

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**February 2, 2010**

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

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

Public Comment: None

Item #3: The Village has 2 web domain renewals due – piermont-ny.org and piermontny.org the Mayor would like to renew piermont-ny.org for 2 years at a cost of \$70. Trustee Silverberg made a motion to renew the web domain for piermont-ny.org for a period of two (2) years at a cost of \$70.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Moran made a motion to appoint Michael Bettman, Jr. to the position of Seasonal Laborer for the DPW effective February 8, 2010 at a rate of \$14/hr. through May 31, 2010. The motion was seconded by Trustee Silverberg. Upon vote the motion carried.

The Mayor made the following Liaison appointments:  
Steve Silverberg - Liaison to the Police Department and Justice Court  
Joan Gussow - Liaison to the DPW  
Audie Moran - Liaison to the Building Dept., Planning and Zoning  
Mark Blomquist - Liaison to the Village Clerk's office  
Mayor Sanders will be Liaison to the Fire Department  
Joan Gussow, as lead, with Audie Moran will work with Parks

Trustee Gussow made a motion authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Letter of Understanding with the Building Inspector LFT for a term to expire May 31, 2010. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Moran commended Charlie Schaub for his performance as Building Inspector. Trustee Gussow agreed that he is very cooperative and helpful. The Mayor commented that both he and Rick Oliver are very diligent.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a Rockland County Stop DWI grant acknowledgement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to approve the minutes of January 19, 2010. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and upon vote the minutes were approved.

Trustee Blomquist made a motion to approve Warrants #012910 & #020210 in the amount of \$51,720.35. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the warrant was approved.

Orangetown Planning Board asked the Village for comments on the Ramsey Subdivision. The property backs up to the Sparkill Creek with the houses at the front section of the property.

The Village Board agreed to express concern with no increase in net runoff into the creek watershed including no runoff of oil drippings and other non-point source pollution. There will also be a request for pervious driveways.

Richie Stark asked for the status of the web site domain. Trustee Silverberg replied that it was moving slowly. He recently gave information to the website designer and felt that the site should be up and running within a month.

The Board did a quick review of the latest version of the year-to-date budget numbers and all agreed there was a need to watch cash flow.

Trustee Blomquist referred to a letter from Empire Hose Co. which was amended to a request from the Piermont Fire Dept. requesting a fee waiver for use of the Pavilion. Being a Village department, the rental fee was waived but they must post the refundable security deposit of \$500.

Trustee Blomquist also made a request for a memorandum of understanding that the Fire Department will maintain the skating pond and surrounding property. Walter Sevastian will check the original lease and prepare a resolution for the February 16, 2010 meeting.

The Board was made aware that there is a grant for the Fire Department building on the pier. During the construction of the building and the north parking lot paving the Fire Department will have a problem storing their equipment and the boats.

Walter Sevastian gave an overview of the proposed local law to establish a temporary moratorium on demolition permits. There would be no permits issued for a six month period allowing for the Village to look into solving an existing problem in the Village.

Late last year the Mayor discussed the idea of revisiting Historic Preservation in the Village which was looked at several years ago. There was significant push back by residents and the local law was tabled. The Board is not planning to revise that law but wanted to revisit demolition since there are assets in the Village worth preserving.

Trustee Blomquist said that a six month moratorium is important and that the previous legislation was overkill.

Trustee Moran said that she brought this up two (2) years ago and was glad it is back on the table.

Trustee Gussow felt it was going to be a tough road as it was the last time.

Trustee Silverberg stated that a moratorium allowing time to study something is appropriate. Whatever the Board does needs to be narrowly crafted to not infringe on property rights.

A motion to open the Public Hearing on a proposed local law to establish a temporary moratorium on demolition permits was made by Trustee Moran and seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote, the Public Hearing was opened.

George Cheryl commented that the Onderdonk property is a concern. It was built by slaves. During the American Revolution people lived and died there. Based on his architectural background, he feels there is nothing structurally wrong with the house.

Richie Stark supports the previous speaker on Onderdonk House which is the primary interest. He felt that the Village Hall is also valuable. The 1981 Historic Preservation law on Piermont's books gives the initiative to a property owner to seek historic designation. Someone owns the Onderdonk property and the Village is not in the position to purchase and save it.

Elyse Knight thanked the Village Attorney for the proposed local law that provides protection for all homeowners, not just about the Onderdonk House. She felt that this legislation would preserve the Village's valuable history.

John McAvoy asked what and who will be affected and if there is an inventory of historic properties. He does not want to be told what he can or can't do. He would like to know what other buildings are at risk.

Tim Adriance – Bergenfield, New Jersey is a descendent of the owners of the Onderdonk House and currently sits on many historic preservation boards. The Village needs to preserve its character and history.

Sally Savage advised that in 1972, through Marjorie Bauer, a photo inventory of the Village was made and that she retook some of those photos in 1982.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to adjourn the hearing to March 16, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Silverberg and upon vote the public hearing was adjourned.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to enter executive session to discuss litigation and personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the Board entered executive session.

Trustee Silverberg made a motion to exit executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the Board exited executive session.

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