

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2009

PRESENT: Mayor Clarence Speed, Trustees Brian Johnson, Barbara Sagal, Douglas Cropper (Robin Andrews-absent on vacation), Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons, Clerk/Treasurer Eilene Morris.

MOTION to approve minutes of the previous meeting made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

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

MOTION to approve payment of bills (General Abstract #2, Water Abstract #2, Sewer Abstract #2, Library Abstract #2, T&A Abstract #2, Library Bldg. Fund #3, Summit Lake Abstract #2, Summit Heights Operations Abstract #2, Play & Rec. Abstract #1) made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Linda Gatter gave a progress report on the labyrinth project with suggested modifications (more grass, less stone). She shared pictures and diagrams with the Village Board. Work should start the week of August 11th and be completed by that Friday.

Clyde Colburn requested that the village board deal with the issue of sewage backup in his cellar. He has had the problem since last winter and was told by DPW Foreman Scheller that the repairs would be made when the weather was warmer. He has called to get an estimated start date and has heard nothing. He is getting concerned that it is now the middle of July and nothing has been done about the problem. Trustee Johnson will get together with Foreman Scheller and visit Mr. Colburn regarding the problem. Mr. Colburn also questioned why the water bills increased and also why people were forced to pay a "minimum" amount. The clerk explained that a minimum amount of income is required to meet debt service expenses as well as mandatory payments such as utilities.

Brian Wheeler once again brought up his concern that "people" were living in the Mill on Summit Street. The Mayor informed him that he and Building Inspector Callahan inspected the mill, and there was no one living there. Mr. Wheeler felt that the owner was deceiving the board and the building dept. by boarding up the problem areas. There was some discussion about whether the mill was fixable or not and what work needs to be done there. Trustee Johnson felt that the mill *was* fixable.

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:

On-going projects.

CLERK/TREASURER MORRIS:

Water/Sewer bills were mailed on July 1st and are due through July 31st without penalty.

Also, the Annual Financial Report has been completed and filed with the NYS Department of Audit and Control. A copy is available in the Village Office for review. After many weeks, FEMA and SEMO reports for the December 11th ice storm have been completed and filed with the proper agencies and we are awaiting approval for payment.

DPW/WA/SW: Reports were given by Trustee Johnson. Copies are available in the Village Office for review.

POLICE: Report Given by OIC Doyle. A copy is available in the Village Office for review.

LIBRARY REPORT: Report given by Interim Librarian Karen Garafalo. A copy is available in the village office for review.

MAIN STREET/LDC: Report given by Trustee Johnson. First Pumpkin Walk/Community Day planning meeting is set for Monday, July 20th @ 6 PM in the Village Hall. Also, the Summer Workforce Team has been making progress clearing trails at the Summit Preserve. Many residents have volunteered their tools for the workers.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Report given by Trustee Johnson. A copy is available in the Village Office for review. Note that the Nature Program started on July 1st and is doing very well.

MAYOR SPEED: Handled complaints throughout the month. Worked with Building Inspector Callahan on the Mill questions. He felt that the renovations were going very well and what has been done so far, is very attractive. He handled a dead deer complaint. He noted that the deer carcasses will be disposed of in the wood chip pile as has been recommended to him. He attended the ribbon cutting at the Farmer's Market and noted that he has enjoyed his purchases thus far and noted that a nice job was done. He also reported attended a meeting with Al Wassenhove and Chairman Baer of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors. The Mayor was encouraged by the meeting.

TRUSTEE SAGAL: Reported that she attended the Pine Haven Committee Meeting with Trustee Andrews. She also has attended the farmer's market.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: Reported that he attended the Labyrinth meeting. He also has been working with Planning Chairperson Prazma on a simplified process for applicants.

TRUSTEE ANDREWS: Report given by Trustee Sagal. She reported that the Workforce Program project is going very well. They did a first pass on a loop trail at Summit Heights on the 20 acres, and worked with the DPW at the Library. Renee Maxwell has started as Community Center Director and has initiated new programs. She (along with Trustee Cropper) met with Planning Chairperson Mary Prazma on the steps for Site Plan Review. She also noted that everything is ready for the Fishing Derby on July 18th. Many Thanks to Al Charron for organizing this event and raising over \$890.00 and more donations of goods, for a total of \$1000 which will be spent in prizes or food for the event. Copies are available in the village office for review.

(CORRESPONDENCE LIST – PROVIDED TO THE AUDIENCE)

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to approve membership of Tanya Quinn, Matt Oakley and Edward Stratton to the Philmont Fire Company made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
2. **MOTION** to accept the resignation of Matthew Perry as a member of the Philmont Zoning Board of Appeals made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
3. **MOTION** to appoint Kim Czyzewski as a member of the Philmont Zoning Board of Appeals filling the unexpired term of Matthew Perry to end on 3/1/2013 made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
4. **MOTION** to grant the request of the Zoning and Planning Chairpersons to have the Village Board declare as proper and essential training for this year a “tour of the village” for all planning board and zoning board members which would fulfill this year’s training requirements made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
5. **MOTION** to accept the proposal of \$5000.00 from Scott Longe Construction for one poured footing and foundation for the addition to the Philmont Library for labor only made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
6. **MOTION** to employ six interns at the Philmont Library through the Health Information Program through MHLS at no cost to the village made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.
7. **MOTION** to approve the sponsorship for six recruits to attend the Zone 14 Law Enforcement Academy this September made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

8. **MOTION** to approve the hiring of certified police officer Jarrett Oakes as a temporary hire for a summer position due to the recent accident of Officer Huyck made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

9. **MOTION** to spend \$2980.00 from the "Recreation Account" to pay for electrical service installation at the Village Green made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Osborn informed everyone of a Car Show scheduled at the Claverack Town Park on Sunday, July 19, 2009 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

MOTION to adjourn in memory of *Peter Bogausch* and *Harry Carl* made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilene Morris

Clerk/Treasurer