



INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT

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MEMORANDUM

December 16, 2008

From: Mayor Sanders
To: Board of Trustees
Re: Status of PBA Negotiation

On Tuesday, December 9th, representatives from the Village of Piermont met with representatives of the Rockland County Police Benevolent Association in an effort to resolve contract details with the Piermont Police prior to the holidays. The current contract with the rank and file of the Piermont Police department had expired on May 31st of this year.

The village government and its residents value the local attention it receives from its police force and appreciates their professional, steadfast dedication to protecting residents and their property. In light of this, the Village has offered a three-year contract proposal that includes a modest increase in base salary for each of the three years through 2010. We understand the need to address the personal economic needs of our officers but we also need to be vigilant with taxpayer dollars. We're making every effort to minimize any increase in taxes that will adversely impact village residents' ability to pay- especially in light of this challenging economic environment.

The PBA has rejected the offer that the Village presented and has elected to exercise its right to enter into Interest Arbitration to resolve this dispute.

Sincerely,

MAYOR CHRISTOPHER SANDERS

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