

MONDAY, August 14, 2017

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Local Law #2 of 2017 – Prospect Street Parking
Local Law #3 of 2017 – Ellsworth Street-One-way

Attorney Fitzsimmons gave an overview of both proposed local laws.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Local Law # 2: Maryanne Chadwick expressed concern regarding what this would do to her property value with no parking in front of her home. She questioned the logic of this law as related to the number of homes on the east as opposed to the west sides of the street. She also noted that the excess traffic only began when Stewart's closed and people started using Prospect Street as a short cut to get to Cumberland Farms. Also, she questioned the wall by the culverts and its ability to handle this excess traffic, Trustee Johnson noted that it was engineered with the structural integrity to hold traffic 24/7. Zack Baker stated that only allowing parking on the west side of the street would block fire hydrants and not provide as many parking spots due to driveways and fences. Lucy & Darryl Baker noted that parking issues on the street were made worse by a dumpster in front of the Simpson Estate and a Cement Truck and an oversized truck & trailer which are constantly parked on this section of the Street. Brenda Baker noted that the 5 handicapped residents on the street would be greatly affected by the passing of this law. Barbara Sagal questioned why this Local Law was even being considered and Mindy Gardner requested that the complainants identify themselves. At this time the board stated that the parking issue was a result of complaints from the Philmont Fire Company and it was in the interest Fire Truck & School Bus Safety. Bill Blaauw spoke on behalf of the Fire Company, stating that the road is far too narrow with parking on both sides of the street. He said that at times school buses and fire engines can barely get through. Dick Howard also stated that especially the new Fire Truck has a very hard time getting through the village streets and roads. After lengthy discussion between the Board and Prospect Street residents, it was decided that permitting may be required for future use of dumpsters in the village. Also under consideration will be a size limit for vehicles parking on Village Streets and roads. The Board then Tabled this Local Law for further research until the Sept. 11th Board Meeting.

Local Law # 3: Ellsworth resident Roberta Erlichman questioned, why now after all these years make the Street One-Way? She noted that if the problem stemmed from Community Day Traffic, then just make the street One-way for that day only. She also made it clear that the residents of Ellsworth all have a mutual respect for the traffic flow and have never had a problem with it. Home owner Gary Wallace spoke in length and presented a video showing traffic pattern and flow issues already existing on the street. He also noted that these conditions were in good weather with no ice, snow banks or winter hazards. Mark Rowntree spoke offering his support of the other Ellsworth residents. He noted that a piece of the driveway he owns could possibly be used to ease future traffic flow. Trustee Morris noted that since every resident from the street was present and against changing the traffic flow, further consideration of this local law was no longer necessary. After further discussion between the Board and Ellsworth residents, the Mayor requested that this item also be Tabled, pending further research and assistance, until the Sept. 11th Board Meeting.

MOTION to close the Public Hearing was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Ostrander ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to approve minutes of the previous meeting made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Cropper 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, Summit Lake, Health Care Deductible & T&A #3) made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Ostrander ALL AYES NO NAYS

PUBLIC REQUESTS: Maryanne Chadwick requested more police presence to enforce what she considered to be excessive speeding on Prospect Street. She also expressed concerns regarding vehicles passing a school bus. Office Willis was present and noted that officers are highly trained on proper radar use and speed estimation techniques. He noted that the Police Department is regularly and aggressively patrolling in the Village to reduce speeding.

Mark Rowntree noted his concerns regarding the speed and flow of traffic in the area of Lake Drive, Ark Street and Band Street. He suggested the possibility of a Speed Bump or Stop sign in this area. The Board will look into these traffic concerns when they further research the Ellsworth traffic concerns. He also brought it to the Boards attention that the Speed Bump that used to be on Lake Drive in the vicinity of the Community Center is not in place. The Mayor stated that he will investigate the absence of the speed bump.

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

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Speed reported that Our Annual Report for fiscal year ending May 30, 2017 has been completed and submitted to the Department of Audit and Control. The office has already received a call back cautioning us about our negative General Fund Balance. New unbudgeted equipment purchases have caused this problem. They also wanted to make sure that the Board is aware that the Water Fund Balance is progressively getting smaller. The Village Office will be closed on Monday, September 4th for Labor Day. Summer Hours remain in effect 8 -2:30 Mon. – Thurs and 8 – Noon Fridays through September 2nd. Water Termination letters were mailed out today for those still owing their April 2017 bill. Termination is scheduled for September 13th at noon. All monthly reports normal office tasks have been completed.

