

**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, February 11, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Douglas Cropper, Trustees Brian Johnson, Laurence Ostrander and Barbara Sagal, Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Christine Speed

**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 Ostrander ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to approve payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Summit Lake, & T&A, Health Care Deductible Abstract #9) was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal All AYES, NO NAYS

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:** None

**ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:** Reported nothing new and stated that he was continuing work on ongoing projects.

**CLERK/TREASURER REPORT:** Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Speed reported that the Village Office will be closed on Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> for Presidents Day. Water Termination letters were mailed out today for those still owing their October 2018 bill. Termination is scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> at noon. All normal office tasks have been completed. Work on the 2019-2020 Annual Budget has begun. Village Election Petitions are due February 13<sup>th</sup> for the March 19, 2019 Election. AARP is offering tax preparation services in the hall on Mondays throughout April 8, 2019.

**POLICE REPORT:** Given by OIC Doyle. A detailed report of all complaints and tickets issued was given. OIC Doyle stated that he has met with Judge Ingersoll at her request. She has requested that the police no longer assess a fine amount on Parking Tickets being issued. The court has requested to assess the fines and then may require the violators to appear in court. OIC Doyle has notified his officers and they will comply. 3 members of the Philmont Police Department, including OIC Doyle, attended an advanced training workshop with the County for Active Shooter Training. A civilian training course will be available in the near future. This course will be offered to employees of Pine Haven, residents of Richardson Hall, and members of the Philmont Fire & Police Departments. This training will also be attended by the NYS Police and Columbia County Sheriff's departments.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** Given by trustee Sagal.

Buildings & Grounds: Library Director, Tobi Farley noted that there is an issue with the roof above the front door. The DPW and Trustee Johnson have evaluated the situation and a roofer has been called. She is waiting to hear from the roofer.

Services: The Head Start classroom has produced 10 new library cards. January Soup Sales raised approximately \$1000. She thanked all who donated, especially Faith, Jason & Barbara. Book it! 5K is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> and it was noted that volunteers are needed. The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Community Read with Taconic Hills will begin Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, the book they are reading is Silverwing and all activities will center around bats. Director Farley is trying a new fundraising campaign. They are asking for small donations everyday in an effort to raise \$1500.00 by the end of the year.

Grants/State/County Aid: A \$2500 Grant from Greene County Council of the Arts was received to fund a Village Memory Project. Director Farley is asking community members to share a memory of the Village.

**COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT:** Given By Trustee Ostrander.

Facilities: Director Veronezi reported that twenty new folding chairs were purchased.

Programs: Groups using the center this month included the After School Program, CYO group, Yoga, CG mental Health (CAVE) plus private individuals. JoAnne McKay has been leading the after school program, assisted by Anthony Krein. Mrs. Veronezi added that they are doing a fantastic job with 55 in attendance for the Tuesday program. Fridays will added to the schedule in February. CPR and First Aid class was taught by Ryan O'Dowd on January 12<sup>th</sup>. All 9 participants received Heartsaver, First Aid, CPR and AED Certification. The Girl Scouts will begin using the center every other Monday from 4 – 5:30pm. The Center was rented for a reception in honor of Charles June Sr., a WWII veteran and active Philmont organizations member. Mrs. Veronezi attended the BOA Grant meeting and is researching concepts regarding the Lake, Center & Park.

**MAYOR SPEED:** No Report/On Vacation

**DEPUTY MAYOR CROPPER:** Reported that he worked with the Clerk's Office on a job description for the upcoming vacancy of the Water/Sewer Operator – DPW Superintendent Position. Trustees Cropper and Johnson have been interviewing applicants. He attended the Community Day Meeting, the BOA Presentation and checked on the condition of the dam, which he noted is good.

Trustee Cropper has been researching the NYSEDA Grant and attended The Inauguration for Senator Daphne Jordan where local legislators were present. He stated that it was very informative and he benefited from the session.

**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 asked Chief Beaumont for an update on the status of the Fire Company bathroom remodeling project. Chief Beaumont stated that demolition has begun, he has met with Building Inspector and early stages of the project have begun. He also noted that this project is long overdue for decontamination purposes and to accommodate the large number of female Fire Company Members. Trustee Ostrander attended Narcan training, the BOA Meeting, Workshop Meeting. He attended the local Luncheon with Assembly Member DiDi Barrett to discuss Village related concerns.

**TRUSTEE SAGAL:** Reported that she has been busy keeping up on correspondence. She attended the Library meeting and noted that they are in the process of creating a new logo. Work has begun with architects and they are seeking funding.

**TRUSTEE JOHNSON:** No DPW/WA/SW Report was provided, Trustee Johnson mentioned that the DPW is fixing the box on the Street Sweeper and that Superintendent Michael Sheller has replaced the Chlorine Pump at the wells. He has been interviewing applicants for the Water/Sewer/DPW position and has worked at the library.

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

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **MOTION** to transfer money within account as needed (\$200.00 from A1362.4 to A19101.4); was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS
2. **MOTION** to appoint Martin Miller as Election Inspector (due to the vacated position of Mary Potts) for the March 19, 2019 Village Elections to be held in the Village Hall from 12:00 noon to 9:00 PM at the daily rate of \$120.00; was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS
3. **MOTION** to enforce the water turn off law and take action against delinquent water users; was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS
4. **MOTION** to accept with regret the resignation of Officer Damon Filli, effective immediately; was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS
5. **MOTION** to re-appoint Robert Macfarlane as Chairman of the Philmont Planning Board for a one year (1) term to expire March 1, 2020; was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS
6. **MOTION** to re-appoint Kurt Basl as Chairman of the Village of Philmont Zoning Board of Appeals for a one year (1) term to expire March 1, 2020; was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS
7. **MOTION** to reappoint Judith Tice a member of the Village of Philmont Planning Board for a five year (5) term to expire March 1, 2024; was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander . ALL AYES, NO NAYS
8. **MOTION** to appoint Karen Garafalo as a member of the Village of Philmont Zoning Board for a five year (5) term to expire on March 1, 2024; was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee Cropper announced that the grant for the Electric Car Charging Station has been awarded. The Grant is for \$35,000.00, and 25% will be received to start. He stated that all paperwork will be reviewed and the project will go forward.

**MOTION** to adjourn; was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine A Speed  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer  
VILLAGE OF PHILMONT