

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday December 11, 2017**

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

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

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

MOTION: to approve payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Trust & Agency, Summit Lake, and Health Care Deductible Abstract #7, BOA Grant # 5) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Morris. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Henry Casivant spoke to the board about his property located at 6 Main Street. He has contracted with an engineer and wishes to bring the property up to code. If that means that he needs to take down the garage and remove the trailer he will do that, but he is running short on time. The property was condemned by the building inspector on January 10, 2016 and he only has one year to remedy the problems. Attorney Fitzsimmons explained that the building inspector has given the board all updated information and has also been in contact with the engineer. He instructed Mr. Casivant to speak with his engineer tomorrow. Barbara Sagal commented on the "Breakfast with Santa", sponsored by the Philmont Santa Claus Club, that took place on Saturday December 9th. She noted that she spoke with some children who attended the event and they were very happy and excited.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: He reported ongoing projects and work with the employees union.

CLERK/TREASURER SIMMONS: The Office will be closed on Monday December 25th and Monday January 1st for Christmas and New Year holidays. Our new email accounts are now working. The addresses are clerk@philmont.org and deputyclerk@philmont.org; we are working with JV Computers with a few small problems, but are hopeful they will be remedied soon. All normal office tasks have been completed. (Bank statements, accounts receivable, accounts payable, garbage sticker sales, monthly reports, etc.) Water termination is scheduled for December 13th at noon. The dehumidifier in the record room still does not appear to be working. The "Sidewalk Clearing Bid" was to be opened today at noon, however no bids were received. The board may want to look into finding an alternative solution for this job. AARP has once again requested use of the hall for tax preparation starting in January and running through April 9th. The Philmont Santa Claus Club held their annual "Breakfast with Santa" on Saturday and they wished to express their thanks for use of the hall. The event was well attended. They also wished to remind everyone that their Christmas parade will take place on Saturday December 16th with step off at 6 pm.

POLICE REPORT: Given by OIC Doyle, a copy of the full report is available in the office for review. He noted the department has been busy handing out reminders about the overnight parking and shoveling laws. The department is ready for the parade and new cameras have been installed in the village hall thanks to a grant the department has received. The grant will also cover the cost of outside cameras as well. He noted that trees will need to be cut in the spring so they won't interfere with the street cameras. When he was asked about the timing of overnight parking tickets he said the department waits until after midnight before they will issue these tickets. Barbara Sagal asked if they could put more day patrols on to slow the traffic on Main Street and she was told they do have day patrols, but the timing of these vary. At this time Skip Krein spoke about the cross walk on Church Street that was just repainted, noting that it is already coming up. The mayor said the village would inform the DOT of this.

LIBRARY REPORT: Given by Trustee Morris, a copy of the full report is available for review in the office. They noted that Christmas decorating is underway and the teen advisory committee did a great job of decorating. Special thanks to Abby, Cassidy, Yasmin, Hannah, Jody, and Terry. The friends of the library have decorated the flower boxes by the back entrance, thanks to Karen, Linda, and Eileen. They will hold a Christmas ornament workshop on December 16th for kids up to age 14. The teen advisory is sponsoring a reading challenge this month. Paper star ornaments will be hung for every book read through the end of the month. The Pilgrim Promise Food Drive went well in collaboration with the Philmont Rotary Club, 3-4 boxes of food items were delivered to the food pantry before Thanksgiving. The Rotary club will be sponsoring a free lunch and movie on Wednesday December 27th at 12:30 and they would be happy to do this again when they have their "Book to Movie Club" in January. They will supply the pizza for this event. "Grand's and Little's" story hour went well last month at Pine Haven. They have been asked to possibly coordinate another program where volunteers come to read adult topics such as poetry, non-fiction, short stories, etc. They will be closed for Christmas and New Years. They received a grant from the Mid-Hudson Library System for \$2,000 for the mini grant in support of their mobile library to Whittier.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Report was read by Trustee Cropper. A copy of the full report is available in the office for review. Director Veronezi met with Trustee's Cropper and Johnson at the center to review plans for the new kitchen area. Appliances and supplies have been ordered and should arrive sometime this month. The center continues to be used by community members. Gifts from the Hands continue with another workshop on December 16th. Smoke Free signs have been posted in village parks.

MAYOR SPEED: The mayor put the holiday banners up along Main Street, signed all necessary papers and attended meetings.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON: He first gave the DPW, WA/SW reports, copies of which are available in the office for review. He then reported a propane heater is being installed at the pump house on Summit Street, work is expected to be completed soon.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: He checked village properties, met with the Tobacco Free Coalition for sign placement and did some research on the Mid-Hudson Street Light Consortium.

TRUSTEE MORRIS: She noted being away most of November but has kept in touch with the office. She noted some graffiti on one of the planters in the pocket park that needs to be removed.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: He attended all village, and BOA meetings. He also gave the fire company report, a copy of which is available in the office for review.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Ostrander spoke about the dehumidifier in the record room. He and Trustee Johnson discussed checking the filters, and if it can't be fixed, purchase a new one.

Dick Howard thanked the board for the new fan in the kitchen, it works wonderful.

Barbara Sagal asked if Habitat is still coming to Philmont. Attorney Fitzsimmons explained they are still coming but they work slowly.

Trustee Cropper asked about the Holiday Lighting Contest. The board discussed this and it was decided judging would take place on Thursday December 21st starting at 7 pm.

Trustee Johnson asked what we were going to do about sidewalk clearing since we still have no bids. There was much discussion on this subject and no final determination was made as how to proceed.

Trustee Ostrander asked how the complaints about the Gellert properties were going. He was informed they were handled and no new complaints have come in.

With no further action before them a

MOTION to adjourn in memory of Mary Lou Race was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons
Clerk/Treasurer