

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

January 23, 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

Trustee Devan received a plan from Public Finance Associates, Inc. regarding BANS to Serial Bonds. He would like to discuss the plan later in the meeting.

Moved to item #3 - Chief of Police's contract – The new contract for Chief O'Shea was reviewed by Chief O'Shea, the Board and Richard Zuckerman and found to be complete.

Trustee Devan moved to approve the contract for the new Police Chief, Michael O'Shea. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the contract was approved.

Item #4 – the Rockland Road Bridge Grant was denied. The bridge is on the National Historic Register. To date only emergency repairs have been done to the footings by the County. A 2002 inspection showed it to be "seriously deficient". Walter Sevastian, Village Attorney, advised that the Board needed to find money to repair the bridge or close it down to all traffic. The Board will contact Senator Morahan and other officials to see if funding might be available. Sylvia Welch thought there may be DEC money available also. The bridge has historic designation and the Historical Society can raise money to repair the bridge per the Village Attorney. Naming Rights to the bridge is another option that was offered. The first step is to determine the cost of the repairs. Walter Sevastian suggested writing a letter to the State to explain that, due to the grant being denied, the Village is considering tearing it down since it would be cheaper than the repair at the cost of approximately \$1 million. Trustee Devan suggested that someone organize all the different avenues available. Trustee Joan Gussow will begin compiling information and contacts with the assistance of Sylvia Welch.

Trustee Moran moved to open a Public Hearing on the Community Development Block Grant 2007 Program. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan. Upon vote the Public Hearing was opened.

Sylvia Welch explained to the Board that the Village does not qualify because, statistically, Piermont is not eligible for anything other than the removal of handicap barriers or providing handicap access. There are no projects at the time and she cannot foresee an application this year.

Mayor Traynor and the Board decided that the Village will not file an application this year and asked the Clerk to advise Joe Abate as to the Board's decision.

Public Comments – None

Trustee Devan moved to close the Public Hearing and Trustee Moran seconded. Upon vote the Public Hearing was closed.

Renovation of Village Hall process: prepare an RFP and legal advertisement. The Village will receive proposals and may choose a responsible & qualified firm. Holt will leave their proposal in place rather than withdraw and would like it to be considered when additional proposals arrive.

Trustee Devan moved to advertise for RFP's for renovations to Village Hall and that they be received in the Village Clerk's office by the close of business on March 6, 2007. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sanders and upon vote the motion carried.

The Ad Hoc Code Revision Committee had made recommendations for five amendments to the Zoning Code. Trustee Sanders moved to set a Public Hearing for March 27, 2007 at 8:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the Public Hearing was scheduled.

Piermont Rowing Club – Walter Sevastian will draw up a new lease to include a Property Maintenance clause with the lease amount to remain \$2,500.

Motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign a new lease with the Piermont Rowing Club by Trustee Devan and seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the motion carried.

A motion to amend a resolution of January 9, 2007 authorizing the payment of \$5,000 for the retention of Van DeWater and Van DeWater from Judgment and Claims Contractual instead of Contingency was made by Trustee Devan and seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the motion carried.

Genesis Adventures has requested a Running Relay for May 12, 2007 to pass through Piermont. A motion by Trustee Moran to approve pending receipt of an insurance certificate for \$1 million was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Devan moved to approve the Warrant in the amount of \$84,674.92. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the Warrant was approved.

Trustee Devan advised that the financial advisors gave him a plan to convert BANs to Serial Bonds sometime in July 2007. There is \$1,190,200 in BANs currently. \$980,000 will be converted to Serial Bonds and 4 BANs totaling \$210,200 will remain in place.

Al Bartley asked for an update on the drainage work on the lot by the Library. Brooker Assoc. will be contacted for further information. Al Bartley advised that the Village has been picking up garbage, etc. on the Landing for 3 weeks and everything is going well.

The Village Attorney said he was contacted by Verizon and they will be sending in a Franchise proposal.

Mr. Sevastian advised the Board that the chiller remediations were almost complete and the Letter of Credit funds from Union State Bank will need to be returned. Trustee Gussow moved to return the \$82,000 from the Letter of Credit to Union State Bank upon settlement of the chiller remediations. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan. Upon vote the motion carried.

A motion to adjourn by Trustee Devan was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the meeting adjourned.