

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES METING
April 28, 2009

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

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

Public Comment:

Mike Miller – advised that the Landing was very happy with Al Bartley's response in a repair on the walkway and everyone will miss him.

Bigelow Greene – Tweed Boulevard – said there was an application before the Orangetown ZBA (Biondi) to grant 4 variances. Mr. Greene asked for the Boards help by attending another meeting in Orangetown on May 6, 2009 at 7 p.m. He thanked the Mayor and Board for the letter which was read at the Orangetown meeting last week and placed in the record.

The Mayor commented that the Board has done all it can do to object to the variances requested on the application.

Carol Cameron commented that she heard a rumor that the rowing club would be moved toward the picket fence in Parelli Park. Mayor Sanders said that it is a consideration and that it is in the early planning stages

Howard Dean asked what was done when he requested the blockage by the wall next to the skating Pond and the 9W Viaduct supports causing flooding on his property on Oat Tree Road be cleared. Mayor Sanders said that he spoke with the Village Engineers and that the source of the flooding upstream was not due to the structures at the location. The informal response from the engineer said that the Williams Street Bridge has a very small opening which restricts the flow of the Sparkill in a flood event.

Trustee Devan asked who owns the wall at the Pond. The Attorney advised that United Water had leased the property to Orangetown in a 99 year lease and the lease was then assigned to Piermont which has about 20 years remaining.

The agenda was moved to item #4 - Sign Permit: 486 Piermont Avenue – The Mole Hole filed a sign permit for the front of the building. The attorney advised that it was a permitted accessory sign but is limited to 18 sq. ft. The Board can go along with the Building Inspector's recommendation to allow the sign or can send it to the Zoning Board for a variance. The Building Inspector stated that it exceeds the allowable square footage but was well designed, in keeping with the neighborhood, and would be of benefit to the owner and the Village.

Trustee Blomquist he would go by the Building Inspector's comments.

Trustee Moran said that knowing Lynn Boone, it will be tasteful.

Trustee Devan said he tends to agree with the Building Inspector's recommendation.

Trustee Gussow said she does not have a problem with the sign.

Trustee Moran made a motion to approve the sign at 486 Piermont Avenue as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan. Upon vote the motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor explained that in the proposed 2009-2010 Budget the tax rate for Homestead was going from 5.08 to 5.10, or a .0394% increase; Non-Homestead was going from 8.03 to 8.04, or a .12% increase. He thanked the employees for accepting no salary increases and the department heads for watching numbers.

A motion by Trustee Gussow to approve the 2009-201 General Operating Budget was seconded by Trustee Blomquist. A roll was taken for the vote:

Trustee Devan	Yes
Trustee Gussow	Yes
Trustee Moran	Yes
Trustee Blomquist	Yes
Mayor Sanders	Yes

The 2009-2010 General Operating Budget was approved unanimously.

A Capital Budget for 2009-2010 was presented for the first time in Piermont. The Mayor stated that the Board will only proceed if grant funds are received. The Board decided to prioritize:

1. North Parking Lot/Drainage
2. Ritie Drainage Corridor
3. all other projects

Mayor Sanders also said he is not optimistic about and Stimulus money reaching the Village.

Trustee Devan made a motion to approve the 2009-2010 Capital Budget with the caveat that the Board will not proceed with any projects not funded by Legislative Items or Grants. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. A roll was taken for the vote:

Trustee Blomquist	Yes
Trustee Devan	Yes
Trustee Moran	Yes
Trustee Gussow	Yes
Mayor Sanders	Yes

The 2009-2010 Capital Budget was approved unanimously.

Resident Jerry Warshaw made a request to have his son's wedding on the Pier, Sunday, August 23, 2009. The family must be advised that it is a public park and they cannot interfere with the use by others. Trustee Moran made a motion to approve and Trustee Blomquist seconded the motion. Upon vote the motion carried.

The Macedonia Baptist church requested a waiver of the rental fee to use the Pavilion on July 18, 2009. The Board reduced the \$300 fee to the Charitable Organization fee of \$150.00.

Trustee Moran made a motion to allow the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW to sell poppies outside of Village Hall during the month of May. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to open a Public Hearing on proposed amendments to the Fee Schedule and Parade Law. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the motion carried.

Walter Sevastian explained that special events are requested for fundraising, etc. and some require road closures or crowd monitoring. He then read sections of the proposed special event law.

Mr. Sevastian explained that the Parade Law is being amended to read Parades, Processions and Special Events and gave a brief overview.

Richie Stark said that the fee schedule seems thorough and asked if residents must pay to use Pavilion. He was told that residents do pay.

Bob Samuels commented that there should be a lower rental amount for residents.

Trustee Devan suggested \$150 for residents as well as not-for-profits. Mayor Sanders discussed leaving the fee for residents at \$300 and increasing the fee to non-residents to \$500.

Trustee Devan made a motion to continue the hearing to May 12, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 2009. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan and upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Moran made a motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2009. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan. Upon vote the motion carried with Trustee Gussow abstaining.

Trustee Devan made a motion to approve the Warrant in the amount of \$69,258.31. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the Warrant was approved.

A motion by Trustee Blomquist to request a rental fee of \$150.00 and refundable deposit of \$500 from the VFW for use of the Pavilion on August 8, 2009 was seconded by Trustee Devan. Upon vote the motion carried.

The Village Board scheduled an Executive Session for May 19, 2009 with reference to a PBA Grievance.

Trustee Devan made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.