

MONDAY, August 13, 2018

PRESENT: Mayor Clarence Speed; Trustees, Brian Johnson, Laurence Ostrander, Douglas Cropper and Barbara Sagal; Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Christine Speed

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

MOTION to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Trustee Ostrander, 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 #3) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander ALL AYES NO NAYS

PUBLIC REQUESTS: John & Jennifer Thibeault were present to express interest in the purchase of a Village owned, Main Street Parcel. This property abuts the American Legion Building, which they are also interested in buying. After much discussion, the Board requested more information on the intended use and Zoning & Planning Board Regulations. The Board will consult with Atty. Fitzsimmons and referred the Thibeaults to Building Inspector, Lee Heim.

Marc Rowntree inquired about the status of the LED Street Light program, and if a decision had been made to go with NYPA or NYSEG. Trustee Barbara Sagal addressed the topic, as she has spent many hours researching the LED Lighting Proposals. She provided an informational sheet which is on file. After lengthy discussion regarding costs, designs, wattage & lumens, liability, etc, the topic was closed. A Village tenant inquired about Forest Lake and swimming. OIC Vern Doyle addressed the Board and public regarding the violations occurring and the liability of having access to the property. He noted that The Police Department and Village Office are spending many hours of man power dealing with Forest Lake issues, including unauthorized entry, swimming, the use of floats and littering. After lengthy debate regarding a solution, the Mayor noted that absolutely NO swimming is allowed. Trustee Johnson added that "Forrest Lake is as beautiful as it is because it's been protected for so long." Marc Rowntree asked what to do if violations are spotted while using the Lake. OIC Doyle instructed anyone who sees a violation to call the Sheriff's Department and a unit will be dispatched. He also noted for the 1st time in about 10 years, the Village is pressing charges against violators. Peter Johnson inquired about the Treasurers Report and how delinquencies are reported. Trustee Ostrander addressed his questions.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: Atty. Fitzsimmons was unable to attend. He submitted a report, which is on file.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Speed reported for Kim Simmons, that Our Annual Report for fiscal year ending May 31, 2018 has been completed and submitted to the Department of Audit and Control, notice has been published in the Register Star. Looking at prior year's data, our balances are getting smaller. Please caution your departments that they should carefully consider any spending. All monthly reports have been completed, as well as all normal office tasks. (Bank statements, accounts receivable, accounts payable, garbage sticker sales, notary services, etc.) The Office will be closed on Monday September 3rd for Labor Day. We have been spending a lot of time dealing with Forest Lake. Keys have been issued and violations have also been noted. Greenport rescue Squad has requested 9 keys (one for each ambulance – see correspondence). I have spoken with our insurance company and they suggest that we make everyone fill out a "Facility Use Form" and also sign an "Agreement to Hold Harmless". They also suggest updating existing signage on the property. Summer Hours for the office remain in effect through September 1st, (8 -2:30 Monday-Thursday and from 8 – NOON on Fridays). Water turn-off letters were mailed out for those still owing their April bills. Turn-Off has been scheduled for September 12th at noon. Now that the annual report has been completed for this fiscal year, I will once again resume taking time off in order to "spend down" my accrued time. (If my weeks go well I will be off on most Friday's.)

POLICE REPORT: Given by OIC Doyle. A detailed report of all complaints and tickets issued was given and is on file. He noted that Community Day was good with no issues. Future plans and ideas are already in the works for next year's Community Day Celebration.

LIBRARY REPORT: Given By Trustee Sagal. A full report is on file. Summer programs and workshops have been held and well attended. The school supply drive will run in August as well as a grant seminar. A \$500 grant from The Bank of Greene County and \$1276.20 in local county aid were received. Other Grant applications have been submitted.

COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT: Given by Trustee Cropper. The Center was in use by multiple groups over the month. A Wedding was held on July 21 (a first for the Community Center). The new kitchen was put use by the Center for Advocacy, Voice and Empowerment. At Sally Bakers invitation, Mrs. Veronezi attended a BOA Meeting where she was able to share information from personal experiences. A tour of the Community Center was also included. It was noted that a new phone was installed and the old refrigerator was moved to the Village Hall. Director Julia Veronezi's report is on file.

