhaust fan to be installed in the kitchen. Trustee Ostrander spoke about the grant the fire company was awarded (but never received) for the renovations to the firehouse. After some discussion the board will write a letter to Senator Marchoine asking about the grant, and hand deliver it to her office in Hudson.

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence in memory of long time resident Ralph Shufelt, then a

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons  
Clerk/Treasurer