

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES METING**  
**June 2, 2009**

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

A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss contractual matters was made by Trustee Devan. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to exit Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan. Upon vote the Board returned to open session.

The following resolution was moved by Trustee Fred Devan and seconded by Trustee Moran.

WHEREAS, the PBA filed a written grievance dated April 21, 2009 alleging a violation of PBA contract Articles 2, 4, 9(B), 14, 17, 18 and the Rockland County Police Act (RCPA), Sections 12 and 15; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board offered the PBA the right to participate in a hearing before the Board, pursuant to contract Article 16, but the PBA chose to not appear before the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the grievance and the contract Articles and laws cited by the PBA and determined that the PBA has not established that the contract has been violated as alleged;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the grievance is hereby denied as untimely filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the grievance is also hereby denied because the PBA has not established that the contract has been violated.

Upon vote, the resolution carried unanimously.

The Mayor opened the floor for Public Comment:

Rob Striem – Location Manager for Universal Studios – is looking to present Piermont as a possible location for filming part of the Untitled Nancy Meyers Project which stars Meryl Streep and Steve Martin. Universal would need to shoot a night scene including rain and Mr. Striem is aware that the Village ordinance doesn't permit some of the needs of the film such as filming at night and filming on Friday. It is currently scheduled for Friday night, June 26, 2009. They would need to bring the rain via trucks, will require traffic control, night lighting from rooftops & windows and 12-20 people working to dress windows and change signs as preparation up to a week in advance.

Universal will work with the merchants and residents on Piermont Avenue and compensate as necessary. Mr. Streim asked if the Board would consider the night filming and if so he would begin speaking with the residents and businesses that would be involved.

Chief O'Shea commented that there would be a minimum of 3 officers required. The Board consensus was positive based on negotiations with local merchants, residents and appropriate fees and traffic control agreements.

Anne Putko of Bay Street would like to conduct a voter registration drive during the activities for River Day. Based on the location chosen, she would need permission from individual property owners and not the Village Board.

Pat Esgate – attended an Orangetown ZBA meeting on the Biondi project. Ms. Esgate claims that Mr. Biondi and his attorney presented their drainage plan which will connect to the Route 9W stormwater system in Piermont.

Mayor Sanders advised that he had written several letters in opposition to the Biondi project. To date he has not heard of any changes to the drainage project.

Susan Cohen stated that she lives behind the Sidewalk Bistro and asked for clarification on what was approved.

The Village Attorney advised that the Special Permit only changed the number of tables in the front area and to allow dinner service on the back patio. There was no change to the hours of operation.

Mrs. Cohen stated that she will continue to call in complaints about general noise from the restaurant.

Walter Sevastian advised that he will contact the Sidewalk Bistro's attorney to clarify the hours of operation.

Frank Margini – owner of the Post Office building – asked when the Bridge Street Bridge would be complete and Mayor Sanders told his is should be very soon. Mr. Margini also spoke of a dead tree that should be removed on Bridge Street and the fence that needs to be taken care of. Mayor Sanders said that he would be in contact with Al Bartley and Andy Connors.

Anne Putko commented that 21 Bay Street has been sold and is being completely gutted. The contractors are causing congestion on the street to the point that occasionally, she cannot get out of her driveway. The Mayor will have the Chief check on the situation.

The Brooker Engineering MS4 Annual Report fee proposal of \$950 was tabled to June 16, 2009

The waiver of Pier Permits for River Day, Saturday, June 6, 2009 was not granted by the Board of Trustees.

Marini Bros. was contacted and asked to extend their bid prices for the North Parking Lot for an additional 60 days and they have agreed to that extension. No action was taken with regard to awarding the project to anyone at this point.

Building Department permit fee is currently \$450 which, for some applications, the Building Inspectors feel is exorbitant.

The suggestions were \$100 for dead tree removal with certified arborist confirmation and \$100 to renew old expired building permits which are currently \$450 each. Dead tree removal at the request of the Building Department for safety purposes should be free of charge. \$200 was recommended for roof repairs and installation/repairs to sheds/gazebos.

Following Board discussion, Trustee Gussow made a motion to amend the Schedule of Fees as follows:

\$200 - sheds, gazebos and roof repair

\$150 - tree removal with certification of arborist

\$0 - tree removal at the direction of the Building Department

\$150 - renewal fee of expired building permits

The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Moran made a motion to approve the minutes of May 12 and May 19, 2009. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the minutes were approved.

Trustee Devan made a motion to approve the warrant in the amount of \$104,200.20. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the Warrant was approved.

A company named Unison made an offer to the Village to purchase any cell tower leases. The Mayor suggested contacting T-Mobile again to offer them the opportunity to increase the current service prior to the North Parking Lot work.

Trustee Devan made a motion to authorize the Clerk to proceed with internet banking with Provident Bank. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist. Upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Devan made a motion to hold a Public Hearing to consider a prohibition in the Village Code against the overnight parking of buses, campers and recreation vehicles in municipal parking lots on July 14, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the Public Hearing was set.

Trustee Devan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.