

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday May 14 2018**

PRESENT: Mayor, Clarence Speed; Trustees Brian Johnson, Barbara Sagal, 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 Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION: to approve payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Trust & Agency, Summit Lake, and Health Care Deductible Abstract #12, Property Maintenance Reserve Abstract #2) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Bill Hamm spoke with the board about the state of the property located at 5 Highland Avenue and asked when it was going to be cleaned up. He sent the board pictures of kids playing in and around the rubble and he is concerned that someone is going to get hurt. He also noted that people are starting to dump garbage there. Attorney Fitzsimmons gave an overview on the history of the property, stating we may have to rebid the clean up. Trustee Johnson told him that the village will put the fencing back up.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: He reported working on InSite Wireless tower audits, attending a union meeting, working on the Casivant properties located at 6 & 10 Main Street. He has a meeting scheduled tomorrow with building inspector Lee Heim and they intend to bring an order to show cause. He has also sent in the signed contract to Habitat for Humanity, noting they will do their due diligence. He will also be in court Thursday on dog issues.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT:

The office will be closed on Monday May 28th for Memorial Day. All the normal office tasks have been completed. (Bank statements, accounts receivable, accounts payable, garbage sticker sales, payroll, monthly reports, etc.). The office will once again begin "summer hours" from Memorial Day – Labor Day. We will be open Monday-Thursday from 8 – 2:30 and Fridays from 8 – 12:00. The tentative tax roll has been completed and returned to Columbia County Real Property Tax Services for processing. The annual tax bills will be mailed out on May 31st and will be due without penalty by July 1st. Water turn-off letters were mailed out today for those still owing their January 2018 bills. Turn-off has been scheduled for June 13th at noon. I am preparing to close the books for the fiscal year end and will begin the annual report for the NYS Department of Audit and Control soon. With the fiscal year ending soon I'm asking that all departments refrain from any unnecessary purchasing until our new fiscal year begins to avoid starting our new year with deficits.

POLICE REPORT: Given by OIC Doyle. A copy of the full report is available in the office for review. He noted working with Phil Gellert on dog issues. Mr. Gellert has issued an eviction notice to the tenant involved. The department is all set for Memorial Day activities and the department would like to know when the next Community Day meeting will be.

LIBRARY REPORT: Given by Trustee Sagal, a copy of the full report is available for review in the office. Trustee Johnson has been called for roof/gutter problems in the front of the building as well as a broken window. They are having some trouble with area children and have met with the police department to work out a system to address these issues. Things have gotten a little better since implementation. Alicia McCagg will be leading the Summer Reading Program this year. The company they use to create flyers has been discontinued by Mid Hudson. This means they will incur the cost of this program themselves. They received Claverack support of \$15,000.00.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Report was given by Trustee Cropper. The center continues to be used by the community. They have seen an increase in programming and participation. The Chili Cook Off was held at the center and a Thank You letter was sent in to the board about the upgrades done in the kitchen. Local 4H will hold a program at the center this summer. Trustee Cropper noted that things are going well.

MAYOR SPEED: He reported attending the Chili Cook Off and had a good time trying all the different chili. He noted that his wife won the contest. He attended the Community Day and Rod and Gun Club meetings, and handled complaints. Banners and flags are scheduled to go up this week. (The mayor forgot to report that he attended the Columbia County Economic Breakfast, but remembered after Trustee Cropper reported it.)

TRUSTEE JOHNSON: He gave the DPW, WA & SW reports, a copy of which are available in the office for review. The men have been busy with spring clean up.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: He has been in contact with the Tobacco Free Action of Columbia and Greene Counties, more Smoke Free signs have been ordered. He has checked village properties and all is well. Things at Forest Lake seem to be going good so far this year. He has been busy on day to day issues in the village. He attended the Columbia County Economic Development meeting as well as the Community Day and Workshop meetings. Community Day will be held on July 14th this year. He has also been in contact with our web master Matthew Perry about updates to our website. The electrician he has contacted to fix the siren at the fire house has not returned any of his calls and he is getting very frustrated with him.

