

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday July 9, 2019**

PRESENT: Mayor, Clarence Speed; Trustees; Douglas Cropper, Barbara Sagal, Brian Johnson, Laurence Ostrander; Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons; Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Simmons.

MEETING RULES OF PROCEDURE WERE READ ALOUD

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 #2, Equipment Reserve #1) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Richard Osborn asked the board about allowing a Cold War Veterans Exemption on Village taxes. He would like the Village to recognize them as active military. After some discussion the board will look further into this.

Resident James Falkner asked the board when the Village was going to replace the sidewalks on Church Street. His driveway needs to be redone but he needs the sidewalk replaced before he does any work on his driveway. DPW working foreman David Siter explained they are working on other things right now, and Mayor Speed explained the next sidewalks on the schedule for replacement are on Prospect Street from Main to Church Street, and on Church Street from Prospect to Garden Street.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: He reported working on agreements with David Siter and UPSEU as well as ongoing projects.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: All normal office tasks have been completed. (Bank statements, accounts receivable, accounts payable, garbage sticker sales, billing, payroll, monthly and quarterly reports etc.) I had a major computer crash this past month and was without the computer for about a week. The new computer is installed and I am catching back up on the work missed. The old computer needs to be destroyed. Summer hours will continue through Labor Day. The office will be open Monday – Thursday from 8:00 – 2:30 and on Friday's from 8:00 – noon. The annual tax bills are now past due. A 5% penalty has been added to any outstanding tax. Water bills went out on June 28th and are due without penalty through July 31st. Work continues on our annual audit. Keys to Forest Lake have been checked out regularly. The police were notified about one unauthorized van. They are working on finding the owner.

POLICE REPORT: Given by Officer-In-Charge Vernon Doyle, the complete report is available in the office for review. There was discussion about Forest Lake, resident James Falkner asked about a "key retaining pad lock" and a zero - tolerance policy with violators. Trustee Cropper likes the zero – tolerance policy we are currently using. Trustee Sagal asked about Village policy on fireworks in the Village. Someone was setting them off at the ball field the other night. Our police were not on duty at that time.

LIBRARY REPORT: Given by Trustee Sagal, a copy of the full report is available in the office for review. There has been damage to the pavilion due to children throwing bricks when the library is closed. The Sheriff's office and the Philmont Police both have agreed to patrol more often. The Moon Walk at Summit Lake was very successful with over 45 in attendance. They have been busy getting word out about the summer programs they will be having. If you are interested in receiving notices from the library please contact them so they can add you to their list. The Repair Cafe is set for July 27th from 10:30-1 pm. They will have experts in computer and small engine repair, and knife and tool sharpening. A presenter has been booked for September 21st for a program on the history of NY through songs, stories and giant photographs. A letter has been sent out to the Hover Foundation for funds to revamp the historical collection. They have been asked to participate in the Great Give Back on October 19th. It's a day that libraries do community service programs, they are looking for ideas for what they can do that day, either independently, or with another community group. They received \$1000.00 from Columbia County Children's Foundation. They will no longer be receiving Bullet Aid funding, which equates to a \$3,000.00 loss from their budget.

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 and groups. The after-school program has ended and will resume in September. The DPW has padded the playground area, they also cleaned the exterior of the center. Thanks to the DPW for their help.

SUMMIT LAKE AND its WATERCOURSE (BOA) REPORT: Given by Sally Baker, a full copy of the report is available in the office for review. All working groups held meeting in June for each of the five Subareas in the BOA plan. Subarea 1 Working Group walked the site of the Lake Drive waterfront, park, playground, and Community Center and continue creative discussions for several concepts for redesigns of the area to improve public amenities; Subarea 2 Working Group continued to discuss their ideas of integrating Philmont's history into various BOA projects; Subarea 4 Working Group met several times to discuss how the proposed Agawamuck Creek watershed plan will link with the restoration of Summit Lake. Grant writing for the Village of Philmont's application to the state's Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) is going well and looks promising that PBI will meet the deadline of July 26th. Both the Town's of Hillsdale and Claverack agreed to participate in the proposed Agawamuck Creek watershed planning if the Village receives CFA funding. June's meeting with the Village Trustee Co-Chairs reviewed the proposed scope in the CFA grant proposal.