POLICE REPORT: Given by Officer Willis. A detailed report of all complaints and tickets issued was given and is on file. The department has increased patrols, both car and foot, in an effort to control the loitering and issues in the 106 – 110 block of Main Street, which he noted is working. The new Police car has been delivered and once the equipment is transferred and installed from the old car, should be in service within a week or so. Officer Willis was questioned by Trustee Cropper regarding the Philmont Police Department responding to a City of Hudson shooting incident. It was discussed whether this was covered under shared services and Trustee Cropper expressed his concerns for our officers. Officer Willis stated that he will meet with OIC Doyle to clarify these concerns.

LIBRARY REPORT: Given By Trustee Morris. Concrete prep work continues and they are awaiting contractor's bids. A new lower priced Email and website package is in place. About 35 people are participating in the reading challenge. About 100 people attended the finale for the Summer Reading Program. Grants: Received \$1000.00 from Columbia Children's Foundation for museum passes. Also, we are applying for a \$2000.00 mini grant from Mid-Hudson Library System for the mobile library at Whittier.

COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT: Given by Trustee Cropper. The floor was cleaned and the garden was weeded. The Community Center continues to be used on a regular basis by numerous organizations and groups. The condition and responsibility of care of the grounds has been questioned and has been brought to the attention of the village board. Total use for the month was 163 people. Director Julia Veronezi's report is on file.

MAYOR SPEED: Mayor Speed noted that he was super busy with ticket sales, donations, media responsibilities, and activities relating to Thank A Vet Day on July 30th. He was at the park for 10 hours the day of the event cooking chickens and enjoying the day. Extra hats and dog tags from the event will be brought to the V.A. for an Ice Cream Social. He handled dog complaints and signed papers. Mayor Speed contacted Wes Powell to submit his resume to fill the vacancy of the Dog Officer position at the Town of Claverack.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: Trustee Cropper noted that the Community Day Committee held their wrap up meeting. New meetings will begin in the fall, 7pm at The Community Center. All are welcome to attend and join. He gathered Elan Planning grant information. The Fire Company will begin sub sales in October and the kitchen fan has still not been installed. Trustee Johnson said that he would handle the installation of the fan. The hydrant markers will begin to be put up in the near future. He noted that Community Center Director Julie Veronezi has requested police coverage at the center for loitering and drug needles being found. Derelict vehicles and trailers have also been found in the park. Officer Willis responded that he would investigate this immediately. Trustee Cropper also reported that helmets are available for village children found riding bikes without them.

TRUSTEE MORRIS: Trustee Morris reported that she was present for the delivery of the new police car. She went to Thank A Vet Day and was present for all activities and media events leading to the event. Trustee Morris would like to personally thank Jack Race and Janice Anderson for all of their hard work and efforts that go into Thank A Vet Day.

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 reviewed and signed off on Monolith Solar Documents. He attended the Special Meeting with the Police. He attended BOA Grant meetings regarding an extension and is optimistic about the final phase. Trustee Cropper was also able to see the new police car upon its delivery. He congratulated the Village and Police Department on a beautiful vehicle.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON: Gave the DPW/WA/SW Report provided by Superintendent Scheller, a copy is available in the office for review. Trustee Johnson reported that he attended a special meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE – LIST WAS PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to take action against delinquent water/sewer users; was made by Trustee Eilene, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS
2. **MOTION** to sponsor three recruits to the Zone 14 Law Enforcement Academy; was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Morris. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS: Darryl Mossman questioned the responsibility of shoveling around fire hydrants. Attorney Fitzsimmons stated that the responsibility belongs to the home owner if they have a hydrant on their property per local law. Trustee Ostrander also noted that better snow removal efforts need to be made by the Village DPW in front of the Fire Company Truck bays and the municipal lot.

MOTION to adjourn, in memory of Clyde Smith; was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A Speed
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT