

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
March 25, 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

Trustee Devan made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Litigation matters. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the Board went into Executive Session with Al Bartley present.

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

Mayor Sanders called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

Bob Samuels – Thanked Al Bartley for making the nature exhibit on Paradise Avenue handicap accessible. He also read in the paper today that CDBG is awarding money for the curb cut at the Library.

Ray Icobelli – the Blauvelt Lions Club would like to schedule the Apple Fest for September 21, 2008. They will provide necessary insurance and will coordinate with the Police Department and Highway Department. A motion by Trustee Devan to approve was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to reschedule the Public Hearing on Amendments to Environmentally Sensitive Sites originally scheduled for April 29 to May 20, 2008 at 8:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan. Upon vote the motion carried.

Ludger Elane LLC – took over ownership of the Sidewalk Café today and they are seeking the continuation of the approvals for the front and back dining areas. The restaurant will feature French and American fare instead of Southwestern cuisine. There will be no need to change special permits regarding outdoor facilities and the restaurant will be in harmony with the development in the area. The new restaurant is expected to open May 1, 2008. The back area will be used as a waiting area. Liquor Licenses have been applied for and the restaurant is currently closed. They will be open 7 days a week. Bob Samuels asked if the restaurant will be wheelchair accessible and he was told it would be.

Trustee Devan made a motion to transfer special permits with reference to the front and back dining areas. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried.

A discussion on Amendments to the Noise Ordinance was tabled and rescheduled for April 29, 2008.

Trustee Devan made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for April 29, 2008 at 8:30 p.m. with reference to proposed amendments to the Noise Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the motion carried.

Recommendations of the Building Inspector with reference to Permit and Inspection fees:

John Angelis advised that the current fees have been in place since 1999.

The Mayor asked if a Stop Work Order wasn't punitive in itself without adding a fee of \$100. John Angelis said he was not looking to hurt the homeowner but was looking to protect the homeowner.

Richie Stark – asked if Piermont requires contractors to be licensed and he was told contractors do need licenses. Mr. Stark further asked if there is a violation shouldn't R.C. Consumer Protection be notified and he was told yes.

Walter Sevastian advised that the fee structure should relate to what it is costing the Village to do the work.

Trustee Blomquist asked if a homeowner could do work on their homes on their own without a Licenses Contractor and was told that they could.

Trustee Moran asked what the limits were on building permits. Mr. Angelis advised that they are for 1 year with 2 extensions and after that time a new building permit is required.

Bob Samuels commented that the Building Inspector receives an hourly wage so why do residents have to pay every time he shows up. They don't need to pay the Police every time they show up.

Richie Stark reminded the Board that the Village was once sued by the Landing due to inefficient inspections. If there is a charge for each inspection, does the Village become more liable? Walter Sevastian replied no.

Trustee Moran asked how does the Building Inspector know if a homeowner is giving the right amount for renovations. John Angelis advised that they sign an affidavit and he can ask their contractor as well.

Trustee Devan recommended one all-inclusive fee.

This will be reviewed again at the April 1, 2008 meeting.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 19, the March 2 Workshop, March 4 Board Meeting, March 5 Executive Session, the March 10 Workshop and the March 18 Workshop. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the minutes were approved.

Trustee Devan made a motion to approve the Warrant in the Amount of \$92,468.11. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the Warrant was approved.

Trustee Devan made a motion to waive the rental fee for St. John's to use the Pavilion for their picnic. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried.

Chief O'Shea advised that special events in the Village create a lot of Overtime and he will be working up some numbers for the Board to review. The Chief further advised that he is working with Bob Samuels on information on ID Theft for Mr. Samuels to include in the Newsletter.

Chief O'Shea asked the Board if the new Police Locker Room could use a duct from the original air conditioning system instead of installing a window unit. The cost would be \$500 instead of \$250. Trustee Devan made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the motion carried.

The Mayor advised the Village Attorney that he attended a meeting on the TZ Bridge and that Municipalities were being asked to be Cooperating Agencies. The Attorney advised that he was aware. Trustee Gussow made a motion with reference to Piermont's intent to be a Cooperating Agency regarding the TZ Bridge. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan. Upon vote the motion carried.

Al Bartley asked for permission to advertise the Bid Specs for the Phase III Sidewalk Replacement. The Board only received them today and asked Mr. Bartley to wait until they have the opportunity to review them.

The Board had asked Al Bartley to look into programmable thermostats for Village Buildings and he would like to wait until the energy study is complete and recommendations are made.

Phase II Road Resurfacing plans have not been received from Ken DeGennaro to date.

The DPW will be holding their Open House on May 17, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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