

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
Monday March 11, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Mayor, Clarence Speed; Trustees, Douglas Cropper, Barbara Sagal, Brian Johnson, 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 Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION:** to approve the treasurer's report made by Trustee Cropper, 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 #10 Equipment Reserve Abstract # 4, Building Maintenance Reserve Abstract # 1, BOA Abstract # 7) made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:** Resident Peter Johnson would like to see the village use their website instead of their facebook page for advertising official notices. The mayor noted we would take this into consideration. Eileen Ordu had questions about our recycling program verses the county's single stream program. Trustee Cropper informed her that the village does not take our recycling material into the county and we look for the most cost effective way to dispose of these items.

**ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:** He reported nothing new; however, he has been working with Sally Baker on the RFP for the Canal Street warehouse.

**CLERK/TREASURER REPORT:** All normal office tasks have been completed. (Bank statements, accounts receivable, accounts payable, garbage sticker sales, billing, payroll, monthly & quarterly reports etc.) Village elections will be held on Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup> from Noon – 9 pm in the village hall to elect two Trustees and one Mayor; all for two year terms. AARP continues use of the village hall for tax preparation, continuing through April 8<sup>th</sup>. I have completed a DRAFT 2019-2020 budget and have provided copies to the board for their review. If the board wishes to hold a budget workshop they should do so soon. Water termination will take place on Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> at noon. There are currently 10 properties on the turn-off list. Letters were sent out to our local officials in support of keeping AIM funding for villages. The leak in the men's room has been repaired and the sink has been replaced

**POLICE REPORT:** Given by OIC Doyle. A copy of the full report is available in the office for review. OIC Doyle is still working on "Alert Training" for the department; they have some liability issues that need to be worked out. They also are working on getting floor plans for various properties within the village to keep on file.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** Given by Trustee Sagal, a copy of the full report is available in the office for review. The library is working with Tobacco Free Action of Columbia and Greene Counties on getting No Smoking signs for the entrance/exits/pavilion and the area around the benches at no cost. Director Farley thanked Jason Kenny for joining her at Didi Barrett's dinner stop. Assembly member Barrett was happy to see them and had positive things to say about the community and the library. She is also optimistic about state library funding. Meet the Candidate night was held in the Cultural Center on March 7<sup>th</sup>. They are starting a teen Battle of the Books team with the Claverack Library. They will be visiting Taconic Hills High School classes at the end of the month to publicize. Interest has already been shown by some youth. There was a lovely write-up about the Community Read the Philmont Library and Taconic Hills School and the Claverack and Roe-Jan Libraries will be holding. The first meeting is Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Roe-Jan Library. Their Annual Report is completed and has been submitted to the state.

**COMMUNITY CENTER:** Given by Trustee Cropper, a copy of the full report is available in the office for review. The center continues to be utilized by area residents, with 157 total individuals using the center in February. The After School Program is continuing to draw more interest. Susannah White will run the Around the World Camp April 22 – 26<sup>th</sup>. New York State Safe Boating Class was held on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10. Director Veronezi attended the BOA presentation to learn about the plans for District 1. She has also signed up to attend Train the Trainer seminar sponsored by NYMIR.

**MAYOR SPEED:** He reported having a good time on his vacation and has been very busy since his return. He has attended the Working Groups (BOA) meeting, Meet the Candidate Night, and the Emergency Management Meeting. The next meeting for Emergency Management will be held April 13, 2019 at COARC. He has signed papers and answered complaints.

**TRUSTEE JOHNSON:** He gave the DPW/WA/SW reports which are available in the office for review. Both motors had trouble this past month at the sewer plant and they have been repaired and replaced as needed. A large water break was repaired on Church Street which cut overall usage greatly. Work on the sweeper is almost complete and it is looking good.

**TRUSTEE OSTRANDER:** He gave the fire company report; a full copy of the report is available in the office for review. He attended the BOA Working Groups and the Emergency Management Meetings. He has kept in contact, and has reviewed the RFP for the Canal Street Warehouse.

**TRUSTEE SAGAL:** Reported attending the BOA Working Groups, Meet the Candidates Night, and Library Board meetings. The library has been busy looking to hire a new Assistant Director (See Motions). She has sent another inquiry to NYSEG about the LED Street lights. She has not heard back so will try again.

