

**Public Hearing**  
**Tuesday November 15, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Douglas Cropper, Trustees; Barbara Sagal, Brian Johnson; Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons; Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Simmons.

**Local Law #1 of 2019** – Amending Chapter 144 to add Parking Restrictions to Prospect Street

**Local Law #2 of 2019**- Amending Chapter 55, Article III in regard to Tenancy Certificates of Occupancy

Attorney Fitzsimmons gave an overview of both Proposed Laws.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2019 –**

There were a few questions from the public concerning this Local Law that were answered by Attorney Fitzsimmons. A few others spoke in favor of the law.

**MOTION** – to Close the Public Hearing for Local Law #1 of 2019 was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to issue a negative SEQRA declaration was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to adopt Local Law # 1 of 2019 – Amending chapter 144 to add parking restrictions to Prospect Street was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2019 –**

There was lengthy discussion on this proposed local law, with many of the public voicing in favor of it. Most of them also had reservations concerning parts of it. The greatest areas of concern seemed to focus around timing, short term rentals, existing rentals, and ADA compliance. Some wondered how this law would affect commercial properties verses residential properties. After all members of the public were heard the board decided to edit this law further and a

**MOTION** to Adjourn the Public Hearing was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**Present:** Mayor Speed; Trustees Douglas Cropper, Barbara Sagal, Brian Johnson; 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 Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

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

**MOTION:** to approve payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Trust & Agency, Summit Lake, and Health Care Deductible Abstract #6, Equipment Reserve Account # 2) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

Dave Siter thanked the board for giving him the opportunity to serve and informed them that he has finished his wastewater training and will have his paperwork completed for April 1<sup>st</sup> so he can take the State test for his sewer license. He will be at water school next week so he can upgrade his current water license. He also thanked the board and office staff for working with him to purchase a new truck. We are currently waiting for the plow before delivery of the vehicle. He noted a good job done today by the men who worked hard with garbage pickup and plowing and sanding.

Monte Jennings asked the board to consider Home Town Hero Banners that could be hung from poles in the Village. The flags would be purchased by community members and the only cost to the Village would be the labor to hang them. Information on this program was given to the board. He also spoke about Senator Daphne Jordan's work with the Military Order of the Purple Heart to establish Purple Heart Communities. He will continue gathering information on this for the board to consider as well.

**ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:**

He reported working on the two Local Laws and litigation for our Canal Street property.

**CLERK/TREASURER REPORT:** The Office will be closed on Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday November 29<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving. All regular office tasks have been completed (bank statements, accounts receivable, accounts payable, garbage sticker sales, billing, payroll, monthly reports, etc.). Paperwork has been completed and returned to the State for a SAM grant for a Police Storage Building. Workplace Violence and Harassment Training was completed Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> for Village employees. Water termination letters went out today for those still owing their July bills, termination has been scheduled for Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup> at noon. I have ordered and received the W-2's for the upcoming end of the calendar year. Recommendations have been received from NYMIR's recent site visit. They would like to see master disconnect switches on all heavy trucks and equipment and they also recommend signing up for the free NYS LENS program to monitor the license events of drivers. Microsoft support for Windows 7 is coming to an end. This will only affect the Deputy Clerks computer, but the Village may want to upgrade that machine to avoid any potential problems.

