

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

February 5, 2008

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

Kevin Fagan: the Fire Department would like to move forward with the building at the skating pond and they would like to know where the Board stands. Mayor Sanders advised that the Village has already entered into a lease agreement with the Town of Orangetown and United Water and the Fire Department should proceed with finishing the work.

Mr. Fagan also asked for the status of the remediation of the silt in the pond.

Mayor Sanders advised that there was a meeting scheduled with the Village Engineer for tomorrow, February 6, 2008 to prepare a plan for the state and to apply for permits from DEC.

There is no Agreement with Empire Hose Company to run the snack bar at the skating pond. Mr. Fagan advised that they will continue with the work, if only on a handshake, possibly use the building for other things in addition to skating.

Mayor Sanders asked the Village Attorney to draft a document between the Village of Piermont and the Empire Hose Co.

Trustee Joan Gussow asked whether there had been a check for toxins in that area. Mayor Sanders replied that DEC will look into that issue.

The Board of Trustees received a request from the HOA for a Special Permit to repair the sea wall.

The Village Attorney said that the HOA had done the permitting work with DEC, the Army Corps of Engineers but did not know they would need a building permit from the Village. After reviewing the application, the Building Inspector has 8 recommendations regarding the completion of necessary forms and the details of how the work will be carried out. An EAF short form was included and the Board needs to make a finding that there will be no negative impact by way of a SEQRA declaration. The applicant will need to sit with the Building Inspector and the contractor. The Attorney would like the Special Permit conditioned on final decisions.

A representative of the Marine Division of McLaren was hired to do this work by the HOA. The dry stone masonry wall needs repair because parts of the wall have deteriorated and sinkholes developed upland caused by earth leaking out of holes in wall. McLaren needs to unbuild the wall, make repairs by filling in holes and then rebuild the wall. The HOA didn't believe they needed to come to the Village. There is nothing on the list of 8 items from the Building Inspector that appears to be a problem. The project should take approximately 2 months.

The Village Attorney advised the Board that they can do a resolution that permits have been received and declare themselves lead agency and do a SEQRA finding.

Mike Miller commented that Brooker Engineering does not do sea walls and sent the HOA to McLaren Engineering Group. He further commented that they would like to finish before the summer season.

Mayor Sanders asked that this matter be placed on the February 19, 2008 meeting agenda.

A site plan should be done by Brooker Engineering to include staging; the site plan needs approval of the Village Board.

The Mayor advised that the Village Engineer will need to review the documents in the Building Inspector's absence.

Mr. Miller said they had the intention of completely closing the Walkway; cold weather would work best since there are fewer people out there.

Mayor Sanders had spoken to Al Bartley who had replacements spindles for the railing and that will be held until wall repair is complete.

Mr. Miller stated that the balance of the wall west of the HOA property is also deteriorating.

The Attorney said that Phil Griffin is the owner of that property and this could be handled as a Property Maintenance issue and should be done aggressively.

Kevin Fagan brought up the subject of access by the Fire Department and the Police. He was told that the work would be done a piece at a time and both departments will be included in staging.

Declaring the Fire Truck surplus was tabled once again because new truck is going out for warranty work. This will be on the March 4, 2008 agenda.

Trustee Devan made a motion to adopt the new FOIL Procedure written by the Village Attorney. (copy attached) The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the motion carried unanimously.

The Village 1991 Procurement & Investment Policies were reviewed by the Village Attorney. Mr. Sevastian advised that other Municipalities policies are simpler but he is recommending keeping Piermont's as is. He added that the General Municipal Law will be amended in June of 2008 for Public Work projects raising the \$10,000 to \$25,000 and the \$20,000 to \$50,000.

Trustee Gussow moved to table the policies to second meeting in May, 2008. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan. Upon vote the motion carried unanimously.

There was a request to hold the Dennis P. McHugh Run on Saturday, May 17, 2008 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. A motion to approve was made by Trustee Devan and seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried.

The Macedonia Baptist Church requested that the Board waive the rental fee only for the Pavilion on July 19, 2008. Trustee Gussow moved to approve the waiver. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran.

The Empire Hose Company requested the waiver of deposits and rental fees for the Pavilion on July 12, August 30 and October 31, 2008. A motion to waive the rental fee only was made by Trustee Devan. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the motion carried. A deposit for all three dates will be required.

The Friends of the Piermont Library requested a waiver of the Pavilion rental fee for the Crabfest on September 13, 2009. A motion to approve the waiver was made by Trustee Devan and seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Devan moved to approve the Warrant in the amount of \$69,511.42. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the Warrant was approved.

Al Bartley reported to the Board that Sonitec proposed \$2,900 to replace the gates at the Northshore Walkway with no guarantee against vandalism. He further advised that, at this time, it can only operate manually.

Chief O'Shea told the Board that it should be an electronic control to expedite rescue efforts.

Trustee Devan moved to approve the cost of \$2,900 to replace the gate through Sonitec. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried 4-1 with Trustee Gussow voting no.

Chief O'Shea reported that to date County Sales Tax income amounts to \$25,645. He would like to order the new patrol car for \$22,418.77 (6 cylinder Dodge Charger) using the balance of the money to cover the changeover. The Board asked chief O'Shea if he had considered a hybrid fuel vehicle. The Chief stated that the technology is still too new and not yet ready for use in a police vehicle. This option will be looked at for future vehicles.

A motion was made by Trustee Devan to approve the purchase of a new patrol car. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried. Mayor Sanders requested that the Outstanding Issues list be placed on the February 19, 2008 agenda for updating.

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Gussow and seconded by Trustee Devan. Upon vote the meeting adjourned.