**TRUSTEE CROPPER:** Reported attending the Community Day Meeting, has held nine interviews with Trustee Johnson for the Water/Sewer/DPW Foremen position, taught the Safe Boating Class, attended the Workshop meeting and has spoken with Habitat for Humanity. He has worked on a Drivers Safety Class, and checked village properties, and also attended Meet the Candidates Night.

**CORRESPONDENCE LIST PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC**

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**MOTION** to pay Kline Enterprises, upon corrected invoices, for renovations to the restrooms in the firehouse as approved by Chief Mark Beaumont; (all expenses should be reimbursed by SAM grant) was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to hold the Annual Organization Meeting and the Annual Budget Hearing on **MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2020 at 6:30 PM** in the Village Hall was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to hire Peter Rathjen as interim water/sewer plant operator, DPW foreman, effective March 18, 2019 at the rate of \$27.00 per hour was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to send out a Request For Proposal for the Village owned warehouse building located on Canal Street; made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to hire Patricia West as Provisional Assistant Director of the Library effective March 14, 2019, for twelve (12) hours a week, \$13.25 an hour, as submitted by the Library Board; was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to accept with regret the resignation of Library Board of Trustee's Daniel Starr, effective immediately; made by Trustee Sagal, by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to allow the Mayor to sign a Partner Support Letter, Preserve NY Grant to engage consultants to perform a village-wide Cultural Resources Survey; was made by Trustee made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

Trustee Sagal had questions at this point and wanted some clarification as to what exactly this will mean for residents in the Village. Discussion with Sally Baker and other members of the board and public followed with the board getting an overview of what to expect in the future from this survey.

**MOTION** to accept with regret the resignation of part time officer William Michael effective March 1, 2019 was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

Village of Philmont  
Columbia County, New York  
Resolution # 2 of 2019

At a regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees for the Village of Philmont, Columbia County, New York, duly held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 the following Resolution was proposed and seconded; Approving and endorsing Philmont Beautification, Inc., in its application to NYS Homes and Community Renewal for funding under the New York Main Street Program (NYMS).

Resolution by Trustee Ostrander  
Seconded by Trustee Sagal

**WHEREAS**, the Philmont Beautification, Inc., desires to apply for \$20,000 in financial assistance through the 2019 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) under the New York Main Street (NYMS) Technical Assistance Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the application proposes funding to assist property owners to complete building renovations to downtown "main street" buildings on Main Street between Prospect Street and Maple Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed funding will contribute to ongoing community revitalization efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant application requires that the applicant obtain the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Philmont approves and endorses the 2019 NY Main Street Program (NYMS) for assistance prepared and to be submitted by Philmont Beautification, Inc.

Passed by the following vote of all Village Board Members voting in favor thereof:

Affirmative Village of Philmont Board Members:

Affirmative: Trustee Ostrander, Trustee Sagal, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Cropper, and Mayor Speed

Negative: NONE

Abstain: NONE

I, Kimberly J. Simmons, do hereby certify that resolution Number 2 of 2019 was passed at a meeting of the Village Board held on March 11, 2019, and is incorporated in the original minutes of said meeting, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

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Signature of Clerk

[Official Seal of Municipality]

**UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS** Trustee Ostrander spoke about the moving of the fire siren from Memorial Field up to the Firehouse. There has been a delay because of electrical problems. The board will check back with the electrician to make sure this project gets completed soon. This siren should be approximately as loud as the old one once installed.

Officer In Charge Doyle updated the board about the possible sale of some equipment on the old Charger to the Hillsdale Fire Commissioner. The sale of this equipment will off - set some of the cost to replace the broken windshield. He also spoke about the new cars almost being ready for service and the need to sell the old Explorer.

**MOTION** to declare the Dodge Charger as surplus and no longer needed for village purposes and to part out accordingly; was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

**MOTION** to deem the 2017 Ford Explorer as surplus and sell at fair market value; was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

Debra Gitterman commented that the Village could receive money through Climate Smart for cars with reduced emission and that we may want to set up a taskforce to communicate some of the items available through this program. She then noted that funny sounds were heard coming from Church Street Sunday night; the police will look into it.

Robin Andrews asked about budget workshops. The board will hold a Budget Workshop Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the Village Office.

**MOTION** to adjourn in memory of William Lansing was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons  
Clerk/Treasurer