

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
December 1, 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:

Trustee Devan spoke on behalf of Anna Hickey who recently bought a house on Ferdon Avenue. Beginning on So. Piermont Avenue, coming over the creek and into her yard, are two or three cables holding up a pole. Ms. Hickey does not believe there is an easement on her deed but O & R said they have an easement.

The Village Attorney advised that Ms. Hickey should check her title insurance report because the easement would be in there if it exists.

John McAvoy told the Board that Holiday events are on hold but the merchants would still like to light the trees along Piermont Avenue and schedule a tree lighting in front of Village Hall. The Menorah will be light on Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. and the Mayor suggested the tree lighting on December 12, 2009 at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Town of Ramapo for the use of the Firing Range. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan and upon vote the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders would like to schedule a workshop to discuss parking in the Village. The workshop would be a joint meeting of the Village Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board. The Mayor asked the Board to submit dates in January when they would be available.

Walter Sevastian presented a draft Local Law with reference to a Moratorium on Demolition permits for the Board's consideration.

The following resolution was moved by Trustee Moran:

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees is contemplating the adoption of a Moratorium on the issuance of certain demolition permits while the Village Board considers amendments to the Zoning Code to protect the character of the Village while the Village Board considers adopting Historic Preservation legislation for the Village of Piermont;

WHEREAS, the proposed Zoning Code amendments constitute an "Unlisted" action under the Environmental Conservation Law, and are subject to review under said law;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Piermont intends to establish said Village Board of Trustees as Lead Agency for the purpose of a review of the proposed action under the provisions of Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Piermont Village Clerk is directed to serve a copy of this resolution upon all interested parties as same are identified under the Environmental Conservation Law.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing on a proposed Moratorium on Demolition for February 2, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist. Upon vote the public hearing was scheduled

The Village Engineer advised the Mayor through email that, with reference to several sewer overflows since the upgrading of pumps in the Nyack Station, the pumps were eventually shut off and meetings ensued with all parties involved. Ron Delo advised that flow meters were to be installed at the plant to check for clogs. The DPW received a proposal for a vault of 9.5' by 9.5' to improve the capacity of the system but the engineer said this will only move it uphill to another manhole above the train station.

A proposal will be made to the Community Playgroup to include lower payments based on the loss of room availability which will also include reduced arrears payments. They are being asked to contact the Village Board with a payment schedule of past due and arrears.

Year-to-Date revenues and expenses will be discussed on December 15, 2009.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to approve the minutes of November 17, 2009. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan and upon vote the minutes were approved.

Trustee Devan made a motion to approve the Warrant in the amount of \$7,407.45. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the Warrant was approved.

The Village received a Demand Letter and Offer of Settlement with reference to the Clarkstown Town Landfill Site. The Village Attorney advised that he was aware of an EPA litigator in White Plains who is handling several towns and villages on this issue. He has requested terms of engagement for representation of the Village of Piermont. Mr. Sevastian will report to the Board on December 15, 2009.

Highway Supervisor Tom Temple reported to the Board that his newly hired seasonal employee did not show up for work. He will be removed from the position and Mr. Temple will review applications for another laborer.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.