TRUSTEE SAGAL: She reported one street light out. She has started looking into the ball field lights and has a contact person with NYSEG whom she will be reaching out to. She has also looked into the lights on Canal Street. All the street lights are working, she's not sure what lights Lance Glenn was speaking about but she believes they are the private lights that belong to the old insurance building.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: He attended all meetings and has been in contact with Monolith Solar about getting a cost savings comparison. Monolith assures him that the savings are real. He spoke in length about the BOA. The Village BOA Nomination has received an approval from the NYS Department of State Office of Planning and Development. The village has been invited to submit an application for designation to the Department of State for the Summit Lake and it's watercourse study area. Executive Steering Committee members have worked since October 2014 contributing a total of 525 hours, qualifying toward the in kind match. He noted a letter of appreciation be sent to the Steering Committee for all their time and work on this project. Between the Executive Steering Committee, village clerk's office and PBI, all match hours totaled \$25,000 and were processed by the Department of State Accounting Office. Trustee Ostrander also gave the fire company report, a copy of which is available in the office for review. He also read a letter provided by the fire company from Columbia County regarding false alarm activations. Columbia County Local Law #7 requires residents and businesses within the County to register their alarm systems annually. Residents and businesses may be charged for law enforcement or fire department response to repeated false alarms.

At this time Mayor Speed noted that new doggie clean up stations were purchased and have been installed at strategic sites around the village.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION to move money within accounts as needed, was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS (From A1325.2 To A1110.4 -\$400.00; From A5110.4 To A8160.4 - \$500.00; From F8340.2 To F8340.4 - \$1000.00; From G1440.4 To G8130.4 -\$4000.00; From G8130.1 To G8130.4 \$8000.00)

MOTION to spend \$165.00 from the Property Maintenance Reserve Account for oil and tank removal for 1 Main Street (house was condemned by the building inspector) was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to accept the following slate of 2018 Fire Company Officers as presented to the board with each member meeting or exceeding qualifications

LINE OFFICERS: Chief – Mark Beaumont
1st Asst. Chief – Ryan O’Dowd
2nd Asst. Chief – Richard Howard
Captain – Brian Ostrander
1st Lieutenant – Cody Mossman
2nd Lieutenant – Chuck Wagoner

COMPANY OFFICERS: President – Larry Ostrander
Vice President – Fred Zitto
Secretary – John W. Blaauw
Treasurer – Jeanette Beaumont
Asst. Treasurer – Doug Cropper

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Five Year – Debbie Grau
Four Year – Anthony Krein IV
Three Year – Lisa Mossman
Two Year – Jose Ortiz
One Year – Andrew O’Neill

was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to appoint Jason Kenny to the Library Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Rain Whittaker, effective immediately was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to appoint Gary Keil as a member of the Village of Philmont Fire Company Police as submitted with him taking the next Fire Police School when offered; was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to hire Amy Meselson as Court Clerk per the recommendation of Judge Ingersoll and Associated Justice Grant Prime, was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to take action against delinquent water users was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to hold the end of the year meeting on Tuesday May 29th at noon in the village office for the sole purpose of paying end of the year bills was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to hire Matthew Putnam as a part-time Police Officer effective immediately at the rate of \$15.75 was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to allow the Philmont Fire Company to sign a mutual aid agreement with the Mellenville Fire Company to allow both companies to respond to echo level EMS calls, limited to cardiac arrests; was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

Henry Casivant informed the board once again that he is working with his engineer and has met with the building inspector about his Main Street properties. He stated that he has gotten compliments from people telling him things are looking good. When questioned about the garage, he noted it is still down but he’s working on it. Attorney Fitzsimmons explained the court process to him. Mr. Casivant again stated he will get it cleaned up. He has spoken with someone about the trailer, Trustee Johnson reminded Mr. Casivant that he knows what needs to be done, he just needs to do it.

With no further action before them a

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons
Clerk/Treasurer