

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 8, 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.

Public Comment:

Roberta Ebert told the Board that the emergency response to the fallen tree on the pier that injured her friend was excellent. Ms. Ebert also voiced her objection to the vending machines at the YUDA entrance.

Karen Brown asked to hold the Community Garden's Summer Solstice on June 19 in Parelli Park. The Board had no objections

Billy Tobin addressed the Board with reference to Bastille Day which the merchants would like to have again this year on Saturday, July 17, 2010, 10 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Last year they had a wonderful response. There was a request to close Piermont Avenue from Ash St. to Tate Ave.

The Board reviewed the Police Chief's numbers for police coverage in the amount of \$4,600 and the cost to close the street \$3,000. The Village Attorney advised that they would need to provide an Insurance Certificate.

Fred Devan asked if the Board would be changing the fees for this event and was told that they would not.

Trustee Moran made a motion to allow the 2nd Bastille Day with fees of \$5000 and that any overage paid would be refunded after audit. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the motion carried.

A presentation on an audit of historic sites will not be available this evening for presentation. A copy of a CD of photos will be given to the Mayor for a July 13 presentation,

The Village Board reviewed a copy of a model Local Law with reference to Prohibiting Illicit Discharges. The Village Attorney advised that DEC considers illicit discharge wording inadequate and he will be rewriting the provisions of the storm water management code for the July 13, 2010 meeting in response to the state's request.

The Village Attorney advised that the State Legislature has made an early retirement incentive available for employees. There are 2 plans available: employees age 55 and over will receive 1 additional month of service credit for each year in the system. The other option is for employees age 55 and over with 25 years of service can retire without a benefit reduction. Municipalities must adopt a local law by August 31, 2010 and offer a 30 to 90 day open period not to extend beyond December 31, 2010.

Trustee Blomquist made a motion to schedule a public hearing to adopt a local law providing retirement incentives Plan A and Plan B for July 13, 2010 to be held at 7:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Blomquist was asked by the Mayor to begin calculating numbers. The PBA request for an incentive will be considered in the numbers calculations. Walter Sevastian will speak with Ramapo

A draft lease with the Piermont Rowing Club was reviewed. The attorney advised that there were sections that needed to be filled in such as Schedule A, the section of the lot to be used, the rent, lot improvements and the term. Previous terms were seasonal and there was a question if it will be year round for the future.

The Rowing Club is looking for a year round lease with a fence and a 5 year term. Per David Howe they will also take responsibility for maintenance.

Trustee Blomquist would like to see a lease that works for everyone. Trustee Gussow is not opposed to the longer lease if there are provisions for breaking that lease.

Trustee Silverberg questioned if the Village can enter into a 5 year lease and asked the Attorney to research. In addition, the grant for the parking lot may have restrictions for use as a parking lot. Trustee Silverberg has an issue with using a parking lot to store boats 24/7 eliminating parking for the Village residents. He would like to see the final report from the parking committee. If the Village does this it will need adequate compensation for storage to a private club not open to Village residents.

Trustee Moran said that since the parking lot is new, a one year lease would be good for now and a 5 year lease may be better down the road.

The Mayor said that the Attorney will research and the Board needs to review the grant for restrictions. Sufficient compensation is still the question.

Walter Sevastian advised that a municipality needs to get considerable compensation for the use of Village property.

Trustee Silverberg suggested that the Village calculate costs near \$500 per spot. Trustee Blomquist would like more time to determine the actual costs. Trustee Moran is undecided as of now.

The Mayor said that the rowing club has always had a good relationship with the Village and the Village needs to establish what is fair to both parties, probably looking at the higher end as Trustee Silverberg suggested. The Board could also consider doubling the in lieu of fee since they are exclusive to one organization.

Richie Stark said that as a taxpayer he looks at this differently. The taxpayers are paying for the lot and they need parking for residents, guests, merchants. The Board needs to consider the residents need for parking and the fact that the Fire Department has been denied space in the new lot. He added that there is a limited amount of space in the Village.

John McAvoy of the Turning Point said he has actual parking spaces costing him \$400 per year. He suggested that Parelli Park be reduced in size and put the rowing club structure there. Mr. McAvoy said that the efforts of the Board to provide parking is admirable but the rowing club will cause a loss of space.

The Board held a brief discussion on the New York Conference of Mayors proposed amendments to General Municipal Law, Article 17-A.

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature recently amended General Municipal Law regarding the procedures needed to dissolve a municipality; and

WHEREAS, the New York Conference of Mayors has submitted proposed legislation that would amend the new law to require thoughtful consideration of municipal reorganization; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Piermont supports the proposed legislative amendments submitted as Assembly Bill (A. 10432) and Senate Bill (S. 7238); and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Piermont supports the passage of proposed legislative amendments submitted as Assembly Bill (A, 10432) and Senate Bill (S. 7238); and it is further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution in support of this legislation be forwarded to State Senator Morahan and Assemblywoman Jaffe's office.

Trustee Silverberg moved the resolution and Trustee Gussow seconded. Upon vote the motion carried unanimously.

Police Safety Day will be held on Thursday, June 17 requiring the closure of Ferry Road from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Hi-Tor Animal Care Center requested to hold a Halloween Dog Parade in Piermont in October. The Board had several questions for which the Clerk's office will attempt to get answers.

A request for an Eagle Scout Ceremony on the Pier for July 11, 2010 was granted.

Trustee Moran made a motion to approve the minutes of May 18, 2010. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the minutes were approved.

Trustee Blomquist made a motion to approve the Warrant in the amount of \$87,798.59. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the warrant was approved.

Trustee Silverberg reported that the Police have increased their bike patrol. They have alerted residents on car break-ins on Route 9W. The Police will encourage residents to sign up for NIXEL notifications at nixel.com.

Trustee Gussow reported that Marini Bros. is doing a very good job in the North Parking Lot. The Mayor added that when the paving on Piermont Avenue begins from Kinney St. to Ash St., the Fire Dept., Ambulance and Police Dept. will need to set up a staging area for emergencies.

Marini Bros. has requested a payment of \$114,615 for work completed to date. Trustee Moran made a motion to approve the payment of \$114,615 to Marini Bros. subject to any retainage per the contract. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Blomquist reported that he is awaiting the drawings for the Pier Building to be built.

Phase IV paving will be reviewed at the July 13, 2010 meeting.

Mayor Sanders would like the Fire Department, Police Department and the Watchfire Commander and vets to appear before the Village Board at their August 10, 2010 meeting to explain how the incident occurred that caused injury to a fireman.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.