

**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Clarence Speed, Trustees Larry Ostrander, Douglas Cropper, Brian Johnson, Barbara Sagal, Attorney Rob Fitzsimmons, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Christine Speed.

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY** – Trustee Brian Johnson was sworn in by Attorney Rob Fitzsimmons.

**MOTION** to approve minutes of the previous meeting made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to approve payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Summit Lake, Health Care Deductible & T&A Abstract #11) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:** Debbie Graziano reported that the repairs to water main breaks behind her property have left the right of way in horrible condition. She requested that the DPW fill the holes and smooth the road. Mayor Speed asked Trustee Johnson to look into this matter.

Suzanne Hamm noted that the dead deer carcass in the reservoir is still there. She reported it to the village office over a month ago and it hasn't been picked up. She is very concerned about the health hazards and appearance of the dead animal. Trustee Johnson was asked to speak to the DPW about this.

**ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:** Reported working with Building Inspector, Lee Heim on numerous projects, including the 5 Highland Ave. project. He advised that since the bid winning company is unreachable, that this project be rebid now that spring is here. He's also been working with the Village Court regarding licensing as well as other ongoing Village projects.

**CLERK/TREASURER REPORT:** Reported by Deputy Christine Speed, all the usual office tasks have been completed (paid bills, reports, water/sewer billing and collections, bank statements, monthly reports, garbage sticker sales, payroll, etc.) Water Bills were mailed out March 30<sup>th</sup>, Village Elections were March 20<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Trustees Johnson & Sagal, and Justice Carla Ingersoll. The Annual Budget hearing was held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 2018 -2019 Budget was approved. She urged a cut in all unnecessary spending for the remainder of the fiscal year.

**POLICE REPORT:** Given by OIC Doyle. A detailed report of department activity is on file. OIC Doyle was questioned by Mayor Speed regarding the security cameras and recent incidents on Main Street. OIC Doyle could not comment due to ongoing investigations with the Sheriff's Dept. There was lengthy discussion regarding Project Safe Point between OIC Doyle, Trustee Ostrander and Marc Rowntree.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** Provided by Director Tobi Farley and presented by Trustee Sagal.

**Building & Grounds** –A plumber was called to resolve an issue with the heat.

**Services-** Columbia County Office for the Aging will be holding a Medicare 101 Workshop April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30pm.

The Claverack Library has been contacted about a fundraising event at the Won Darma Center April 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Columbia County Photo Club held their show opening in the Cultural Center. This month's Movies are Ferdinand and the Greatest Showman.

**Grants & Donations-** County Aid \$2,693.34, Stewarts Grant \$500.00

**COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT:** Not provided, however Trustee Cropper noted that the Center is very busy. The kitchen remodel is complete. The Boater Safety class was held and was a success. Upcoming events include kid's night, cooking classes and yoga.

**MAYOR SPEED:** Reported that he was busy answering calls, fielding complaints and signing papers. He attended the Workshop meeting and Budget Hearing, as well as the Community Day Committee Meeting and Spaghetti fundraiser.

**TRUSTEE SAGAL:** Reported that she was glad to be back working on the Village Board and noted that she wished Eilene Morris was still on the board with them.

**TRUSTEE CROPPER:** Reported that he has been working with the electrician to get the Fire Company siren working. A lift is needed to do the repairs and they are having a hard time locating one. He has been dealing with open burning issues in the Village. He attended the Workshop Meeting, Budget Hearing, Community Day Community Meeting and Spaghetti Fundraiser at the Rod & Gun Club. He received several compliments that the DPW has started Spring Cleanup.

**TRUSTEE JOHNSON:** Gave the DPW/WA/SW Report provided by Superintendent Scheller, a copy is available in the office for review. Trustee Johnson has been working with Mike and the DPW.

**TRUSTEE OSTRANDER:** Reported that he attended a meeting with Project Safe Point organized by Maria Ostrander. He asked OIC Doyle to provide names and numbers of those where Narcan has been administered to Project Safe Point, as HIPAA prevents 1<sup>st</sup> responders from doing so. He has been working with P-CAN and feels their efforts are moving in the right direction. He attended the Workshop Meeting and Budget Hearing. Trustee Ostrander urged people to remember that there is NO OPEN BURNING allowed in the Village other than for cooking.

**CORRESPONDENCE – LIST WAS PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE.**

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **MOTION** to move funds within accounts as needed; was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee. ALL AYES, NO NAYS
3. **MOTION** to spend \$2400.00 from the Celebrations Account for Community Day Fireworks; was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to accept as warrant the tax levy in the amount of \$523,600.00 and the tax rate of \$7.64103/1000 as passed at the Annual Budget Hearing held on April 2, 2018; was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:**

**UNFINISHED-** None.

**NEW-** Henry Casivant reported that his garage on Main Street was taken down. He said he has been working with contractors, an engineer and the Building Inspector to clean his properties up. Attorney Fitzsimmons advised Henry that nothing has been done as he's promised at every meeting. A Court Mandate will follow to require the total clean up of his properties.

Lance Glenn, of Elm Street reported that his dog was brutally attacked by another dog, owned by a tenant at 104 Main Street. He also noted that another resident's dog was also attacked and both required emergency veterinarian attention. Mr. Glenn continues to be threatened by this individual at the gas pumps and along Main Street. He suggested more lighting and increased police patrols in the Elm/Canal area. He stated in length about his concerns regarding the condition of the Village & the safety of its residents. Trustee Sagal will look into the lighting issue. Trustee Cropper asked Officer Thomas to enforce the current Village laws pertaining to dogs. Mr. Glenn also added that dog owners are not cleaning up after their pets and the addition of Dog Waste Stations might be a good idea. He also added that he would be happy to be involved in this project.

Sissy Baker stated that she was hired as the Village Court Clerk on a Monday and was fired by Wednesday. When questioned by Trustee Cropper for the reason, she stated, "Because I'm a Republican". After lengthy heated discussion Trustee Cropper asked Mrs. Baker if she had this in writing. She stated that she did.

Richard Osborne spoke on behalf of the Columbia Cruisers Car Club and noted that the trophies have been ordered for the Community Day Car Show.

**MOTION** to adjourn in Memory of Bob Card; was made by Trustee Ostrander and seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine A Speed

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

VILLAGE OF PHILMONT