

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

April 24, 2007

Present: Mayor Edward Traynor, Deputy Mayor Fred Devan, Trustees Joan Gussow, Chris Sanders, Audie Moran, Walter Sevastian, Esq.-Village Attorney, Denise Ehrhart- Village Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor Traynor called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

Chief O'Shea advised the Board that an additional \$5,000 was donated from the Rittenberg family for a portable breakaway homerun fence for the Pavilion ball field. Total donations from the family now total \$15,000. Chief O'Shea reminded the Board that the dedication ceremony for the Rittenberg Ball Field would be June 21, 2007.

Motion to accept the additional donation for a portable breakaway homerun fence and to approve its installation was made by Trustee Moran and seconded by Trustee Sanders. Upon vote the motion carried.

Carol Cameron asked what was happening with the drainage at the Library site and lot because her home and her neighbors flood quite badly.

Mayor Traynor advised that the Village will redo the entire parking lot and make drainage improvements sometime between the end of this year through the beginning of next year. Trustee Sanders advised that the project is before the Planning Board right now and they will make recommendations to the Village Board. Trustee Sanders further commented that the final surface of the parking lot is undetermined right now and that the Village Engineer will advise; blacktop is not acceptable since the water needs to rise and go back down. Al Bartley added that there will also be a new catch basin to drain off a lot of the water. Mayor Traynor said he is as confident about the likely result of the parking lot and drainage as he had hoped to be with the Library, and that turned out well.

Denise Kronstadt spoke with reference to the sale of Diplomat Gardens and said that there may be things that can be done to protect the current residents. The Village Board may be able to, based on the date the building was built, help protect this building if a housing emergency can be declared under the Emergency Protection Act, but only if it was constructed prior to 1974. Also, there may be a potential violation of the Fair Housing Act.

Walter Sevastian will look into it further and the discussion will continue on May 1, 2007. He will find out the build date from John Angelis prior to any further discussion.

The Board was asked to go on record about how it feels on the issue but the Mayor replied they would not without the advice from the Village Attorney.

John McAvoy commented that he supports Denise Krondstadt's efforts. He also asked if the Board could table the Community Playgroup lease renewal to the May 1, 2007 meeting.

With reference to the adoption of the 2008 Fiscal Budget, Trustee Devan gave an overview: on April 10, 2007 the Village Board held a public hearing on the tentative budget and no changes have been made since that meeting. The tax rate would be Homestead-\$4.85/\$1,000 (\$4.60 right now) which is a 5.44% increase and Non-Homestead would be \$7.28/\$1,000 (\$6.80 right now) which is a 7.06% increase; Non-Homestead represents 20% of the tax revenue. The following is how the budget breaks out:

Police Department – 28%
Administration - 20%
Benefits - 20%
Highway Department - 18%
Fire Department – 5%
Debt Service – 8%

The Mayor said that the first budget he was involved in was as a Trustee and there was no involvement or input from the departments. All department heads worked as a team to develop this budget and were very honest with all of us. It is refreshing to have a group of people who work with the Village, and in the interest of the Village. He commended everyone for working so diligently.

A motion to adopt the 2007-2008 Fiscal Budget was made by Trustee Sanders and seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the budget was adopted unanimously.

Trustee Sanders moved to appoint Roberta Ebert an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan and upon vote the motion carried. Roberta Ebert was sworn into office by Mayor Traynor.

An Intermunicipal Agreement with Rockland County for an Interoperable Radio System was discussed. These radios would allow all emergency personnel to communicate with each other.

Walter Sevastian said this Agreement has been in the works for a while. It is a County-wide system that will cost a total of \$30 million dollars. The County Executive has recommended that the County pick up the full cost. It will become usable once the County purchases and installs the infrastructure. The amount of \$248,102.89 is Piermont's portion. However, there will be no cost unless the Village or County terminates the agreement and if that were ever to happen, the equipment would be sought first before payment.

RESOLUTION NO. 0424071 VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
TITLE: Approval of an Intermunicipal Agreement with the County of
Rockland for a County-Wide Interoperable Radio System

WHEREAS, any agreement entered into between municipalities must be approved by each participating municipal corporation by a majority vote of its governing body, General Municipal Law Article 5-G;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Piermont approves the agreement with the County of Rockland for a County-Wide Interoperable Radio System;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into this agreement on behalf of the Village of Piermont.

This Resolution was moved by Trustee Joan Gussow and seconded by Trustee Audie Moran. Upon vote the motion carried unanimously.

The Board then considered an Agreement for participation in chemical, biological, nuclear and radiological training.

Motion to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement with Rockland County for an Interoperable Radio System and to authorize its execution was made by Trustee Gussow and seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 042407 VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
TITLE: Approval of an Intermunicipal Agreement with the County of Rockland for participation in Chemical, Biological, Nuclear and Radiological (CBNR) Training

WHEREAS, any agreement entered into between municipalities must be approved by each participating municipal corporation by a majority vote of its governing body, General Municipal Law S119-o (1);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Piermont approves the agreement with the County of Rockland for reimbursement of overtime costs for CBNR training in the amount of \$288.68;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into this agreement on behalf of the Village of Piermont.

This Resolution was moved by Trustee Audie Moran and seconded by Trustee Joan Gussow. Upon vote the motion carried unanimously.

A Special Permit application by Michael Berkerich of 849 Piermont Avenue was discussed. His daughter has health issues and the house needs some minor changes to accommodate them.

The Village Attorney commented that a Special Permit needs to be approved by the Village Board and should be referred to the Planning Board and ZBA if required.

A motion to refer the application of 849 Piermont Avenue to the Planning Board and ZBA for variances was made by Trustee Gussow and seconded by Trustee Sanders.

The MS4 Stormwater Management Annual Report must be complete and is due to the State by June 1, 2007. A public meeting must be held prior to that being done and it will be scheduled for May 15, 2007.

The Board tabled a discussion on the renewal of the Community Playgroup Lease to May 1, 2006. The cost of three new thermostats at \$60 each will be added to the expense list for the Community Center.

The proposed R-80 zone needs to be designated to a location in Piermont and should be referred to the Village Planning Board prior to being referred to the County and interested agencies. The Board would also need to schedule a Public Hearing. Trustee Sanders stated that he would like to overlay the R-80 zoning on to the current R-40.

Trustee Gussow moved to refer the proposed R-80 Zoning District to the Planning Board for review and comment. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sanders. Upon vote the motion carried.

Cowboy Fields, which may be for sale by the Orangetown School District, is currently zoned R-40, Single Family Residence.

Denise Krondstat has been in touch with Alan Beers and requested that the Village Board appoint a liaison between the Trust for Public Land and the resident group watching this property. When asked, Trustee Sanders accepted the liaison assignment. Trustee Moran added that funds are available through the county's Open Space Acquisition funds and the County should kick in money.

Trustee Devan moved to approve the waiver of only the rental fee for use of the Pavilion by the Friends of the Piermont Library for their annual Crabfest on September 15, 2007. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the motion carried.

Two sets of March minutes will be approved at the May 1, 2007 meeting.

A motion by Trustee Devan to approve the warrant in the amount of \$65,240.27 was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the warrant was approved.

The attached Resolution, with reference to 311 Tweed Boulevard, was read and moved by Trustee Sanders. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan. Upon vote the motion carried. The Village Board will sign this Resolution and put it on record in Orangetown.

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Devan and seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the meeting adjourned.