

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday October 15, 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 Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

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

MOTION: to approve payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Trust & Agency, Summit Lake, and Health Care Deductible Abstract #5, BOA Grant Abstract # 17) made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

FUEL OIL BID OPENING

Three Bids Received were received as follows:

- 1) Herrington Fuels, Option #1 - \$2.38/gallon fixed or Option #2 \$0.30 over daily price from vendor – Labor Rate of \$75.00/hour
- 2) Valley Energy, \$2.599/gallon fixed or Option #2 \$0.49 over average OPIS Albany posting day of delivery – Labor Rate of \$89.00/hour
- 3) Mirabito Energy Products, Flex Price of \$2.3854/gallon based on oil price daily – Labor Rate of \$85.00/hour

MOTION to accept the bid from Herrington Fuels was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Sally Baker, from Philmont Beautification, read a letter she submitted to the board to be entered into correspondence. The letter starts with how revitalization in Philmont is an opportunity for all members of the community to come engage the process of change through monthly meetings and honest dialogue to achieve the community vision and goals for the restoration of Summit Lake and the continued revitalization of the Village. It also is an invitation to the High Falls Property Owners Association to actively and immediately participate in a Working Group meeting to reach an honest, community-driven dialogue to find common ground to resolve their Article 78 lawsuit which seeks control of the revitalization process. A copy of the full letter is available in the village office for review.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:

He reported work on ongoing projects and also working on two Proposed Local Laws. The first Local Law is to amend parking on Prospect Street and the second is a Tenancy Law Revision. He will speak more about these later in the meeting.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: The Office will be closed on Tuesday November 5th for Election Day; **garbage pick-up will take place on WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6th**. We will also be closed on Monday, November 11th for Veterans Day. Our November Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday November 12th. All monthly and quarterly reports have been completed. As well as all normal office tasks. (Bank statements, accounts receivable, accounts payable, garbage sticker sales, notary services, etc.) The October water/sewer bills went out on Monday September 30th and are due without penalty through October. We have received reimbursement on both of our SAM grants, (Fire Company & Police) and I have started paperwork for a new SAM grant for a Police Storage Building. The flooring in men's bathroom still needs to be replaced. If we are replacing the floor, we may also want to have both restrooms done at the same time, including new paint for the ceilings and walls as well as a new sink in the lady's room. (The drain is very slow) I have been working with officer Huyck setting up workplace violence and harassment training classes for village employees. Training has been scheduled for Monday November 4th at 1:00 with a second class set for 7:00 pm. Training is mandatory for all employees. (I did complete the harassment training on line on the 9th of this month.) I have signed up for a webinar on the changes taking place for AIM funding for tomorrow at 1.

POLICE REPORT: Given by Mayor Speed. A copy of the full report is available in the office for review. The department will be fully staffed for Halloween.

LIBRARY REPORT: Given by Trustee Sagal, a copy of the full report is available in the office for review. The library thanked George Brehm for cleaning up the weeds on the patio at the rear entrance. Photosongs performance had about 9 attendees and was lovely with lots of information about famous and obscure NY State history. Director Farley visited the Head Start Center twice this month. Museum pass information was well received by the parents, as was the 1,000 books before kindergarten program. A new monthly story hour program called Community Story Hours and will take place on the second Thursday of each month. They will be working with local community organizations/businesses who will be responsible to set a theme for the story hour. Two slots are still available if you are interested in hosting this endeavor please contact the library. They are waiting to hear back from a local farm for a Christmas Caroling Hay Ride. A birding program is scheduled for November where attendees will make a bird feeder and take home a guide. They are working with the Columbia Land Conservancy about bringing future programs in. November 16th has been set for the next Repair Café where knife sharpening and lamp repair will be a few of the topics. High speed internet (fiber optic cable) has been installed by Mid-Hudson. They are still working on a few bugs, but the amazing Martin Miller has been fabulous about helping to resolve the problems.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Given by Trustee Cropper, a copy of the full report is available in the office for review. Community members and groups continue to use the center on a regular basis. The after-school program has resumed and is running on Tuesday's and Friday's. A meeting is being organized by Faith Benson to discuss coordinating of programs in the village. The meeting will take place on October 22nd at 6:30 at the Library. The DPW has been asked to look at two adjoining roof areas that may cause a future problem. The girl scouts will be decorating windows for the holidays.

SUMMIT LAKE AND its WATERCOURSE (BOA) REPORT: Given by Sally Baker, a full copy of the report is available in the office for review. There are currently 40 members actively engaged in BOA Working Groups. Meetings are held every month and can be joined by anyone interested in the effort to continue revitalization in the Village. The monthly Village Trustee Co-chair meeting and discussions with Working Group members took place during the month of September. Work continued on further developing the Philmont Rising brochure originally produced for the Capital Region Regional Economic Development Council in connection with the Village's Philmont Rising project application to the state for CFA funding. The brochure should be back from the printers by November with copies available on the Village Office information table.