MAYOR SPEED: He reported attending the workshop meeting and also the Columbia County Shared Services meeting where they spoke about the firefighter cancer benefit insurance program. He also answered complaints and signed papers. He will attend the next Community Day meeting this Wednesday. Community Day is set to happen this coming weekend, July 13th.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON: He first gave the DPW/WA/SW reports, copies of which are available in the office for review. The water department is still looking for a leak in the system and they also have noticed spikes in usage. He asked if the fire company has filled any pools. Fire Chief Mark Beaumont informed the board that they have not filled any pools, however they would let the board know via letter when they do.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: He met with Sally Baker on the BOA Working Groups, had a lengthy CFA discussion and exchanged emails with her. He also is setting up a meeting with the LOSAP representatives. The Fire Company would like to purchase a new fire truck and he asked attorney Fitzsimmons about the procedure of putting it out for a public referendum. Attorney Fitzsimmons gave an overview on the process and will check with bond council. There was some discussion on grants that may be available for a purchase of a new truck and more discussion on bonding. Trustee Ostrander then gave the fire company report, a copy of which is in the office for review. They would like to thank the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and Ghent Supervisor Mike Benovenuto for the donation of a Chevy Tahoe to be used by the fire company.

TRUSTEE SAGAL:She reported attended the Library Board meeting where they are still working on the library logo, and working on problems with teenagers. The library will be shutting off their wi-fi to try to curtail some of the activity. She also attended a Columbia Opportunity meeting and has been reviewing the proposed rental registry.

TRUSTEE CROPPER:He checked Village properties, reviewed correspondence and would like to thank the Police and DPW departments for helping to get things ready to be put on Auctions International.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION to authorize the mayor to sign two (2) MWBE Compliance Certification Letters, one for the BOA and the other for the LWRP grants; was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to approve Monte E. Jennings as a member of the Philmont Volunteer Fire Department Fire Police as submitted; was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to hire Officer Vincent Igoe as a part-time Police Officer effective this date, as submitted with Officer Igoe current on all his certifications; was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

VILLAGE OF PHILMONT COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK RESOLUTION NO. 3 OF 2019

At a regular meeting of the Village of Philmont Board of Trustees for the Village of Philmont, Columbia County, New York, duly held on the 8th day of July 2019 at the Village Hall, Main Street, Philmont, New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: Trustee Sagal;
Seconded by: Trustee Ostrander.

WHEREAS, the Columbia Land Conservancy is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for a grant under Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 for a park project to be located at High Falls Conservation Area, a site located within the territorial jurisdiction of this Board; and

WHEREAS, as a requirement under the rules of these programs, said not-for-profit corporation must obtain the "approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located"; and

WHEREAS, the High Falls Conservation Area is one of the public sites available for recreation for members of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by this august body that the Board of the Village of Philmont does hereby approve and endorse the application of the Columbia Land Conservancy, Inc. for a grant under Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 for a park project known as Accessibility, Safety, and Educational Improvements at High Falls Conservation Area located within this community.

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

Trustee B. Sagal; Trustee L. Ostrander;
Trustee D. Cropper; Trustee B. Johnson; and
Mayor Clarence V. Speed.

Dated July 9, 2019

Kimberly J. Simmons, Village Clerk, Village of Philmont

VILLAGE OF PHILMONT COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK RESOLUTION NO. 4 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 8th day of July 2019 at the Village Hall, Main Street, Philmont, New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: Trustee Ostrander;
Seconded by: Trustee Sagal.

WHEREAS, the Village of Philmont herein called the "Applicant", after thorough consideration, has hereby determined that certain work, as described in its application and attachments, herein called the "Project", is desirable; and

WHEREAS, section 970-r of the General Municipal Law authorizes State assistance to eligible parties for Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program grants by means of a State Assistance Contract (the contract); and

WHEREAS, the Village of Philmont deems it to be in the public interest and benefit to enter into a contract therewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of the Village of Philmont that Clarence V. Speed, Mayor of the Village of Philmont is the representative authorized to act in behalf of all applicants in all matters related to State assistance under §970-r of the General Municipal Law for the Project. The representative is also authorized to: sign and submit the application; execute the contract; request payment advances and reimbursements; redistribute contract reimbursements as appropriate; submit Project documentation; and otherwise act for all applicants in all matters related to the Project and to State assistance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Applicant intends to complete Pre-development Activities to advance development of plans and specification for two sites owned by the Village of Philmont located in BOA subareas 1 and 2; prepare studies, zoning and regulatory updates, infrastructure analysis, additional environmental study, building condition study, develop marketing strategies and conduct public outreach, as identified and described within the Summit Lake and its watercourse designated BOA nomination; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Applicant requests funds in the amount of \$_____, representing no more than 90% of the total project costs; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Applicant agrees that it will fund the Applicant's 10% share of the project costs; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Authorization take effect immediately.

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

Trustee L. Ostrander; Trustee B. Sagal;

Trustee D. Cropper; Trustee B. Johnson; and

Mayor Clarence V. Speed;

The following Philmont Village Board Members voted "No" in opposition, thereto: NONE .

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: July 9, 2019 _____

Kimberly Simmons, Village Clerk, Village of Philmont

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

None

MOTION to adjourn was made by TrusteeSagal, seconded by TrusteeCropper.ALL AYES, NO NAYS

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons
Clerk/Treasurer