

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

March 4, 2008

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

7:30 p.m. – Executive Session – Litigation

A Motion by Trustee Devan to enter Executive Session to discuss Litigation was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the Board went into Executive Session.

A motion by Trustee Devan to exit Executive Session was seconded by Trustee Blomquist. Upon vote the Board returned to public session.

Trustee Devan made a motion to give authority to David Hagstrom to negotiate a settlement in the Paradise Harbor Tax Certiorari. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Richard Stark – asked if the Board could share what the Executive Session was about. Mayor Sanders replied that it was in reference to current Litigation and the details are of a sensitive nature.

Recommendations from Assessor/Consultant Brian Kenney, regarding the 2008 Grievance Applications, were reviewed:

1. 549 Piermont Avenue – no change indicated
2. 104 Abbottsford Gate – no change indicated
3. 409 Harbor Cove – reduce to \$857,200 (-25%) Board: reduce to \$800,000
4. 416 Harbor Cove – reduce to \$702,800 (original purchase price)
5. 34 Tate Avenue – reduce to \$405,000 (-10%) (original purchase price)
6. 839 Piermont Avenue – no change indicated
7. 212 Gair Street – no change indicated
8. Piermont Commons – no change indicated
9. 58 Orchard Terrace – reduce to \$625,000
10. 115 Harbor Cove – no change recommended
11. 50 Franklin Street – reduce to \$1,128,800
12. Lawrence Park Condominiums – no change indicated
13. 830 Piermont Avenue –no change indicated
14. 824 Piermont Avenue – no change indicated

Trustee Gussow made a motion to accept the Assessor/Consultant's recommendations with the exception of #3, 409 Harbor Cove, to be reduced to \$800,000. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan. Upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Blomquist made a motion to surplus the 1982 Fire Department Rescue Vehicle, after the lightbar is removed, to be sold at the Rockland County Auction. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the motion carried.

The Board scheduled an Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters for Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 2:30 p.m.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to approve the minutes of January 15, 2008, January 28, 2008, February 5, 2008 and February 12, 2008. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the minutes were approved.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to approve the minutes of January 22, 2008. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan. Upon vote the motion carried 4-0 with Trustee Moran abstaining.

Trustee Devan made a motion to approve the Warrant in the amount of \$45,032.97. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the Warrant was approved.

Mayor Sanders advised that through an email, Colonel Jim Johnson had further requests with regard to the reenactment scheduled for May 3, 2008. There is a request to allow several people to camp on the Pier Friday night, May 2, 2008 near the boats that will be docked there. Trustee Moran requested information on how many people would be camping on the Pier.

Additional Port-o-Sans will be placed on the Pier for the event and Al Bartley will check on running water available at the building at the end of the Pier.

Mayor Sanders wrote a letter (attached) to Ellen Jaffee about 4 large projects in Piermont. The Village Engineer will be working on a plan for the Rockland Road Bridge possibly recommending its restoration and the continuation of it being one-way.

Chief O'Shea advised the Board that he will make his department report at the next meeting.

Peter Cocker of PAL asked the Board if the Saturday dates previously approved could be changed to Sundays. The Board did not see that as a problem.

Mr. Cocker asked, on behalf of the Tappan Fire Department, for the use of the field after the PAL games on Friday nights. The request was approved and the Tappan Fire Department will forward an Insurance Certificate to the Clerk.

Al Bartley reported that the Police Department locker room will be completed in the next 3 days.

Mr. Bartley asked the Village Board to authorize the fee of \$400 for an energy study in the Village. Trustee Devan moved to authorize the expense of \$400 for the energy study. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Devan asked Al Bartley about the status of programmable, and possibly locked, thermostats for the Community Center. Mr. Bartley advised he has called a plumber and is waiting to hear his recommendations.

With reference to Sidewalk Improvements Phase III, Al met with Ken DeGennaro who will do site visits. Mr. DeGennaro is also working on plans and specs for Phase II Road Resurfacing. It includes about 2 miles of roads at approximately \$290,000 per mile.

The Fire Department will be holding their Annual Dinner at The View on May 2, 2008. They will be honoring Charles Griswold for 50 years of service and Phil DeLorenzo for 65 years of service. Mr. Bartley advised that the Mayor has in the past presented plaques to individuals being honored at the dinner.

Mr. Barley requested that the Village Board dedicate the Skating Pond in the name of Eleanor Straud who volunteered so much time and money during her life in Piermont.

Trustee Moran asked Mr. Bartley when the new playground equipment will be installed. He advised that it would be in the next couple of week as the weather warms.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan and upon vote the meeting adjourned.