

Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday January 8, 2018

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 Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. 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, and Health Care Deductible Abstract #8) made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Barbara Sagal asked if the village could plow out in front of the post office a little better than what has been done. The area gets very slushy making it slippery. Trustee Johnson told her the issue will be handled.

Henry Casivant informed the board that he has an engineer working on his 6 Main Street property to get it up to code. He will tear down the garage and take the trailer out.

Sally Baker wanted to inform the board that Philmont Beautification Inc. will be starting a window screen survey of rental housing. She provided the board with a letter explaining the project. A team of volunteers will be driving around the village taking photos to create a rental housing map in preparation for writing a housing plan in 2018, as a part of Philmont Beautification Inc.'s housing program. If anyone is interested in volunteering they can contact Ms. Baker at info@pbinc.org. Trustee Cropper asked if she already had a list of rental properties and was told they do not, but they will end up with a list and they will share the information with the board. Trustee Ostrander told her that Columbia County Real Property may be able to help with some of the information she may need.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: He reported work with ongoing projects.

CLERK/TREASURER SIMMONS: All normal office tasks as well as all monthly and quarterly reports have been completed. Also completed are the W – 2's and 1099's, both have been given to employees and the IRS. I have also been busy working on both Police and Fire Company grants. Both have been sent in to the state and they both are in need of additional information. Water bills went out on December 29th and are due without penalty through the end of January. Village elections will be held on Tuesday March 20th. Petitions must be turned in between February 6th and the 13th. The office will be closed on Monday January 15th for the Martin Luther King holiday. AARP will be using the village hall for tax preparation on Monday's, starting February 5th and continuing through April 9, 2018. I will begin work on our 2018-2019 budget soon and I am requesting proposed budgets from all departments at this time.

POLICE REPORT: Given by OIC Vernon Doyle Jr. They reported 3 arrests, 33 traffic tickets, 6 parking tickets, and 8 assists. They attended the holiday parade and also had an EMS call this past Sunday in which they had a NARCAN rescue.

LIBRARY REPORT: Given by Trustee Morris, a copy of the full report is available for review in the office. The children's ornament workshop saw 35 kids and teens; the teen advisory reading challenge had 30 participate. The rotary club sponsored a lunch and movie in which they had 19 attendees.

Soup sales begin this Wednesday from 4-6 pm and will continue throughout the month. If you are interested in making soup or a dessert please contact the library.

The teen advisory will be having their first Book to Movie Club this month. They will be discussing Paper Towns by John Green, watching the movie and having pizza and popcorn.

They have received confirmation that the grant written for a series of workshops to make recycled instruments, write music and perform has been approved by the Green County Counsel of the Arts. Funds will be received after the workshops in July.

They received a support check from the Town of Ghent in the amount of \$1500.00; an increase from last year.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Report was read by Trustee Cropper. A copy of the full report is available in the office for review. Work on the new kitchen area is continuing and it is looking very good to date. Appliances and supplies have been delivered. The center continues to be used by community members. Chairs were taken from the center without authorization, they have been returned, but groups that regularly meet at the center were without them. If you would like to borrow items from the center in the future please be sure that you contact director Veronezi.

MAYOR SPEED: He signed papers, answered complaints, attended the Community Day meeting, and took down the holiday banners with the help of Jeff French. He was kept busy providing burn barrels and pulling Santa in the holiday parade. He helped 117 children up and down the steps to see the jolly ol' man himself, making sure Mrs. Claus knew the ages of the children so they received the proper gift. He asked if there was enough money in the celebrations account to repair some of the brackets and holiday banners. Jeff French will get an estimate as to how much money will be needed for this. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON: He gave the DPW, WA/SW reports, full copies of which are available in the office for review. The men have been busy with snow and cold. He has been in touch with Nortrax because the backhoe has more problems. He sent Harkins home last week because the weather was too cold, but the work should be finished soon.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: He checked village properties, attended the workshop and Community Day meetings. The Community Day committee would like the village support for this year's fireworks display. They will be in touch with their official request soon. He also judged the holiday lights. The siren on top of the municipal building needs to be repaired as well as the downstairs door.

TRUSTEE MORRIS: She attended a very informative workshop meeting in which Tom Paino and Robyn Reynolds talked about a street lighting alternative. She judged the Christmas parade and she said it was the best parade she can remember. She read a thank you letter from the Santa Claus Club that explained the club's activities this holiday season. During their breakfast, the club wrapped 262 gifts for area children to give to their families Christmas morning, and Santa gave 117 children a wrapped present, orange and candy cane the night of the parade. Trustee Cropper asked for a round of applause for all involved.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: He gave the fire company report, a copy of which is available in the office for review. The company would like the board to consider approval to consolidate trucks 47-19 and 47-70. Both trucks are getting old and it would be more cost effective to have only one truck. They would like to look into getting a grant to purchase a new vehicle, or perhaps if grant funds are not available, to purchase a used truck. He attended the workshop meeting last month that he also found informative. The BOA grant is in its final stage and he has been busy with correspondence and emails. Sally Baker told the board we should have a draft document no later than January 31, 2018.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION to identify the Village Meeting Hall, located at the rear of 124 Main Street, Philmont, NY as the polling place for the Village Elections to be held on Tuesday March 20, 2018 with polls being open from 12:00 noon until 9:00 PM was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to appoint Kurt Basl, Karen Garafalo and Judy Hartley as Election Inspectors for the March 20, 2018 Village Elections to be held in the Village Meeting Hall from 12:00 noon to 9:00 PM at the daily rate of \$100.00 each was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to accept with regret the resignation of part-time police officer James Mayo effective December 22, 2017 was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

The board discussed the slow clean up of the Highland Avenue property as well as the old DPW site on Eagle Street. Habitat for Humanity will start their environmental review soon on the Eagle Street property. The mayor informed everyone that he will not be here next month and Trustee Ostrander asked about having ALL rental units inspected at least once a year. Attorney Fitzsimmons will look into sample legislation for the board. A new law could also include derelict properties as well. Ms. Baker spoke about the city of Hudson's new laws; she will look into this further.

With no further action before them a

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons
Clerk/Treasurer