

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

March 2, 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:

Chief O'Shea made a request of the Board to support a boxing program to be run by the PAL. A martial arts instructor commented that this was a great opportunity for kids and an activity that stresses self-discipline, anger management, weight control and individual focus. PAL would like to try the program two to three days a week on a trial basis. The attorney for PAL advised that this is an approved activity under the PAL insurance.

Mayor Sanders thanked Chief O'Shea for the presentation and asked where the boxing will take place. The Chief replied that there would initially be no ring and that activities would be held on the padded gym floor adding that 90% of the equipment from an earlier boxing program is still available.

Trustee Blomquist had no comment.

Trustee Moran **commented that she all of her life she has participated in all kinds of sports including boxing. For her boxing was not only athletic but mentally stimulating.** Trustee Moran supports the program.

Trustee Gussow is in favor of any exercise program.

Trustee Silverberg was impressed by the presentation and dedication to the program and felt it was a great idea.

Mayor Sanders said he has a difficult time with a sport involving hitting and knocking an opponent down but felt the PAL could move forward on a trial basis. The Mayor agreed that there needs to be more programs for kids and supports the PAL and their efforts.

Kevin Fagan, Fire Chief, told the Board that during the storm of Wednesday night the Fire Department and Police Department were out responding to all kinds of calls and praised Tom Temple for keeping the roads clear so they could make these calls.

The Mayor and Board were very appreciative and proud of the entire department.

Ivan Szendro would like to hold events on March 21, 2010 at the train station; a fundraising dinner in Village Hall on March 23, 2010; June 21, 2010 on the drawbridge; on September 21, 2010 on the Pier and in Flywheel Park on December 21, 2010.

The Mayor would like the requests in writing by date and location. The Village Attorney advised that the Village Code prohibits fundraising in parks but a group does have the right of assembly.

Bid results on the North Parking Lot were discussed. The Village Engineer would like to interview the low bidders at the site and discuss further with the Board at their March 16, 2010 meeting. The Mayor would like to have the project complete by Memorial Day.

Richie Stark commented that flooding has always been the problem in that lot and asked if the Village has received any guarantee from the contractors that the flooding will be resolved or that the pavement will not be destroyed because of drainage. Mayor Sanders advised that there will be water in the lot on lunar high tides.

The Board reviewed an Indemnification form for the use of the Dog Run that will be signed residents wishing to use the dog run and filed in the Village Clerk's office.. The Piermont Community Dog Run is a non-incorporated association that has a Tax ID.

The Cornell Cooperative MS4 Stormwater contract at a cost of \$1,000 for the year was reviewed by the Board. Tom Temple would like to enter into the agreement and move forward adding that it allows more protection with the DEC and EPA as well as the fact that they will set up seminars for employees and provide materials and advertising.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Cornell Cooperative MS4 Stormwater Program at a cost of \$1,000 for the year. The motion was seconded by Trustee Silverberg and upon vote the motion carried.

The Mayor presented the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Piermont wishes to recognize distinguished service to the Village and its residents, and

WHEREAS, as a tireless advocate of the Village of Piermont, Fred Devan has served for fourteen years with distinction, on the Village Board of Trustees as both Trustee and Deputy Mayor, and

WHEREAS, Fred Devan has strongly supported continued investment and improvement in the Village's infrastructure, addressing long ignored maintenance, replacing deteriorated equipment, repairing its roads, sidewalks, and buildings, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees recognizes Fred Devan's contribution to the improvement in financial management of the Village, driving fiscal responsibility and fairness, demanding improved budget preparation and monitoring, and

WHEREAS, Fred Devan's fourteen years of service were dedicated to improving the quality of local government, increasing the access of information to all its constituents, promoting unity and considering dissent, and, above all, doing the right thing for the Village of Piermont,

NOW, THEREFORE, let it be resolved that, on behalf of the administrations of four Mayors: Honorable John Zahn, Hon. Dennis Hardy, Hon. Ed Traynor and Hon. Chris Sanders, the Village Board of Trustees acknowledges and celebrates Fred Devan for his positive contribution to the Village of Piermont, and

HEREBY does declare this day, March 4th 2010, Fred Devan Day in the Village of Piermont.

IN RECOGNITION THEROF, we affix our signatures and seal of the Village of Piermont to this Proclamation this 24th day of February, 2010.

“Fred Devan Day” in the Village of Piermont was moved by Trustee Silverberg and seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote March 4, 2010 was dedicated to former Trustee Devan.

Mayor Sanders advised that he will be contacting Orangetown regarding the deeding over of the Erie Path. Trustee Gussow suggested clearing up ownership issues with the residents before any action is taken.

The Village Attorney advised the Board that Lot S was owned by Chase and was contaminated. The County took it in a Tax Sale. About one year ago, the County approached the Village to purchase it. Just recently, Antonio Rita from the County called to ask Piermont if they would take it for \$100.

Fred Devan commented that Lot S was a Class 4 hazardous waste site which is the lowest rating and not toxic. Possibly the Village should ask the County to prove it is clean before any purchase takes place.

The Village Attorney will continue conversations with the County. He also recommended that additional funding be added to the 2011 Budget to cover title searches on an assortment of parcels in the Village.

Keep Rockland Beautiful has requested the use of Village Hall for poetry readings prior to a Pier Clean-up in the event of rain. A motion to approve was made by Trustee Silverberg and seconded by Trustee Blomquist. Upon vote, permission was granted.

The Mayor advised those present that Grievance Arbitration took place this afternoon and was hoping to hear something in about a month.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.