

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

February 20, 2007

Present: Mayor Edward Traynor, Deputy Mayor Fred Devan, Trustees Joan Gussow, Chris Sanders, Audie Moran, Walter Sevastian, Esq.-Village Attorney, Denise Ehrhart- Village Clerk-Treasurer

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

Public Comment: NONE

Resident of 104 Ash Street - President of the Piermont Rowing Club – wants to move the corral to be replaced with something more aesthetic. He added that the wooden footings tend to float and they will be staked to hold them down. He questioned the parking lot and drainage work schedule to determine whether their plans would interfere. The Mayor advised that the drainage project may be completed in about a year and at this point there would be nothing to worry about. He asked that the Rowing Club present the changes to the Board prior to any work but to keep in mind that they may need to be changed after all drainage work is completed.

Trustee Sanders made comments on 2 proposed appointments to the Planning Board referencing their qualifications and concern for the Village of Piermont.

Trustee Sanders moved to appoint Doug Stone as a member of the Planning Board to fill the unexpired term of Chris Sanders to expire at reorganization in December of 2007. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan and upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Sanders moved to appoint Patricia Esgate to the position of ad hoc member of the Planning Board for a term to expire at reorganization in December 2007. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the motion carried.

Agenda moved to #7 – new State mandate for training of land-use Boards.

Trustee Sanders moved that effective immediately, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Piermont is amending its requirements for Board of Appeals and Planning Board members to be consistent with state law and the Rockland Municipal Planning Federation's requirements, as follows:

In addition to any and all other qualifications for holding office as a member of the Board of Appeals and the Planning Board, all present members of said Boards must attend not less than four (4) hours of training classes offered by the Rockland Municipal Planning Federation within one (1) year from the effective date hereof, and complete such classes and receive certification from the Federation within two (2) years from the effective date hereof. Members appointed after the effective date of this resolution shall be required to attend not less than four (4) hours of such classes within one (1) year from the date of such appointment and receive certification with two (2) years from the date of such appointment. Re-certification of all members shall be required each year thereafter from the date of initial certification.

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

Richard Zuckerman of Lamb and Barnosky proposed new rates to the Village Board as follows: Partners are being raised from \$225 to \$250 and Associates from \$150 to \$175. A motion by Trustee Devan to accept these new rates was seconded by Trustee Sanders. Upon vote the motion carried.

Verizon has proposed a Franchise Agreement to provide cable television, internet access etc., a copy of which has been given to the Village Attorney. The Village attorney advised that Piermont has a Franchise Agreement with Cablevision. Mr. Sevastian has met with 2 representatives of Verizon to make certain changes and advised that the Board needs to set a public hearing. Trustee Devan moved and Trustee Gussow seconded the following motion regarding a proposed Franchise Agreement with Verizon:

Resolved, that a Public Hearing be scheduled for March 20, 2007 at 8:15 p.m. to consider the adoption of a cable franchise agreement between the Village of Piermont and Verizon New York Inc.

Be it further resolved, that the Village of Piermont Board of Trustees declares itself lead agency for the purpose of a review of the project under the provisions of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law (SEQRA).

Upon vote the Resolution carried unanimously.

A discussion on Sidewalk Improvements was adjourned to March 6, 2007 due to the absence of Al Bartley, Dan Sherman and no reply from Brooker Engineering on their proposed fees for the project.

Empire Hose Co. requested a waiver of the \$500 security fees to use the Pavilion on July 7, September 1 and September 8, 2007. One of the functions is the Rockland Volunteer Fireman Parade. Trustee Devan moved to waive the security fees and to hold Empire Hose Co. responsible for any damage repair as well as cleanup. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the motion carried.

Chief O'Shea reported on Police Department activity for the month of February.

The Outstanding Issues list was reviewed and will be updated for the next meeting.

Trustee Sanders will ask the Planning Board to expedite their review of the drainage project on the Ash Street lot.

Trustee Devan moved to approve the Warrant in the amount of \$116,474.48. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the Warrant was approved.

A motion by Trustee Gussow to approve the minutes of February 6, 2007 was seconded by Trustee Devan. Upon vote the minutes were approved.

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