**POLICE REPORT:** Given by Mayor Speed. A copy of the full report is available in the office for review.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** Given by Trustee Sagal, a copy of the full report is available in the office for review. Several lights are out in the library. Trustee Cropper helped facilitate the purchase of ballasts to make the repairs. When they arrive, they will be installed by volunteer Patrick Farley. The cultural center and other areas throughout the library are in need of a paint job. Volunteers would be appreciated. Two new products are available on the library website for patrons. Kanopy is a pilot program for all Columbia County libraries. It's like Netflix, but for libraries. You will need to create an account using your library card. Universal Class is for all throughout the Mid-Hudson Library System. It has classes on many topics that you can take either for fun or for credits. High Falls Pizzeria has joined the list of participants for Community Story Hours. They will be visiting them in January. Fire Truck Story Hour this past month was delightful with about 14 children attending. This month it will be Musical Instruments with Nat Drake and December will be at the Philmont Cooperative for gingerbread men and hot chocolate. They are waiting to hear from the Farm at Miller's Crossing regarding a hay wagon ride for Christmas Caroling. On December 14<sup>th</sup> they will be holding their Children's Ornament Workshop and the next Repair Café will take place November 16<sup>th</sup>. It will feature knife sharpening, lamp repair, bike repair and maintenance and possibly computer help. There is a campaign to boycott Mc Millan Publishing due to the unfairness of their new pay structure.

**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 continues and is well attended and is running on Tuesday's and Friday's. The puppet show was held on October 30<sup>th</sup> at the library and was the culmination of Free Columbia and the Community Center working together to create two shows for the community. It was well attended with standing room only; some even remained outdoors. Director Veronezi attended a meeting at the library with multiple groups attending. Discussion focused on how to create a time chart for individuals who want to know what activities are occurring in the area on any given day. Contact information was shared.

**SUMMIT LAKE AND its WATERCOURSE (BOA) REPORT:** Given by Sally Baker, a full copy of the report is available in the office for review. The Philmont Rising brochure is now available on the information table in the Village Office. The brochure lays out the items of work included in the Village of Philmont's application to the state Consolidated Funding Application submitted in July to advance the community's vision for continued revitalization in the village. A great deal on the month and resources were taken up by PBI to produce a statement to support the Village's rebuttal to the recent lawsuit filed by the High Falls Property Owners Association. The statement provides supporting information and several exhibits with regards to the BOA program and the Canal Street Warehouse as a selected site for redevelopment. Working Groups continued to meet, and the monthly Village Trustee BOA Co-Chair meeting was held. Now that leaves are down from the trees expect to see Jessie Ravage taking photographs of building and streets for the Cultural Resource Survey.

**MAYOR SPEED:** He reported signing all papers, answered complaints, attended the Community Day meeting and he judged the Halloween Costume Party for the Fire Company which was well attended. Everyone who attended seemed to have a good time.

**TRUSTEE JOHNSON:** He gave the DPW/WA/SW reports, copies of which are available in the office for review.

**TRUSTEE SAGAL:** She attended the workplace violence and harassment training, the library board meeting and an additional meeting at the library with other civic groups about charting area activities in a central place. She spoke about our current tenancy law and how other municipalities have looked to this law to develop their own.

**TRUSTEE CROPPER:** He commented on the notable number of residents who attended tonight's Public Hearing and how the residents who were there were all good landlords. He attended the library community meeting, the workshop meeting and the workplace violence and harassment training. He also attended the Puppet Show at the library. He did some work at the Community Center on their smoke detectors, and he has been in contact with NYCOM looking for guidance finding a new village clerk. He will attend the Tabletop Exercise with Columbia County and a Legislator meeting later this month.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE LIST PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC**

#### **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**MOTION** to spend \$15,398.87 from the Equipment Reserve Account for repairs on the Garbage Truck and Truck #7 (International Dump, white dump), payable to Ben Funk; was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to enforce the water turn off law with termination scheduled for Thursday December 12, 2019 for those still owing their July bills; was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to move money within accounts as needed was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**MOTION** to approve Laura Smith as a member of the Philmont Volunteer Fire Company as an EMS provider. She will take the next First Responders Class when it is offered; made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Trustee** Johnson informed the rest of the board that he has a meeting at the sewer plant tomorrow (Wednesday) at 2 pm with RPI for lighting at the sewer plant. They will be there for a while so they can see the plant in the dark. Dave Siter asked about bills the village has been receiving from our engineering firm. He has called them a few times, but he has not received any correspondence from them. Trustee Johnson said he spoke with them today and everything is straightened out now.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons  
Clerk/Treasurer