MAYOR SPEED: Mayor Speed noted that he was super busy with Community Day events and that the Fireworks were super. He attended the Pine Have ribbon cutting ceremony and tour. He stated that it was very impressive and he was pleased with the improvements. He signed all papers at the Village Office and answered complaints brought to his attention.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: Trustee Cropper noted that he attended Community Day and its meetings. He thanked the Fire & Police Departments, DPW and Community Day Committee, especially co-chairs Dave Siter & Sissy Baker for their contributions to Community Day. He also has been dealing with issues at Forrest Lake. Trustee Cropper attended the BOA meeting and tour as well has a NYSEG Conference call. He has been working on the fire siren spec sheet and re-bid. He is currently working Emergency Management & the DOS regarding a grant for a new siren. He also commended the Water/Sewer Department for all they do.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON: Gave the DPW/WA/SW Report provided by Superintendant Scheller, a copy is available in the office for review. Trustee Johnson reported that work on the cleanup at 5 Highland Avenue is complete. He added that the DPW will be adding more guardrails at the site.

TRUSTEE SAGAL: Trustee Sagal reported that she attended the NYSEG Conference call and worked on the LED Street Light Program. She was present for the Pine Haven Open House and encouraged everyone to check out the renovations. She is very pleased with what she saw there.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: Gave the Fire Company Report provided by Fire Chief Mark Beaumont. A detailed report of all calls was given and is on file. Trustee Ostrander reported that he has been working on a Monolith Solar/NYSEG credit issue, answering emails and attending meetings. He has also had to address issues at Forest Lake. He attended a meeting with Brian Keeler and Marc Rowntree regarding a combined facility for the Philmont and Mellenville Fire Companies. Trustee Ostrander helped with the clean up at the Sewer Plant after he received a call from Mike Scheller on Thursday, Aug 9th stating that the plant was flooded.

CORRESPONDENCE – LIST WAS PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION to deem the old 1998 Johnson Street Sweeper (VIN # 1J9VM4L22WC172072) as surplus and no longer needed for Village business; was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to send a letter to New York State Electric & Gas to proceed with their LED street light program, was made by Trustee Cropper, 2nd by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to accept the Second Amendment to Option and Land Lease with InSite Wireless to correct previous overpayments, was made by Trustee Johnson, 2nd by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

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

MOTION to Re-bid the purchase of a new Fire Siren, removing time constraints, was made by Trustee Sagal, 2nd by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to hire Edward Brabender for the position of DPW Laborer; by the hour, at a rate of \$18.00 per hour. Part-time, Non-benefited, as needed; was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**Resolution # 4 of 2018
August 13, 2018
Intent to Declare Lead Agency**

At a regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees for the Village of Philmont, Columbia County, New York, duly held on the 13th day of August 2018 at the Village Hall, Main Street, Philmont, New York, the following

Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: Trustee Cropper

Seconded by: Trustee Ostrander

WHEREAS: 6 NYCRR Part 617 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act requires that a lead agency be established for conducting environmental review of projects in accordance with local and state environmental law, and

WHEREAS: State Law specifies that for actions governed by local environmental review, the lead agency shall be that local agency which has primary responsibility for approving and funding or carrying out the action, and

WHEREAS: that the Village of Philmont Village Board, in coordination with Philmont Beautification, Inc., authorized the preparation of a Step Two Brownfield Opportunity Area Nomination for the Village of Philmont with funding provided by the NYS Department of State, and

WHEREAS: that the Village of Philmont Village Board is considering the adoption of a Step Two Brownfield Opportunity Area Nomination, and

WHEREAS: this is a Type I Action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, (SEQRA) which requires review, *now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED: that the Village Board of the Village of Philmont is, by way of this resolution, declaring its intent to act as Lead Agency in Environmental Review for the proposed adoption of the Step Two Brownfield Opportunity Area Nomination.

Upon question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Philmont Village Board members voted "Aye" in favor of the Resolution:

Clarence V. Speed;

Douglas C. Cropper;

Barbara Sagal;

Brian Johnson; and

Lawrence J. Ostrander.

The following Philmont Village Board Members voted "No" in opposition, thereto:

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The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Village Board, The same was declared duly adopted by the Mayor of the Village of Philmont.

Dated: August 13, 2018



Christine Speed, Deputy Clerk, Village of Philmont

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Ostrander thanked everyone who worked on the LED Street Program for their long hours of volunteer work.

MOTION to adjourn, in memory of Donna Robertson; was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine A Speed
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT