

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
February 3, 2009

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

Absent: Denise Ehrhart, Village Clerk-Treasurer

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

Public Comment:

Margaret Grace Johnson asked that item #2, informational hearing on MS4 Stormwater Management Implementation be delayed for ½ hour. Mayor Sanders responded that item #2 was being moved to the February 17, 2009 meeting.

Dennis Hardy stated that the Board approved the Yuda Condominium sign and asked if the Village fee for the sign could be reduced. Trustee Moran made a motion to waive the fee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and upon vote the motion carried.

The MS4 Stormwater Management Implementation will be moved to February 17, 2009.

Mayor Sanders informed the Board that they had already approved a proposal from Brooker Engineering to prepare bid specs for the North Parking Lot. The Mayor gave the Village Engineer permission to move ahead with the project. Brooker Engineering will have the bid packets prepared by February 17, 2009 to be sent out to public bid. The Village is still waiting for the Grant from the DEC – Division of Water.

Trustee Gussow moved to approve an agreement with the Town of Ramapo for temporary Building Inspection and Code Enforcement services for the month of March. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried unanimously.

The insurance company for the Village, NYMIR, has stated specific playground equipment is unsafe. Trustee Moran advised that Al Bartley had received a new catalog from American Recreation and that they will be meeting in Kane Park to determine what equipment is needed. Mayor Sanders has contacted Melissa Pasch from NYMIR regarding the specifics. Since the Village has been put on notice, a response is necessary. This will be discussed further on February 17, 2009.

Mayor Sanders stated that Ritie Street drainage was probably installed in the 1950's or earlier and needs to be replaced. Brooker Engineering prepared a proposal for Engineering services totaling \$24,800, which includes the survey plans, analysis and construction supervision. The Mayor said that the Village will apply for a grant for the project cost of \$245,000.

Brooker Engineering has requested to update their fees for Village consulting. This will be placed on the agenda of February 17, 2009.

Trustee Blomquist's report on plans for generating revenues will be moved to February 17, 2009.

A review of the year-to-date budget shows the Village is approximately \$20,000 short on revenues. On the expense side, some items have already gone over budget, the largest being a \$21,461 overage from employee retirement benefits. The DPW has exhausted its budget for salt, calcium and storm overtime and we are only half way through the winter season.

A contract with Perception Electronics was approved on January 20, 2009. The Mayor will be meeting with Perception Electronics to discuss amending contract specifics (i.e. billing, schedule). Any adjustments to the contract will take effect on June 1, 2009.

Department budget estimates are due to the Village Clerk on March 2, 2009. The Board will schedule workshop dates to meet with department heads.

Lamont-Doherty requested permission for scientific instrument testing off the Piermont Pier for 2 days, sometime between February and March, depending on the weather. It was stated that Lamont built the building at the end of the pier but that the Village owns the property. There is a self-perpetuating lease with Lamont.

Trustee Devan made a motion to approve Lamont-Doherty testing for 2 days off the Pier in February/March. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried.

The Tug Pegasus has requested approval to dock at the pier September 6-9, 2009. They are a non-profit 503c organization and will charge for the events on their boats. Village Attorney, Walter Sevastian, advised that the Village will need a certificate of insurance from them.

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Devan and seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Devan made a motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2009. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the minutes were approved.

Trustee Devan moved to approve the warrant in the amount of \$69,876.92. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote, the warrant was approved.

Walter Sevastian stated that former Village Attorney, Ray Icobelli, has only a few Village resolutions at his home and he thinks there are records stored above the elevator.

Mr. Sevastian also received a call from the Emerald Society and they want to know why the Village is charging them the Police and DPW overtime expenses for their event. They will attend a meeting to request that these fees be waived.

The matter of the barriers on Hovey Lane is scheduled to go to trial on March 31, 2009.

The Community Playgroup has requested a rent reduction since they no longer occupy the room at the north east side of the building. The Village did not impose a 20% increase in their rent and the room was not included in Appendix A of their lease. Walter Sevastian will reply to the Playgroup letter.

Mayor Sanders stated that Al Bartley advised him that the County has cut mosquito treatment from the County budget. They have offered to bill the Village for mandated mosquito treatment at \$7 per catch basin. There are 185 catch basins in Piermont. The County is offering a reduced rate of \$1,036 if they receive payment by March 1, 2009. This will be discussed further on February 17, 2009.

The Mayor reminded everyone that on Saturday, February 7, 2009 there will be an Eleanor Stroud dedication ceremony at the skating pond beginning at 1:00 p.m. The snack bar will be run by the Fire Department.

Chief O'Shea informed the Board that PAL will have a Memorial Day benefit softball tournament at the Goswick Pavilion. The proceeds will benefit a child with cancer.

The Chief reviewed overtime from July through December. A large part of the Police overtime is reimbursed through grants and filming fees. There has also been a wave of serious felonies in the Village which has increased overtime. Chief O'Shea is monitoring overtime very closely.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Devan and seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the meeting adjourned.