

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday May 8, 2017**

PRESENT: Mayor Clarence Speed; Trustees Brian Johnson, Douglas Cropper, Eilene Morris; Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons; Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Simmons.

NOTE: On Thursday April 27, 2017 at 10:00 am it was agreed upon, after consultation with DPW Superintendant Michael Scheller, to award the Dump Truck Bid to Johnson Truck Center in the amount of \$39,995.00 for the purchase of a 2005 International Dump Truck (VIN # 1HTWDAAR15J156361).

MOTION made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION: to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

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

MOTION: to approve payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Trust & Agency, & Summit Lake Abstract's # 12, Health Care Deductible Abstract # 11) made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Morris. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

PUBLIC REQUESTS: None

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: He reported working with ongoing projects.

CLERK/TREASURER SIMMONS: All normal office tasks have been completed. The office will be closed on Monday May 29th for Memorial Day. The office will once again be observing "summer hours" from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Our summer hours will be Monday – Thursday 8-2:30 and Friday's from 8-12:00. McNans continues to sell garbage stickers for area residents. The tentative tax roll has been completed and returned to Columbia County Real Property for processing. The annual tax bills will go out on May 31st and will be due without penalty by July 1st. Water turn-off letters will be mailed out in the morning for those still owing their January 2017 bills (due to some problems with the new billing system). Turn-off has been scheduled for June 14th at noon. Work on the NYS Electronic Death Registration System continues, as does work on the NYS Grants Gateway for the sewer plant grant. The village board needs to seriously think about contracting with someone who can administer this grant. I am preparing to close the books for the fiscal year end and will begin the annual report for the NYS Department of Audit and Control soon. A word of caution to all departments to refrain from any unnecessary spending for the remainder of the fiscal year.

POLICE REPORT: Given by OIC Doyle. They responded to 28 calls, had 1 arrest, made 196 property checks, issued 15 traffic tickets and 24 warnings. They will be increasing their presence on the streets with the warmer weather, concentrating on problem areas. Trustee Johnson asked if they would also increase patrols on Preusser Road. People are once again using this area to dump large items on village property. They will also be patrolling ALL village properties to make sure they are being used by village residents only. OIC Doyle stressed to all that if you are using village property to fish or boat the police will be making regular rounds. If you are on village property with a car that is not registered to a village resident, you should leave your ID on the dash to avoid having the car towed.

LIBRARY REPORT: Given by Trustee Morris. They have been having ongoing problems with the lights at the library and director Farley has discovered that the ballasts have been installed incorrectly and the problems are likely to continue until the ballasts are fixed. The parking lot has been flooding and seems to be getting worse now that the lot is paved. The entire patio area is now flooding as well. The Philmont Rotary, P-can and the library are going to hold an information session on the opioid epidemic. They are inviting first responders and service programs that can give information on the seriousness of the problem in our village and how we can better handle it. They have a traveling collection of books on addiction on the display shelf. Community members, library and village board members are invited to attend on Thursday, June 1st in the Cultural Center (time to be determined). They will also be collecting pet food for the Rotary Club the entire month of May and will have a week of "pet food for fines" from May 8-13th.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Report was read by Trustee Cropper. A copy of the full report is available for review in the village office. Spring Camp with Free Columbia took place the week of April 16-21 with 14 children attending. The center continues to be used by area residents. A meeting with Trustee's Johnson and Cropper took place on April 13th at the center and a plan to move the kitchen to the main hall was made. They are working to have the floor cleaned and polished. Director Veronezi has been in contact with the Columbia County Department of Health as well as the Sheriff's Department. Plans are under way to hold a forum on the opiate epidemic and a safety program for seniors.

MAYOR SPEED: He reported signing all necessary papers, attending the BOA Grant meeting and making phone calls looking for a new dump truck for the village.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON: He gave the DPW/WA/SW reports. It notes using the new street sweeper, and picking up the new dump truck. A full copy of the reports are available in the office for review. He is working with the building inspector on derelict buildings, mainly 5 Highland Avenue. They are going put this work out to bid soon and the bid will be awarded next month.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: He first gave the Fire Company report. They had 63 Total calls for the year, with 3 drills and 2 truck inspections; a full copy of the report is available in the office for review. He has checked village properties and has spoken with Community Center director Veronezi about have the Columbia County Inmates come to the village and work. He is in need of ideas/projects/jobs that need to be done before he can move forward with this. If any department has a job for them please let Trustee Cropper know. He attended the Community Day Committee meeting and they will be having a larger fireworks display this year. As part of our Emergency Action plan he would like to sign the village up for the Weather Ready Nation. The board gave their approval. He also reminded everyone that voting ends soon for Best in Columbia County so he urged all to go vote for Philmont.

TRUSTEE MORRIS: She reported working with the office on financial and grant issues.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION to take action against delinquent water users; was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Morris. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to move \$1,365.00 from A5142.1 (snow removal payroll) to A3120.1 (police payroll), \$2,145.00 from A1620.4 (buildings) to A3620.2 (building inspector) and \$6,900.00 from L909 (library fund balance) to L7410.2 (library equipment); was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to hold the end of year meeting on Tuesday May 30th at noon in the village office for the sole purpose of paying end of the year bills was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Morris. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Trustee Johnson had a meeting with Chris Hoppe concerning the concrete pads the library needs for the new tables. The library would like the pads to be circles, so Trustee Johnson will speak with Jim Schaible for this project. He and Mr. Hoppe will be meeting again next week and will also look at the flooding problems.

NEW BUSINESS: Debra Gitterman asked the board about getting the community involved in naming the small park on Main Street across from the old bank. She would like to have people suggest possible names for the park and announce the winning name on Community Day. The board saw no problems with this and she will move forward.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons
Clerk/Treasurer