

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

June 5, 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:

Frank Margini – owner of the Post Office building spoke to the Board about the flooding and that he was told that the Village Engineer was to be involved with this situation. He is hoping something could be done by the Village to lessen the flooding problem.

Trustee Devan said that a month ago he called the Engineers to put two (2) drainage pipes with flappers on their list of Village projects.

Mayor Traynor will touch base with Al Bartley. Brooker Engineering has four or five big projects at this time and he will emphasize to Al that this needs to be taken care of as soon as possible.

Police Chief O'Shea's contract becomes effective June 1, 2007 and the Mayor recommended the Board approve it as written.

Trustee Devan moved to approve the Police Chief's contract effective June 1, 2007 and to authorize the Mayor to sign same. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the motion carried.

The owner of the Mountain House advised the Board that the billboard at Highland Avenue and Route 9W was served with a violation since they did not get permits annually as required. The site is leased from Getty Oil who has spoken to Building Inspector about the situation.

Mayor Traynor advised that the Board cannot do anything until Getty remedies the site. He will let John Angelis know the status.

Trustee Devan said he was told by the Auditor that the Village should send 1099's to vendors providing services and should go back three years. The Mayor asked the Clerk to get a confirmation from the Auditor as to 1099's moving forward as of 2007.

The Village Attorney recommended going forward rather than going back 3 years.

Trustee Devan moved to approve the warrant in the amount of \$47,191.09. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the warrant was approved.

The Mayor provided some background on the film application from Rick Pantale and advised that he received a call on Monday for a new permit.

Chief O'Shea mentioned that there had been some unauthorized filming at the Castle by the same people. The new permit application is requesting 7 days of filming but the code has a limit of 6 days. The code also provides filming between

the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. but they want to film through until 1:00 a.m. which is of concern since there are apartments upstairs. The application is also not accurate with reference to vehicles being used. There is also a request to film for seven (7) days for a total of \$500 instead of \$500 per day. Chief O'Shea is not recommending approval of this application.

The Mayor said that the permit will not be approved and the applicants must come to a Board meeting for future approval of any filming. He said he would allow them to attend the Workshop on June 12, 2007.

Trustee Sanders disagreed since they are willfully disregarding Piermont's laws and should attend the next regular business meeting.

The Mayor asked that they come to the June 19, 2007 meeting with a presentation of what they want to do.

Chief O'Shea asked the Mayor to speak at the Rittenberg Field dedication. He also told the Board that PAL would like to do a 1 week baseball camp at the Pavilion and a 1 week basketball camp at the Community Center. The Baseball camp would be staffed by professional baseball players and in inclement weather the children will be bussed to Batters Up which is owned by one of the professionals. The camps will include ages 6 to 12 - \$25 fee plus \$5.00 an hour will be charged (proceeds to PAL) but PAL will provide the fee for any child with a hardship.

A \$1 million per incident/\$3 million aggregate insurance certificate was requested by Village Attorney.

Trustee Devan made a motion to authorize both programs contingent on receipt of the Insurance Certificates. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the motion carried.

Trustees Sanders and Devan will give the Board an update on the RFP's for renovations to Village Hall on June 19, 2007.

A motion was made by Trustee Gussow to enter Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation and Personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the Board entered Executive Session.

Trustee Devan moved to exit Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Devan made a motion to approve a 9% salary increase for the Clerk to the Planning and Zoning Boards, estimated at \$884 to be taken from Contingency, subject to Trustee Sanders resolving all other issues with the employee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sanders. Upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Devan moved to approve the expenditure of an additional \$20,000 to be paid from Judgement & Claims Contractual for Van deWater & Van deWater to continue the Village's defense in the Paradise Harbor/Harbor Cove Tax Certiorari lawsuit. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sanders and upon vote the expenditure was approved.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Sanders and seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the meeting was adjourned.