MAYOR SPEED: He reported signing all papers, attending a retirement party for Michael Scheller as well as attending the Community Day meeting. He noted complaints are down this month and is happy about that.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON: He gave the DPW/WA/SW reports, copies of which are available in the office for review. He noted the hard work of the departments repairing many water leaks and reported our overall water usage is down to historic low levels. He asked for a round of applause for the great work from the departments which was warmly given.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: He noted working with LOSAP representatives and reported we are on target with this. He attended the workshop meeting and has ongoing emails keeping up to date on the BOA. He gave the fire company report, a copy of which is available in the office for review. He noted this is carbon dioxide season and urged everyone to check the batteries in their detectors. Fire chief Mark Beaumont urged everyone to spend the extra money on a good smoke and c.o. detector, they are worth it.

TRUSTEE SAGAL: She reported attending the Library Board meeting as well the retirement party for Michael Scheller. She has also been keeping in contact with our NYSEG representative about the LED Streetlight program. She noted they will start changing lights in our area at the end of the quarter. This will give her a better idea of what lights to choose for our streets.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: He reported checking village properties and noted what a nice job the men did grading the road to Forest Lake. He attended a meeting with the assessor on local assessments, as well as attending the workshop and Community Day meetings. He noted correspondence on the NYSERDA grant and attendance at the retirement party for Michael Scheller. He and the mayor attended the shared services meeting with the county and trustee Cropper reviewed websites of different municipalities and spoke to some of their representatives. They gave him positive reviews. He has also been working on the proposed Prospect Street parking problem. He warned residents that a black bear has been seen in the village. It is not a good idea to put out bird feeders at this time, as they will attract the bear. He has also registered to attend the NYCOM meeting in Albany in November.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION to move money within accounts as needed; was made by Trustee Ostrander, 2nd by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to set the annual Village Elections for **Wednesday March 18, 2020** from noon to 9:00 pm in the Village Hall to elect two (2) Trustees each for a two-year term; was made by Trustee Johnson, 2nd by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to accept with regret the resignation of officer Cody Williams effective 10, 2019; made by Trustee Ostrander, 2nd by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to deem the 2008 Dodge Durango as surplus and no longer needed for Village purposes was made by Trustee Cropper, 2nd by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to deem the 2003 GMC Dump Truck (VIN #1GDJ34U93E163472) as surplus and no longer needed for Village purposes. Said vehicle will be used as a trade in on a new 2019 Chevy 5500 to be purchased from DeNooyer Chevrolet at State Bid using rollover CHIP'S funding and minimal village funds; made by Johnson, 2nd by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

Resolutions

Resolution # 5 of 2019 Columbia County Fire Mutual Aid Plan

At a regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees for the Village of Philmont, Columbia County, New York, duly held on the 15th day of October 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

RESOLVED, that this Board encourages the participation by the Philmont Volunteer Fire Company in the Columbia County Fire Mutual Aid Plan as now in force and as amended from time to time and certifies to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors through its Fire Coordinator that no restrictions exist against "outside service" by such fire company or fire department named herein within the meaning of Section 209 of the General Municipal Law which would affect the power of such fire company or fire department to participate in such plan.

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be filed with the Columbia County Fire Coordinator.

Upon question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Philmont Village Board Members voted "Aye" in favor of the Resolution: Trustee Barbara Sagal; Trustee Laurence Ostrander; Trustee Douglas Cropper; Trustee Brian Johnson; and Mayor Clarence Speed

The following Philmont Board Members voted "Nay" in opposition thereto:

NONE

This resolution supersedes all previous resolutions.

Effective this date: October 15, 2019

Kimberly J. Simmons
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Philmont

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Trustee Johnson asked about how things are going with the car charging station. Deborah Gitterman updated him about progress with the NYSEDA grant. Our next step with this will be to submit the design document from RPI for the lighting at the wastewater treatment plant. She noted a very complex worksheet and the need for an energy audit. All work needs to be complete by the end of September 2020. Trustee Johnson questioned if we may need to put the charging station back out to bid because our current bids are over a year old at this time.

Attorney Fitzsimmons gave the history of need and an overview of the proposed Parking Law for Prospect Street. He noted this will be an odd/even parking law for the portion of Prospect Street that runs from Main to Church Street only. It will be exempt from the winter parking law and is subject to Public Hearing that will be scheduled for next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Cropper asked if employees have been notified about the upcoming workplace violence and harassment training and was told plans were just finalized and notice will go out tomorrow to all departments.

Attorney Fitzsimmons then spoke about the proposed Tenancy/Rental Registry Law he has been working on. A draft of this has been given to the board and it is also ready for a Public Hearing.

MOTION to set a **PUBLIC HEARING** for Tuesday November 12, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall to hear public comment on the Proposed Prospect Street Parking Law as well as the Proposed Tenancy/Rental Registry Law was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander.

With no further business before them, the mayor asked for a moment of silence in memory of longtime resident Lolita Simmons then a

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons
Clerk/Treasurer