

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**January 19, 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.

The Mayor asked for a moment of silent reflection for those who lost their lives in Haiti, those helping with the recovery and the resilience of the human spirit to rebuild lives.

Public Comment:

Bob Samuels – had once asked the Board to consider speed bumps on the Pier and the Board sounded interested at the time.

The Mayor advised that speed bumps were looked at during the first meeting of December and the Board didn't see the need for it.

Bob Samuels said maybe larger speed limit signs at the entrance and other locations on the Pier would help.

The Mayor advised that there was a discussion of painting speed limits on the macadam in the future when Ferry Road gets repaved.

A dog run update was given by Linda Hacker-Toner and Margaret Grace. They would like to move the entire dog run 50 feet further south and have the entrance from a trail on the west side. They have created a board with current interested residents. Minor rules changes will be submitted with the minutes of the resident meeting. Walter Sevastian will write a hold harmless form.

Frank Comito asked when the next Parking Workshop would be held. That meeting has been scheduled for January 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

PAL insurance coverage was discussed at an earlier meeting. The Village Attorney has looked into the PAL relationship with the Village. There are two positions in the Village budget that covers salaries and supplies. PAL does its own fundraising and has formed a corporation (501-C3) in order to receive grants. Mr. Sevastian recommended that it would be best to cover them under NYMIR since they are a Village department.

Joey Gottlieb, President of the Piermont PAL, said that they are the recreation arm of the Village affiliated with the Police Department.

Walter Sevastian will write a resolution declaring the relationship between the Piermont PAL and the Village for the meeting of February 16, 2010.

The North Parking Lot was intended to be developed as part of the library development and paid for by Clevpak. The library was built several years ago and this section of Village property has remained unimproved. Traffic and parking studies were done by Tim Miller Assoc. and the Planning Board had reviewed the plans and submitted their recommendations.

The Village needed to redesign what the lot would be and came up with 80 spaces involving paving with 8 spots near the river to continue to be the temporary home to the Piermont Rowing Club.

Plans were approved by the Board and they agreed to go out to bid. In addition, the Village received a grant from NYDEC but the contract documents were long in coming. The Village went out to bid and got a low bidder. The drainage piece of the project was completed. The Board decided in August 2009 to not continue asking for extensions from Margini Bros. and cancelled all bids received. The Village received the DEC grant documents in November 2009 and the Board is proceeding to rebid the project.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to seek public bids on the North Parking Lot improvements with an opening date of February 26, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Silverberg and upon vote the motion carried.

A Letter of Understanding with the Deputy Clerk Treasurer was reviewed.

Mayor Sanders advised that the Village has a set of agreements with the current employees and, moving forward, will be changing benefits for new employees.

Trustee Silverberg made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Letter of Understanding for the Deputy Village Clerk Treasurer striking "Tier II" from the front page and amending Schedule A to indicate the full annual salary. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and upon vote the motion carried.

Frank Margini send the Board a letter in reference to the ongoing issues with the construction on Bridge Street, specifically the curb cut to the existing driveway and two concrete post bases left behind.

The Village Clerk will pass the letter along to Brooker Engineering for their review.

The Empire Hose Co. request to use the Pavilion will be revised for the February 2, 2010 meeting.

The Mayor reviewed the notes on the parking workshops meetings of December 28, 2009 and January 12, 2010. The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to approve the minutes of January 5, 2010. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the minutes were approved.

Trustee Moran made a motion to amend warrant #010510 from \$54,847.17 to \$51,601.23 due to a voucher being removed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the amendment was approved.

Trustee Blomquist made a motion to approve warrants 01142010 and 011910 totaling \$87,136.89. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the warrant was approved.

The budget deadline and department workshop calendar will be reviewed at the meeting of February 16, 2010.

Mayor Sanders said that again this year there will be zero increases for employees and he will be writing a letter to Departments.

The Village web domain is due for renewal on February 14, 2010 and will be discussed further at the meeting of February 2, 2010.

Trustee Silverberg questioned the lateness of the Annual Audit Report to the State Controller. The Mayor said that he had a copy of the draft report and when the final report is received it will be distributed to the Board.

The Dennis P. McHugh foundation has requested to hold their annual run on May 15, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The road will need to be closed and there is a fee of \$250.00 per hour for a minimum of 3 hours for closures. The Clerk will advise them of the fee requirements.

The Village Attorney and the Mayor will meet with the Community Playgroup with reference to a letter received with a check.

Brooker Engineering has made a proposal for engineering services with reference to the Walking Path Grading Plan. The proposal will be sent to Orangetown.

Chief Michael O'Shea reported that December was quiet and that the holiday program for needy families was very successful.

Tom Temple, DPW Supervisor, advised that he is looking for another Seasonal Laborer. He also told the Board that Ed Miggins would be out for at least two weeks for surgery.

Mayor Sanders asked Mr. Temple to watch the overtime in his department.

Trustee Silverberg made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss litigation matters. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and upon vote the Board went into Executive Session.

Trustee Blomquist made a motion to exit Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the Board exited Executive Session.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Silverberg and upon vote the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.