

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, February 13, 2017

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Brian Johnson, Trustees, Douglas Cropper and Laurence Ostrander, Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Christine Speed

MOTION to approve minutes of the previous meeting made by Trustee Cropper, 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, Summit Lake, & T&A Abstract #9, Health Care Deductible #8) made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper ALL AYES NO NAYS

PUBLIC REQUESTS: Barbara Sagal was present to commend the DPW on their work with plowing after the recent snow storms.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: Reported nothing new and stated that he was continuing work with old issues.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Speed reported that the Village Office will be closed on Monday, February 20th for Presidents Day. Water Termination letters were mailed out today for those still owing their October 2016 bill. Termination is scheduled for March 15th at 12 noon. All normal office tasks have been completed. Transition has started on the new Water/Sewer Billing program; use of the new system should take effect with the April 1st billing. Work on the 2017 – 2018 Annual Budget has begun. Village Election Petitions are due February 14th for the March 21st Election. Taconic Hills Central School has been granted permission for use of the hall for tutoring students during normal office hours. AARP is offering tax preparation services in the hall throughout the tax season from 9am – 1pm on select days.

POLICE REPORT: Given by Officer Willis. A detailed report of all complaints and tickets issued was given and is on file. Officer Willis was questioned by Trustees Cropper & Ostrander regarding the status of sidewalk shoveling after the recent snow storm. After lengthy discussion regarding shoveling and the ticketing of violators, it was decided that additional options will be looked into going forward.

LIBRARY REPORT: No Report.

COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT: No Report.

MAYOR SPEED: No Report/On Vacation

TRUSTEE CROPPER: Reported that he and Trustee Ostrander hand delivered a letter to the office of Senator Kathleen Marchione, requesting the previously approved grant funds for the renovation of the Fire Company rest rooms. Trustee Cropper has continued to work on the Village Web site with Matthew Perry. The next Community Day Committee meeting will be held on March 6th at 7pm at The Community Center.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: Gave the Fire Company Report provided by Fire Chief Mark Beaumont. A detailed report of all calls was given and is on file. Trustee Ostrander reported that he also followed up on the Fire Company Grant with a phone call to Senator Marchiones office. He was told that the money is definitely ours, but it is a lengthy process and was told to wait for its arrival. Trustee Ostrander attended a meeting at the Philmont Public Library for the creation of an Oral History Documentary on The Village of Philmont. Trustee Ostrander stated that he had received a complaint from a non-village resident regarding a traffic incident with a Village Police Officer. He stated that this complaint was addressed and handled.

Deputy Mayor JOHNSON: Gave the DPW/WA/SW Report provided by Superintendent Scheller, a copy is available in the office for review. Trustee Johnson has been working with Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Lee Heim on the cleanup of 5 Highland Avenue and they are awaiting information pertaining to Environmental Permitting. He also stated that they will begin work on creating a Rental Registry for Village landlords, which could take up to 5 years to complete. Officer Willis was questioned on the security of The Mill on Summit Street, as well as vacant houses on Ellsworth Street. He stated that these properties are checked regularly, but the police would take additional measures to inspect them during property checks. During this time, a resident associated with the Ellsworth properties assured the board and police that he would secure the buildings.

CORRESPONDENCE – LIST WAS PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to take action against delinquent water/sewer users; was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS
2. **MOTION** to put out for bid, cleaning of the catch basins and street sweeping. Bids will be opened at our March 13, 2017 regularly scheduled board meeting at 7:00pm; was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS
3. **MOTION** to re-appoint Mark Decker as a member of the Philmont Planning Board for a five (5) year term to expire March 1, 2022; was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS
4. **MOTION** to re-appoint Robert Macfarlane as Philmont Planning Board Chairperson for a one year term to expire March 1, 2018; was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS
5. **MOTION** to re-appoint Kurt Basl as Philmont Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson for a one year term to expire March 1, 2018; was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS
6. **MOTION** to re-appoint Stephen Benson as a member of the Philmont Zoning Board of Appeals for a five (5) year term to expire March 1, 2022; was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS
7. **MOTION** to accept with regret, the resignation of Bruce Olson as member of the Philmont Library Board; was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS
8. **MOTION** to appoint Nathaniel Drake as a member of the Philmont Library Board, to fill the vacated seat of Bruce Olson, with his term to expire November 2018; was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Ostrander stated that he and Brian Ostrander drove through the Village checking fire hydrants. Many are currently unmarked, creating a problem that needs to be fixed. Trustee Johnson will notify Superintendent Scheller of the issue.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A Speed
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT