

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES METING
August 18, 2009

Present: Mayor Christopher Sanders, Deputy Mayor Mark Blomquist, Trustees Joan Gussow, Audie Moran, Fred Devan, 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:

Linda Hacker – the proposed dog run is very close to the helicopter landing zone. The Police Chief will discuss this with the fire department to see what needs to be done.

Trustee Devan asked Ms. Hacker if she thought of using the Community Center as an alternate and she replied that she can't see that happening.

Mayor Sanders added that the Community Center is a residential area and that raises other issues.

Kathryn Rowedder – would like to use a room in the Community Center Saturday and Sunday – October 10 and 11, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a 2 day meditation workshop. This would be a one time use or could be monthly if the Board wanted to consider that.

Mayor Sanders said the upstairs of the Community Center has 2 rooms on the west side being used by the Community Playgroup. The other room is used by PAL.

Trustee Devan made a motion to allow Ms. Rowedder to use the Community Center on October 10 and 11, 2009 from 10:00am to 5:00 p.m. at an expense of \$150.00 per day and an insurance certificate naming the Village additional insured. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to open a Public Hearing on a proposal to amend the Parks Law to include smoke-free parks. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the Public Hearing was opened.

Walter Sevastian explained that the proposal was to amend Sec. 143 of the Parks law to add “no smoking” or “the carrying of any lit tobacco product”.

Public comments:

Richie Stark said that as an ex-smoker he appreciates the intent of the law but asked if it will require extra enforcement which means extra expense to the Village.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan and upon vote the motion carried.

After discussion, the Board consensus was to apply the “no smoking” amendment to Kane Park and Mop Top Park.

Trustee Moran moved to declare a Negative Declaration, that this is a Type II action not subject to any further review under SEQRA. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to adopt Local Law #5 of 2009 to add a new subsection entitled "Smoking" to Chapter 143 – Parks. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the motion carried.

A review of revenues was tabled to September 8, 2009.

Trustee Devan made a motion authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension to meet EPA Phase 2 Stormwater Regulations. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the Motion carried.

Motion, to authorize the Village Justice to submit a grant application to the State of New York Justice Court Assistance Program in the amount not to exceed \$30,000 for Security/Courtroom Equipment and to authorize the Mayor to sign same.

This resolution was moved by Trustee Devan and seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously

The proposed amendments to the fee schedule were discussed. The new version includes Pavilion Rental fees of: Residents and not-for-profits shall be \$300; non-residents shall be \$500; all shall provide a \$500 refundable security deposit. In addition, there will be a \$250 per hour fee for Special Events with a minimum of 3 hours to be charged.

The Board consensus favored the proposed amendments.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to adopt Local Law #6 of 2009 amending Chapter 102-Fees, as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion was carried.

The Board had passed a Bond Resolution on April 20, 2009 for improvements to the North Parking Lot. The Board has 10 years to encumber the BAN. The Board consensus after brief discussion was not to borrow against this BAN at this time, but to wait until the end of this fiscal year to decide whether or not to proceed with the project.

Marini Bros. came in as low bidder on the parking lot project and had granted a 60 day extension on the bid price which expires 8/29/09.

Trustee Devan made a motion to reject any and all bids on the Improvements to the North Parking Lot. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and upon vote the motion carried.

The Village of South Nyack will be hosting the Rockland Road Runner's 10 Mile Run through Piermont on September 13, 2009 starting at 8:30 a.m. Trustee Devan made a motion to approve and to request the Village of Piermont to be a sponsor. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried.

A resident made a request of the Board for a handicap swing in Kane Park. Trustee Moran will research with Al Bartley and the manufacturer of the set currently in the park.

Trustee Moran made a motion to approve the minutes of July 14, 2009 and the motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the minutes were approved with Trustee Devan abstaining.

Trustee Devan made a motion to approve the Warrant in the amount of \$221,638.44. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and upon vote the Warrant was approved.

Piermont Landing HOA wrote to the Highway Department to let them know that additional spindles needed to be replaced on the Walkway, that some of the railings require painting and the catch basins should be cleaned.

After discussion, the Board asked Tom Temple to let them know that the spindles would be replaced, the catch basins have already been cleaned and the painting will be their responsibility.

Chief O'Shea requested, and the Board agreed, to close the Pier to automobile traffic on September 7, 2009 during the fund raiser at the pavilion.

Trustee Devan made a motion to authorize an expense of \$350 to catch feral chickens with reference to a code prosecution case being handled by the Village Attorney. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the expense was authorized.

Carol Cameron requested additional bicycle enforcement.

Walter Sevastian advised that the barriers on Hovey Lane must be removed as a result of a court decision.

Trustee Devan made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a Letter of Understanding with Al Bartley. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist. Upon vote the motion carried.

The Board will review a Letter of Understanding for Tom Temple on September 8, 2009 that will have an effective date of August 24, 2009.

Trustee Devan made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.