

Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday July 10, 2017

PRESENT: Mayor Clarence Speed; Trustees Eilene Morris, Douglas Cropper, Laurence Ostrander; Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Simmons.

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 Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Morris. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION: to approve payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Trust & Agency, Summit Lake, Health Care Deductible # 2 & Equipment Reserve Abstract # 1) made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Monte Jennings thanked all for their support with community day, in return the board thanked him for all he has done.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: No report

CLERK/TREASURER SIMMONS: All normal office tasks, monthly and quarterly reports have been completed. Work continues on our Annual Audit for NYS Department of Audit and Control. If you have not yet paid your annual village tax bill, it is now past due and has incurred a 5% penalty (through the end of this month). July water/sewer bills were mailed out on June 30th and are due without penalty through July. Summer hours for the office will continue through August.

POLICE REPORT: Given by Officer Leonard, he reported the department handled 21 complaints and issued 42 tickets with 4 arrests.

Barbara Sagal thanked the board for installing the new signs on Prospect Street. They had further discussion on other options to slow traffic and possibly regulating parking for this section of road. The board also discussed the possibility of making Ellsworth Street a one way street after Officer Leonard spoke about issues on community day.

Mrs. Sagal then had questions about when the naming of the pocket park had come up. She had not heard of this until community day and the board informed her on how this event started.

LIBRARY REPORT: Given by Trustee Morris. Repairs were made to the door stop on the back door. They have received a much lower bid for concrete work that needs to be done at the library and they are still awaiting word from another contractor. The tables have come in and they are just awaiting their forever placement. The summer reading program has started; there are programs for kids, teens and adults. Kids programs are Thursdays at 3 pm and teen programs are Fridays at 3 pm. Adults can choose meditation on Mondays or cooking club every other Wednesday. The friends group is working on having a concert or two this summer. The reading challenge is for everyone. Kids earn a Lego piece for every book they read and adults receive a building disc. The pieces are being used to create cooperative sculptures in the library, not to mention to see who reads more, adults or kids. An exhibit on the history of the village is now located in the Karen Garafalo Cultural Center of the library and will run until the end of July. They have received a Summer Reading Grant from Didi Barret and also have received word of a Bullet Aid grant from Kathleen Marchionne. They will be advocating for an increase in County Support on July 25th at 5 pm at 401 State Street, Hudson. Please consider joining them to show your support.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Report was given by Trustee Cropper. A copy of the full report is available for review in the village office. Efforts on finding someone to clean the center floors have been unsuccessful. Weeding is needed in the centers garden. The center continues to be used by area residents as well as the Rock Solid Church Youth Group; attendance is up to 40 children. Make and Take Days are under way with a few more days to go, July 15, August 5th and 19th. Flyers are posted around the village and are also on facebook. After a meeting with Columbia County Mental Health Association representatives, "CAVE" will be using the center on a trial basis Thursday evenings. Free Columbia will be using the center from July 24-28 for an "intergenerational intensive week of puppet building."

MAYOR SPEED: He reported signing all necessary papers, attended community day and working with Jack Race on "Thank-A-Vet" day. He also purchased new flags to replace the torn ones on Main Street.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: He reported attending the workshop and BOA meetings. He noted lots of emails pertaining to the BOA grant, a conference call will be held in the morning to work out issues so they can submit the draft plan. He also informed the board that the fire company is interested in moving forward in a joint venture with the Town of Claverack for a new building that would house the fire company. After speaking with Village attorney Fitzsimmons it appears that we can move forward with this venture.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: He reported checking village properties and reminded everyone that the Forest Lake property is for Village residents only. There has been a lot of activity at the lake and the board may have to consider locking the access if it doesn't quiet down. He congratulated Mayor Speed for his inclusion in the Columbia County's "Best" event. He also attended the workshop and community day committee meetings, and Thank-A-Vet activities. He spoke about the new signage on Prospect Street and the parking problem in this area. He also spoke about a car that has been parked in the Ellsworth Street parking lot for some time. Officer Leonard told him the police have already addressed this. Trustee Cropper then thanked Monte Jennings and all involved with Community Day for their support. He also thanked the Hearth for letting us use their lawn for activities.

TRUSTEE MORRIS: She reported one street light outage, attending the workshop and also has been busy with "Thank-A-Vet" activities. Mid Hudson Cable has donated a television for this upcoming event. She also attended community day events and thought the fireworks were great this year.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Speed read the building inspector report. A copy of which is available in the village office for review. Trustee Ostrander informed the board of garbage bags on Summit Street that have been there for a while. Officer Leonard will look into this after the meeting.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION to accept with regret the resignation of officer John Grant effective July 1, 2017; was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Officer Leonard informed the board of a handful of street lights that are out. He will leave a list on the clerk's desk so they can be reported to NYSEG.

NEW BUSINESS:

With no further business before them the Mayor asked for a moment of silence in memory of long time residents Gerald VanAlphen and Catherine Lockenwitz, then a

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons
Clerk/Treasurer