

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday June 11, 2018**

PRESENT: Mayor, Clarence Speed; Trustees, 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 Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION: to approve the treasurer's report made by Trustee Sagal, 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 #1) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

PUBLIC REQUESTS: NONE

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: He reported work with ongoing projects and on the action the village is taking on the Casivant properties located at 6 – 10 Main Street. Mr. Casivant has been served and all parties will be heard in Columbia County Supreme Court next week. At this time Mr. Casivant arrived at the meeting and attorney Fitzsimmons again explained the process to him. Trustee Sagal asked why we would give Mr. Casivant an extended timeline to clean up the properties, at which time attorney Fitzsimmons explained that it will be better for all parties involved if Mr. Casivant gets the work done himself. Winifred Speed complained about garbage issues at these properties. Mr. Casivant is working on it.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: The office will be closed on Wednesday July 4th for Independence Day. All the normal office tasks have been completed. (Bank statements, accounts receivable, accounts payable, garbage sticker sales, payroll, monthly reports, etc.) We have started our "summer hours", we are now open Monday-Thursday from 8 – 2:30 and Fridays from 8 – 12:00. The annual tax bills were mailed out on May 31st and are due without penalty by July 1st. Water turn-off is scheduled for Wednesday June 13th at noon. The books for the fiscal year ending 2018 are closed and our new ones open. I will now begin the annual report for the NYS Department of Audit and Control.

POLICE REPORT: Given by OIC Doyle. A copy of the full report is available in the office for review. He reported that the entire department has completed their annual fire arms training and they are ready for Community Day. Trustee Ostrander informed him of a parking situation on Summit Street and OIC Doyle will have the department keep an eye on the area.

LIBRARY REPORT: Given by Trustee Sagal, a copy of the full report is available for review in the office. The window in the teen room will be replaced soon and the roof issue will be looked at again. Thanks go out to the Friends of the Library for the purchase of the supplies to plant the flower boxes at the rear entrance. The teen group is looking to do another book to movie date. Director Farley and the Claverack Library Director attended the Spring into Learning event held at Taconic Hills High School and had a good response of parents interested in programs. Summer Reading dates have been set for Thursday June 28th – August 2nd from 3:00 – 4:30 and Tuesday evening August 7th at the Town of Claverack Park.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Trustee Cropper gave the April report first, then gave the May report. Copies of both reports are available in the office for review. The May report thanked the DPW staff for weeding and mulching the garden. Trustee Cropper posted new smoke free signs on the grounds. The center continues to be used by the community with a total of 183 in attendance this month. Summer programs will include The Art of Science and the Science of Art Camp which will be held June 25th – 29th, as well as The World of Water which will take place July 24th – 29th. More information on these programs is available in the village office.

MAYOR SPEED: He reported attending the Community Day Meeting as well as the Memorial Day Parade. He has handled complaints and signed all necessary papers.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON: Not Present, No Report

TRUSTEE CROPPER: He reported working with Matthew Perry on website updates and finding a company to fix the fire siren. He has also obtained more Smoke Free signs and attended the Memorial Day Parade, the End of Year and Workshop Meetings. He has called three different times to get Port-A-Pots for Community Day but County Outhouses never answers the phone and has not yet called him back. He is getting nervous. OIC Doyle will provide him with another phone number as well as contact information for another company.

TRUSTEE SAGAL: She reported work with the ball field lights, trying to convert them to more energy efficient LED ones. The board is hopeful that if the conversion takes place the field may once again be used. Trustee Sagal found a link for retro fit lights on the internet but these are very expensive. She will keep working on this.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: He first gave the Fire Company and DPW/WA/SW Reports, copies of which are available in the office for review. He then reported being in contact with Monolith and has requested their attendance at the next workshop meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION to accept the resignation of Renee Dobert as assistant Director of the Village of Philmont Library and reinstate her as Library Clerk effective immediately was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to accept the resignation of Amy Meselson as Court Clerk effective May 31, 2018 was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Cropper would like to have the Deputy Clerk at the workshop meeting this month with the breakdown the village has on solar credits to compare with Monolith's accounting.

Tom Paino presented the Board with a copy of the book, "From Small to Extra Large, Passive House Rising to New Heights". The Passive House he is constructing on Summit Street is nearing completion and is featured in the book on page 34. The book is in the village office for public review.

Peter Johnson asked the board about the substandard buildings that are being rented in the village and what the village is doing to remedy it. Attorney Fitzsimmons explained the tenancy law the village currently uses and the NYS Building Codes we follow. There was much discussion on this subject. Trustee Cropper noted a problem with the people living in some of the apartments on Main Street and OIC Doyle noted the police have already started working on these "summer issues." He informed the board that when the police enter a building for any reason they can report unsafe housing issues to the proper authority.

Dick Howard is working on bringing Elvis back for another show. He will be performing on the Village Green August 26th from 3 – 5 pm. The event will be free of charge. All proceeds will benefit the fire company.

With no further action before them, the mayor asked for a moment of silence in memory of Leo Maisenbacher and then a

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons
Clerk/Treasurer