

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**July 14, 2009**

Present: Mayor Christopher Sanders, Deputy Mayor Mark Blomquist, Trustees Joan Gussow, Audie Moran, Walter Sevastian, Esq.-Village Attorney, Denise Ehrhart-Village Clerk-Treasurer

Absent: Trustee Fred Devan

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

Public Comment:

Elena Onion – DEC – Hudson River Environmental Conditions System – would like to install a real-time monitoring system in the Hudson River that would have an LCD display to inform the public of temperature, salinity, etc. HRECOS will also install an internet connection in the building on the Pier for the use of the Columbia professors.

Mayor Sanders commented that the Village had applied for a grant for improvements to the Pier building and asked Ms. Onion if the new installation would be moveable. She replied that it would be.

Trustee Gussow made a motion authorizing HRECOS to install river monitoring equipment and an LCD monitor at the end of the Pier. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist. Upon vote the motion carried.

John McAvoy – reminded the Board that he was holding a benefit for the Piermont PAL on Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2009. He asked the Board to waive two things normally not permitted with Pavilion rentals: amplified music and an admission charge. Mr. McAvoy will be having 4 to 5 bands performing using amplified music and will be charging admission: \$15/adults, \$10/seniors/students, children free with all proceeds going to PAL.

Trustee Gussow asked where the bands would be. Mr. McAvoy will be setting up a temporary stage at the pitchers mound with the music facing the marsh.

Trustee Moran asked how 1,000 people will be accommodated. Mr. McAvoy was anticipating blankets and/or chairs.

An insurance certificate for the standard million dollar policy was suggested by the Village Attorney.

Trustee Moran made a motion to authorize amplified music for the PAL Benefit on Labor Day from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to allow admission to be charged for the PAL Benefit on Labor Day. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist. Upon vote the motion carried.

Anne Putko – 28 Bay Street – on July 10, 2009 the sewers on Bay Street were being cleaned at 6:45 a.m. which she felt was far too early. Also, on May 12, 2009 a permit was issued to Doug Putter to allow amplified music for his River Day picnic. Ms. Putko felt that the noise was too loud for conversations and does not think this type of amplification on personal property is appropriate. She then requested no further permits be issued for that type of event.

Trustee Moran made a motion to open the Public Hearing with reference to installing a stop sign at Ladik and Ohio Streets. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist. Upon vote the motion carried.

The Mayor stated that there was a need for traffic control entering into the area.

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: None

Trustee Moran made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to adopt the Law authorizing the stop sign at Ladik and Ohio Streets as is; it is a Type II action, SEQRA exempt. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried.

The Mayor presented a certificate from the Rockland Municipal Planning Federation to Roberta Ebert for completing the Planning/Zoning Recertification Course. Certificates for Simon Basner and Maureen O'Connell will be mailed.

Trustee Moran made a motion to open a Public Hearing on a proposal to consider preventing overnight parking of campers, buses and recreational vehicles. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the motion carried.

Chief O'Shea stated that there were problems in Lot D and C and the Firehouse Lot with buses and campers staying overnight, some with generators running.

Public comments:

Dennis Hardy said that as a resident of the Landing, and looking at purchasing a small camper in the near future, he would like to be able to park it in the Village.

John McAvoy asked if it would apply only to lots listed in law and was told yes.

Rod Johnson – definitions need to be clarified – reason, purpose, intent and goal of the regulation need to be addressed.

Pat Esgate commented that there was a need to stop camping but not residents who own campers. She objects as a resident.

Bud Ayers asked if the Village bans idling vehicles and why a camper running a generator would not be included.

Trustee Blomquist made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Blomquist said he needs time to review this ordinance further.

Trustee Moran said it was not simple and that the Board needs more thought put into this law.

Trustee Gussow commented that the Village needs regulation but separating out the YUDA parking spaces may not cover all of the problems.

Walter Sevastian stated that the Board needs to think about what they are trying to accomplish: parking these types of vehicles or prohibiting camping in Village lots.

Discussion on the proposed fee schedule was tabled to August 18, 2009 and the Mayor asked the Attorney to look at ways to simplify the proposal. He suggested that events closing a private or public road would be charged \$250/Hour at a minimum of 3 hours.

Trustee Moran agreed and feels that the dollar amounts in the original proposal are exorbitant.

Discussion on the BAN for the North Parking Lot was tabled to August 18, 2009.

Rules and regulations for a proposed dog run were presented by Margaret Grace and Linda Hacker Toner.

Margaret Grace clarified that this would be a dog run only, not a park. Ms. Grace reviewed part of the list of proposed rules including hours of 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. and that was to be used by Piermont resident only. It will be built through private donations with help from the DPW. There is a need for a manager or a Board of Directors to oversee the run.

John McAvoy said he has been to other runs and this was a wonderful idea – he will make a donation.

Board consensus was that this was a great idea for Piermont dog owners.

Mayor Sanders agreed that there needs to be some kind of management. Further review of the proposed rules and regulations was also recommended. For instance, barking at 6 a.m. may be too early and 10 p.m. may be too late.

Trustee Gussow suggested not setting hours at first but to wait to see the usage.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to move forward with the 30' by 150' rectangle. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and upon vote the motion carried.

Dan Sherman will provide the fencing for the run.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to approve the minutes of June 16, 2009. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and upon vote the motion carried with Trustee Moran abstaining.

Trustee Blomquist made a motion to approve the Warrant in the amount of \$368,892.34. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the Warrant was approved.

A resident has requested that the pedestrian crossings on Ash Street at the Railroad Station be repainted. Chief O'Shea will notify Al Bartley.

Al Bartley is requesting the parks law be amended to include smoke-free parks. Trustee Blomquist made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on August 18, 2009 at 7:15 p.m. on an amendment to the Parks law to include smoke-free parks. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the motion carried.

Chief Michael O'Shea spoke to the Village Board about the possibility of hiring another part-time police officer. This would afford him the opportunity to split the hours of the current part-time officer between the two which would not increase the budget. Chief O'Shea felt there would be better availability of coverage with two officers at 10 hours each or if necessary, one officer for the full 20 hours.

Trustee Blomquist made a motion to hire a second part-time Police Officer at a rate of \$24.78 per hour. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the motion carried.

Chief O'Shea said that only one-half of the expected overtime was used for Bastille Day July 11, 2009.

The Mayor was asked by the DPW to present the street sign that was up in honor of PFC Jesse Goswick to his family. Mayor Sanders will take care of the presentation.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist. Upon vote the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.