

MONDAY, February 10, 2020

PRESENT:Deputy Mayor Douglas Cropper; Trustees, Brian Johnson;Laurence Ostrander; Barbara Sagal; Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons; and Village Clerk-Treasurer Theresa Tutt. **Absent:**Mayor Clarence Speed.

MEETING RULES OF PROCEDURE WERE READ ALOUD

MOTION to approve minutes of the previous meeting made by Trustee Johnson, 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, Health Care Deductible & T&A) made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ostrander **ALL AYES NO NAYS**

PUBLIC REQUESTS: DPW Superintendent David Siter stated there would be a sub night at the Firehouse March 6th 2020 with free delivery within a 2-mile radius. There is also a Spaghetti dinner at the Gun Club on March 29th, 2020 with options for eat in, take out or free delivery within a 2-mile radius in support of the Firehouse. Flyers will be sent out.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS: Atty. Fitzsimmons reported ongoing projects with trustees on varying issues.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT: Village Clerk-Treasurer reported that normal office tasks were being completed as time allows due to the absence of a deputy clerk. (Bank Statements, accounts receivable, accounts payable, garbage stickers sales, billings, payroll and monthly reports, etc.) The new accounting software is in the beginning stages of installation and use. Once fully functional it will prove to be more labor cost effective. Water termination notices have been delayed until February 26, 2020 due to lack of staff help and training in the program. The office will be closed Monday February 17th, 2020 for Presidents Day. AARP will be using the village hall for tax preparations Mondays for this upcoming tax season except for next week when it is scheduled for Tuesday February 18th, 2020 due to the holiday on Monday. Budget review for the 2020-2021 are due to begin.

POLICE REPORT: Given by OIC Vernon Doyle. A detailed report of all complaints and tickets issued was given and is on file. 17 calls for service, 1 arrest, 1 assist, 310 property checks, 12 tickets issued, 27 parking ticket warnings issued, 55 parking tickets issued. Parking seems to be going okay as well as alternate parking. Any parking issues have been addressed through contact with Dave Siter DPW Supervisor. They will continue to work together on any future issues. OIC Vern requested Court Coverage Hourly rate increase and that they have to give 30-day notice to Claverack Town Court. Requesting \$1 more and hour for offices. Sheriffs charge Overtime rate plus mileage. No Increase in 7 years so it shouldn't be a problem. Request needs to be sent to Town of Claverack

DPW REPORT: Given by DPW Supervisor Dave Siter. No heat – had to call new heating company to make repairs. A staff members car was hit by a branch that fell off a neighbor's tree causing damage to the car. Dave Siter has been in contact with the party and either the home owner or the village insurance with compensate the vehicle owner for car damage repairs. They are working to have the tree removed.

LIBRARY REPORT: Given by Trustee Sagal from Director Tobi Farley's report. Last month programs such as Community Story hour and Take your Child to the Library have been extremely successful with over 35 attending Take you Child to the Library and over 20 kids attending Story hour which had food, books and balloon animals. Thanks to Patty West and two teenage children and John for volunteering to make the day a success.

We will be closed Presidents day February 17, 2020 and having Lunch and a Movie Thursday February 20, 2020 as this is the week of school break. Other upcoming programs include the 6th annual Read. We are working with Taconic Hills School and Roe Jan Library and are reading the Wizard of Oz. Events will be held Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. February 27, 2020. Saturday March 14, 2020 Celtic Concert with Jeff Snow in conjunction with the Claverack Library sharing the cost and will be held at the Claverack Library since they have more space. Thanks to having Summer of Free Columbia we will be hosting a magic show during April break this even will be Wednesday April 15, 2020 at 2:00pm.

Meetings and Trainings: Recently attended 2 workshops with MHLS. A new product mobile worklist we have started to implement will streamline certain staff tasks in the library. The second involved having a Library of things. It was interesting to hear what other library's hand out. I spoke with Debra Gitterman and Julia Sedlock regarding working together to create a tool library and craft kit since they are showing a shared interest in such a project.

Statistic: While completing the annual report for the state, it appears materials have increased from last year total curriculum of physical items has grown to 27281 from 25132. Electronics has gone from 2351 to 1660. The number of visiting patrons has increased also. We have been given distinction of a 3 Star library by The American Library Journal.

COMMUNITY CENTER REPORT: Will be given next month at the March 2020 Board meeting.

SUMMIT LAKE AND ITS WATERCOURSE (BOA) REPORT: Given by Sally Baker, a full copy is available for review in the office. **REPORT SUMMARY:** Joint meeting with Trustee Larry Ostrander. April 8th, 2020 arrival time to meet at Co-Op and tour, then come back to the Village office to discuss the scope of things. Document POS generated work plans to review in late March to review from state before they come in April 2020.

MAYOR SPEED: Mayor Skip Speed spoke with Deputy Mayor Cropper earlier. Mayor reports Aruba is warm and sunny!

TRUSTEE CROPPER: Trustee Cropper attended workshop meeting and extra workshop meeting. Community Center Director Julie Veronezi is working with Linda Trip on getting small grants for children programs with Cooperative Extension. Brenda Adams of Humanity for Habit are coming before the Planning Board in February with has been confirmed by the Rob Fitzsimmons. Have been working on getting exemption for Korean vets. Theresa Tutt has gotten the information and spoke with Ozzi Osborn who was most concerned with the results. Spoke with DPW Dave Siter regarding Fire Department and Judge regarding concerns. Dustin James tried to get hold of Skip Speed. Needs letter of authorized for project on Eaglestreet which e was drafted and authorized by Robert Fitzsimmons and will be sent try clerk back to Dustin James.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON: Trustee Johnson reported DPW has been working on the Sweeper. They hauled in sand for water brakes. Reports have gone down. Plowing and sanding completed. Water samples have all passed and they have hauled away gallons of sludge. Three employees have signed up to keep license currently. Water usage is better per Dave Siter

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: Attended BOA workshop meeting with Sally Baker. Responded to numerous emails and at end of month to go over LOSAP progress. Called Lee Heim, Building Inspector regarding property behind doctor's office for unsightly items. His is going to the location to investigate complaint. No Firemen's report, but they had the 2nd highest call volume in Columbia County. More than Greenport and less than Hudson. Any support or donation is appreciated as it takes a lot of money to run it.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE AT THE NEXT MEETING.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

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MOTION to hire Michael Bucci for preliminary audit process made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to sign Resolution for Village of Philmont to become a Purple Heart Village made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. Deputy Mayor Cropper recommended postponing the signing until minor corrections can be made. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to authorize International Agreement with County and other towns in case of emergency for emergency assistance with DPW when needed made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Ostrander inquired about status of floor repair of tiles that have popped up. John Kline is to submit quote on material. If over procurement amount of \$1000 bids will be required.

Trustee Ostrander stated slop sink in firehouse is backed up with yellow grease after sub night was held again and asked Dave Siter if he was getting it repaired or snaked out. Dave said he was planning to resolve the problem first by trying chemical solutions and would resolve the issue.

Deputy Mayor Cropper stated Dustin James from Crawford associates tried to contact Mayor Speed but Cropper handled the call. A letter of authorization for the project on Eagle Street is needed. He requested Attorney Fitzsimmons review draft for approval before it goes to Planning Board for approval. Village Clerk Tutt will send copy to Crawford associates once approved. Fitzsimmons explained the Habitat is under contract with Village and does not own the land until it is subdivided, therefore the letter of authorization is needed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa A. Tutt
Village Clerk -Treasurer
Village of Philmont

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