

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday March 12, 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 Morris, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

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

MOTION: to approve payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Trust & Agency, Summit Lake, and Health Care Deductible Abstract #10, Debt Reserve (SW) Abstract #1) made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

Mayor Speed read the following Proclamation:

NANCY J BROUSSEAU COMMUNITY PARK DEDICATION

WHEREAS our community has overwhelmingly chosen to honor Nancy J. Brousseau for her sincere commitment to the Village of Philmont and its residents which is evident by her many acts of kindness and hours of dedication...

WHEREAS it is hereby determined that the pocket park located at 115 Main Street in the Village of Philmont be officially dedicated as "The Nancy J. Brousseau Community Park" with a formal dedication to be held on Philmont Community Day, Saturday July 14, 2018 at 1:00 PM...

DATED and authorized this 12th day of March, 2018...

I hereby set my hand and caused to be affixed, the seal of the Incorporated Village of Philmont this date.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Henry Casivant spoke to the board about his property at 6 Main Street and let them know he is still working with an engineer on it, but the recent weather has slowed progress. He also informed them that he and the engineer have checked on the other issue. Mr. Casivant stated that he has been in contact with the building inspector since the last meeting; however, Attorney Fitzsimmons cautioned that he needs to speak with him again.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: He reported work with ongoing projects and personnel issues.

CLERK/TREASURER SIMMONS: All normal office tasks and all monthly reports have been completed. Water turn-off will take place on March 14th at noon for those still owing their October 2017 bills. There are currently 8 properties still on the list. Village elections will be held on Tuesday March 20th from noon to 9 pm in the Village Hall to elect Two (2) Trustees for a two year term each and One (1) Justice for a 4 year term. The office will be closed on Friday March 30th for Good Friday. AARP continues use of the village hall for tax preparation on Monday's, continuing through April 9, 2018. Work on our 2018-2019 budget is almost complete. The board has been issued a draft copy for their review. Budget workshops need to be scheduled quickly if the board wishes to make any changes.

POLICE REPORT: No Report

LIBRARY REPORT: Given by Trustee Morris, a copy of the full report is available for review in the office. They have replaced four chairs in the computer room. If anyone is interested in giving one of the old ones a new home please contact the library staff. Director Farley and two board members attended Advocacy Day in Albany to speak up for library funding. The Mid Hudson Library System is providing them with a new router called an aero hive. This will provide them with a more accurate count of wi-fi usage. Director Farley is working with Peter Smith on summer art/music workshops. Materials and registering participants will start soon. The program will run the second week in July. The contract from Greene County Council of the Arts (who are providing the funding) has been received. On Friday May 4th the library will be hosting "May the Fourth Be with You Day" (otherwise known as "Star Wars Day"). They will make crafts and snacks and also have a costume contest. The original movie will be shown during the event. Fine forgiveness will take place for anyone reciting any famous Star Wars Quotes. Director Farley is working on borrowing a green screen to take photos with the characters. The Columbia County Library Directors Association is restructuring how it distributes County Funds. This means less County funds will be received, however, they will be paying some bills directly. Joint purchase of some e-resources is being considered with other area libraries.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Report was read by Trustee Cropper. A copy of the full report is available in the office for review. The new kitchen area is complete. The center continues to be used by community members. A New York State Safe Boating Class will be held at the center on March 25, 26 and 27th from 6 – 9 pm. The class is offered free of charge. Director Veronezi has been in contact with our webmaster and is currently developing some ideas. An after school program has started on Tuesday's running from 3:30 – 5:00 with Amelia McIssac. The "Summit Lake Kid's Club will include crafts, cooking and nature exploration.

MAYOR SPEED: He reported a bad start since his return from vacation. Two major snow storms have hit and another one is on its way. Since his return he has signed bills and spoken with the clerk on different issues. He has also worked with NYSE&G four days last week trying to restore the power to our sewer plant.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON: He reported the DPW crew has been busy plowing snow and fixing trucks. Two trucks got stuck during the recent snow storms. Work at the sewer plant is progressing and he will be meeting with Morris Associates for updates. Our water department will be attending class on Tuesday. The Community Center work has been completed.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: He has been working on the Community Center kitchen project, checking village properties and has attended the workshop meeting. He will be meeting with an electrician about plans for the siren this week. A bid is ready to be emailed to the clerk.

TRUSTEE MORRIS: She has been working with the office on budget issues, gathering information on buildings and electric use for Clean Energy and attended the workshop meeting.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: He attended the opiate meeting that was held at the college last month. It was well attended by many State and Local politicians, as well as social services personnel. Unfortunately, introductions took a long time and he had to leave for our workshop meeting shortly after the meeting started. He didn't get to hear much, but it appears that everyone wants to do the right thing, but they are not sure what the right thing is. Thanks to Fire Chief Mark Beaumont, the fire company has installed a washing machine and slop sink downstairs. He also gave the fire company report, a copy of which is available for review in the office. The fire company did save two lives on Sunday, so the EMS program is working.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION to move money within funds as needed was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS (To: G1910.4 in the amount of \$500.00 From: G1950.4 - To: A1910.4 in the amount of \$10,000 From: A1990.4 - To: A1910.4 in the amount of \$5,000.00 From: A 1440.4 - To: A1110.4 in the amount of \$250.00 From: A1110.2 -To: F8340.4 in the amount of \$1,000.00 From: F8340.2 – To: A8160.4 in the amount of \$1,000.00 From: A5110.4)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Philmont (Location Code 40308) hereby establishes the standard work day for elected and appointed officials and will report the days worked to the NYS and Local Employees Retirement system based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by the officials to the clerk made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to spend \$25,000.00 from the Debt (SW) Reserve Account to make the Annual 2018 debt service payment on the sewer plant; was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to hold the Annual Organization Meeting and the Annual Budget Hearing on Monday April 2, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall 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 Matthew Leonard effective February 1, 2018 was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to accept with regret the resignation of Police Recruit Richard Selva Jr. effective immediately was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Morris. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to hire Valerie Miligan – Burgess as a part-time library clerk at the hourly rate of \$12.00/hr effective immediately was made by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

Debra Gitterman inquired about additional information needed for the Clean Energy application. They received all the electric bills, but they now need all fuel information. She will check with Robyn Reynolds to see if the abstracts will work. Michael Sesserman spoke about computerizing office records so tasks like this would not be so time consuming. Henry Casivant spoke about a recent water break on his property on Summit Street. Trustee Johnson is in need of original maps for the sewer plant. He will check with office and sewer plant personnel to obtain this.

With no further action before them a

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons
Clerk/Treasurer