

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
Monday March 13, 2017**

**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 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 # 10, Health Care Deductible Abstract #9,) made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**BID OPENING – STREET SWEEPING  
NO BIDS RECEIVED**

**BID OPENING – CATCH BASIN CLEANING  
FOUR BIDS RECEIVED AS FOLLOWS:**

<b>COMPANY NAME</b>	<b>BID PRICE</b>
1) Precision Environmental	\$7,500.00
2) National Water Main Cleaning Company	\$7,650.00
3) Residuals Management Services LLC/dba Earth Care	\$4,000.00
4) Pipe Logistics	\$1,500/day

**MOTION** to accept the bid of Earth Care, upon review and approval of DPW Foreman Michael Scheller, in the amount of \$4,000.00 was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Morris. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:** Tim Smith spoke about a group of people from Purpose Co-Working who were in the audience and wanted to get involved in the village. They each introduced themselves to the board then Deborah gave an overview of how the purpose co-working space works, and their plans to start "Philmont Community Action Neighbors". The group is in its early stages, but they hope to use it to get more involved in the village. They all took turns talking about their interest in the village and that they hope to help promote the village. The mayor told them it was great for people to show interest, and then gave a brief overview of the board's responsibilities and had the board introduce themselves.

**ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:** He spoke about an agreement Habitat for Humanity has provided to the board for plans to purchase the vacant lot located at 18 Eagle Street. Trustee Ostrander had questions regarding liability and water/sewer hook ups. Attorney Fitzsimmons informed him that the old gas spill has been deemed clear by the DEC and that Habitat will do their due diligence and further test the site. (See Motions and Resolutions) He then spoke of work on the proposed sidewalk shoveling law. The new law would make it possible for the village to hire out and then bill the homeowner if they fail to shovel their sidewalks. If the homeowner does not pay the village, then the village will attach the bill as a lien to their taxes. Trustee Ostrander asked if they would be able to do the same thing with fire hydrants. Attorney Fitzsimmons will look further into this.

**MOTION** to hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Monday April 10, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the village hall located at 124 Main Street, to hear public comment on proposed local law #1 of 2017 pertaining to sidewalk shoveling was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**CLERK/TREASURER SIMMONS:** All normal office tasks have been completed. Water termination will take place on Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> at noon for those still owing their October 2016 bills, there are currently still 13 properties on the list. The April water/sewer bills will be with the new billing system, all information has been successfully transferred and both systems currently match. A completed draft copy of the 2017-2018 budget has been completed and has been forwarded to the board for their review. Just a reminder, that Village elections will take place on March 21<sup>st</sup> to elect two trustees and one mayor, each for two year terms. Taconic Hill Central School district and AARP continue to use the hall and office for their needs. I have order three new folding tables for the hall and have contacted a plumber for needed repairs.

**POLICE REPORT:** Given by OIC Vernon Doyle Jr. A copy of the full report is available in the office for review. He spoke to the board about addressing concerns they had previously discussed then informed everyone of an ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENT that will take place at Taconic Hills on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>. The police department has been looking for grants and wanted to know if the warehouse property on Canal Street would be available for the site of a possible garage. Trustee Johnson told him that yes, that site would certainly be made available for their needs.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** Given by Trustee Morris. They have purchased new chairs for the teen room. An Energy Saver Audit was done by NYSEG. All proposed work would be done by NYSEG and energy savings would be seen overtime. They had good attendance for both the sweater and garden workshops. English conversation classes are going well with a consistent group of adult students. Meditation classes will begin in April and the next Trivia Night is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Vanderbilt House. They have received grants from both The Ferguson Fund and the Jewish Communal Fund, a donation from the Philmont Rotary Club as well as funds from the Heggarty money at the old Hudson River Bank and Trust.

**COMMUNITY CENTER:** Report was read by Trustee Cropper. A copy of the full report is available for review in the village office. They will be holding a NYS Safe Boating class March 28, 29, and 30<sup>th</sup>. Size is limited so if you are interested please sign up early. Plans are underway for Spring Camp during the week of April 16-21, and they are looking into an after school program and future yoga classes.

