

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
December 15, 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:

Vivian Kelly – President of the Piermont Seniors Club made a short presentation on the organization. Ms. Kelly said that as of July 2009 there were 339 members with an active group attending meetings twice a month. There are 19 trips a year and members are from locations within Orangetown.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Kelly for the information and for the opportunity to meet.

The Mayor appointed Sylvia Carbonell to the position of Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics. Following the appointment, Mayor Sanders swore Ms. Carbonell into office.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to appoint Gerald McNair to the position of seasonal laborer at a rate of \$14/hr effective December 14, 2009 through May 31, 2010. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan. Upon vote the motion carried.

After a brief discussion, Trustee Devan made a motion to authorize the Emerald Society to use the Pavilion on May 2, 2010 for their Annual 5K Run/Walk at a cost of \$300 for rent, \$500 for security and \$250 an hour for a minimum of 3 hours for road closure. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Moran made a motion to open the Public Hearing to consider adding a section to the code entitled Disorderly Conduct. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the motion carried.

Chief O'Shea advised the Board that public urination was a problem during the spring and summer. Currently under the Penal Law it is considered exposure of a person.

Walter Sevastian said that the Village code does not provide for disorderly conduct and there were issues brought to the Board's attention by the Police Department. With this addition to the Village code it would be a Village fine as opposed to an offense against the state Penal code.

The Board consensus was positive. The Mayor opened the floor to Public Comment. There were no public comments.

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

Trustee Moran made a motion to adopt the local law entitled Disorderly Conduct and to declare no adverse impact on the environment under SEQRA. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and upon vote the Local Law was adopted.

Insurance coverage for the Piermont Police Athletic League will be discussed at the January 19, 2010 meeting.

Speed humps/bumps on the Pier were suggested to the Board at an earlier meeting. Tom Temple presented Orangetown's Traffic Calming Program. The Village Engineer also offered recommendations.

Trustee Devan said that those concerned with speed are concerned with accidents or potential accidents. There have been 2 accidents in the past but not from speed. One was sun glare and a car hit a pedestrian. Another was a bus that backed into the building at the end of the Pier.

Trustee Gussow said that while speed humps are not very disruptive maybe more police enforcement might be the answer.

Trustee Blomquist noted that a traffic study was recommended and this project could be costly. He also recommended enforcement first.

Trustee Moran said that people do drive too fast. Tappan has temporary humps at a cost of \$8,000 each. She asked Tom Temple for his opinion both as DPW and Fire Department. He said that the DPW would not like them for plowing purposes and that the Fire Department feels they would slow down response times.

Chief O'Shea advised that he will deploy a plain clothes Officer with a rental car and a radar gun to get a more accurate idea of what is happening on the Pier. He will also increase bicycle patrols beginning in March.

Steve Silverberg commented that there is only one speed sign at the entrance to the Pier. He suggested that more signs may help.

Mayor Sanders said he would like to pass on the option of speed bumps/humps at this time.

Revenues and Expenses were reviewed for the first half of the Fiscal Year. Trustee Devan said there had been tight budgets recently and the Village needs to continue this practice to keep finances on target as they are now.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to approve the minutes of December 1, 2009. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan. Upon vote the minutes were approved.

Trustee Devan made a motion to approve the warrant in the amount of \$40,334.42. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the Warrant was approved.

Trustee Devan stated that Dave Wemmer is the Village Accountant and Auditor and he was not pleased with the progress Mr. Wemmer is making on the Annual Audit. Trustee Devan further stated that Mr. Wemmer suggested that the Village hire an accountant to work one day a month at an estimated cost of \$1,500 per month and that he would continue to be responsible for the Annual Audit at an estimated cost of \$10,000 to \$12,000 per year.

The prior fund balance for May 2008 was reported at \$283,195. An estimate for May 2009 is \$561,882 of which \$213,511 is the overage of the serial bond leaving an estimated \$322,060 for the year. This is an increase of \$38,865.

A schedule was received from Orangetown with reference to the Erie Path sewer. There is a plan to raise two manholes south of Ash Street pushing the flow further upstream above the train station which could damage homes if there was another back up.

The Board consensus was that this was an ineffective fix. Calmart is starting work tomorrow, December 16, 2009. The Mayor will call Thom Kleiner in the morning to possibly delay the project until more information is received.

The Mayor has received a letter from Steve Silverberg who is resigning his position on the Planning Board effective December 15, 2009.

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