**MAYOR SPEED:** He reported having a good time on vacation. Now that he is back in the Village he went to look at a used sweeper with DPW deputy foreman Dan Davis and they will be looking at another possible sweeper later this week. Our machine is in bad shape and we are in need of another one. He signed all papers and has been in contact with the office.

**TRUSTEE JOHNSON:** He gave the DPW/WA/SW reports. A copy of which are available in the office for review. He has also been working with the building inspector.

**TRUSTEE OSTRANDER:** He gave the fire company report, a copy of which is available in the office for review. He attended the Oral History Meeting at the Library. A copy of the final draft on the Waterfront District is available in the office for review. He also attended the workshop and fire company meetings.

**TRUSTEE CROPPER:** He has been busy with day to day operations. He wanted to thank the fire company for the fundraiser dinner they had. He attended the Community Day meeting and informed everyone that the Community Day Committee will be having their own fundraising Spaghetti dinner on March 25<sup>th</sup>. He has been in contact with Rick Juliano and discussed the grants available for broadband in the village. The village is not eligible for this line of grants because high speed internet is already available via Mid-Hudson Cable.

**TRUSTEE MORRIS:** She reported also being on vacation in February but has been in contact with the office and kept up to date on daily operations.

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

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

**MOTION** to move \$4,500.00 from A5110.1 to A3620.1 for increased payroll expenses associated with the new building inspector; was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION** to allow the sale of Village Garbage Stickers at McNans Variety Foods during their normal business hours starting April 1, 2017 pending signed agreement; was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION** to transfer the excess revenue collected from tax penalties of \$40,000.00 to the newly established Property Maintenance Reserve Account; was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to hold the Annual Organizational Meeting and the Annual Budget Hearing on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Village Hall was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to Transfer \$1,000.00 from F8330.4 to F8330.2; was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION** to put out for bid specifications for a used street sweeper; motion made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to approve Alpine Environmental Services for the Department of Labor permit per their proposal and the approval of building inspector Lee Heim was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

### **VILLAGE OF PHILMONT COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1 of 2017**

At a regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees for the Village of Philmont, Columbia County, New York, duly held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017 at the Village Hall, Main Street, Philmont, New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: Trustee Douglas Cropper;  
Seconded by: Trustee Brian Johnson.

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of the Village of Philmont has determined that a parcel of real property that it currently owns known as "18 Eagle Street", identified by Tax Map. No.: 113.9-3-17, located in Philmont, New York ("the property") is not being utilized and, therefore, is no longer necessary for public use and maintenance, and does not serve the needs of the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has received an offer to purchase the property for Twenty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$20,000.00) from Columbia County Habitat for Humanity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board believes that the offer meets or exceeds the fair market value of the property and wishes to enter into a formal contract for the purchase and sale with respect to the property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village Board of the Village of Philmont pursuant to the provisions of New York Village Law §1-102, does adopt this resolution authorizing the Philmont Village Mayor to execute any and all documents to sell and transfer the property, said documents being in form and content acceptable to the village attorney, and be it further

Upon question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Philmont Village Board members voted "Aye" in favor of the Resolution:

Trustee Eilene Morris;  
Trustee Douglas Cropper;  
Trustee Laurence Ostrander;  
Trustee Brian Johnson; and  
Mayor Clarence Speed.

The following Philmont Village Board Members voted "No" in opposition,  
thereto: NONE.

The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Village Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Mayor  
of the Village of Philmont.

Dated: March 13, 2017

Kimberly Simmons,  
Village Clerk  
Village of Philmont

[SEAL]

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** The new agreement with UPSEU has been successfully ratified. It highlights raises of 40 cents per man/per  
year for the next three years as well as an increased health care contribution for any new hires.

**MOTION** to authorize the mayor to sign the UPSEU Memorandum of Agreement was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by  
Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee Johnson wanted to make clear that just because we have agreed to hire Alpine Environmental Service  
doesn't mean that the mess on Highland Avenue is going away. Alpine is simply going to file for the necessary permit(s) and monitor  
the site; it is only the first step in cleaning up the area. He also met with building inspector Lee Heim who has asked for a simplified  
fee schedule for the building department. Trustee Johnson thinks it's a schedule everyone will be able to understand and a

**MOTION** to pass the new building department fee schedule as proposed pending attorney review was made by Trustee Cropper,  
seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons  
Clerk/Treasurer