

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

November 13, 2007

Present: Deputy Mayor Fred Devan, Trustees Joan Gussow, Chris Sanders, Audie Moran, Walter Sevastian, Esq.-Village Attorney, Denise Ehrhart- Village Clerk-Treasurer

Absent: Mayor Edward Traynor

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

Public Comment:

John McAvoy – Business Council – advised the Board that the Annual Holiday Festival will be on Sunday, December 2, 2007 from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. There will be a “green” Christmas theme with ecological events. Al Bartley will arrange to have the tree lights lit very soon. The event will not require street closures.

Motion to approve the 2007 Holiday Festival by Trustee Gussow and seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried.

Maureen O’Connell – Rockland Community Riverfront Council – gave the Board a map of the Hudson Valley Greenway Trail from the Rockland County Planning Department. Ridgeline protection legislation is complete and should arrive in the mail shortly. Trustee Sanders invited Maureen to attend the Ad Hoc Code Committee meeting November 13, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. Trustee Devan asked the Clerk to make copies of maps presented for each Board member.

Waterfront Revitalization Grant Program has a deadline of December 7, 2007. The application has been given to Sylvia Welch. Discussion will continue on November 27, 2007. Hudson Valley Greenway notes on grants will be available to Sylvia Welch.

Discussion was held with reference to the request from Ivan Szendro for the Village of Piermont to twine with 2 Villages in Hungary. Trustee Sanders asked Walter Sevastian to draft a resolution to recognize the two (2) Villages in Hungary for the meeting of November 27, 2007.

Community Market – Mr. Park and Mr. Kim – requested approval to install a new sign, the same size as the current sign, on the front of the business. Motion to approve by Trustee Moran and seconded by Trustee Sanders. Upon vote the motion carried.

Overlook Condominiums (Diplomat) was tabled to November 27, 2007 for further research by the Building Inspector. The signs requested are larger than the code allows and the N.Y. Dept. of State and DOT need to be consulted since the signs are on Rt. 9W.

A motion to adopt a Bond Resolution in the amount of \$15,000 for removal and replacement of a Diesel Tank was made by Trustee Sanders and seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried.

A motion to adopt a Bond Resolution in the amount of \$24,000 to replace the Village Hall Roof and for mold removal was made by Trustee Sanders and seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the motion carried.

A motion to adopt a Bond Resolution in the amount of \$22,000 to replace the computers in the Village Clerk's office and for the refurbishment of the Fire Truck was made by Trustee Gussow and seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried.

A motion to adopt a Bond Resolution in the amount of \$10,000 for Equipment for the new Rescue Vehicle was made by Trustee Gussow and seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Sanders gave a brief overview of the Zoning Code changes recommended by the Ad Hoc Code Committee and made a motion to set a Public Hearing on the proposed amendments for Tuesday, January 22, 2007 at 8:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the Public Hearing was scheduled. The proposed changes were sent to referral agencies for comment and to the Village Engineer for SEQR determination.

A motion was made by Trustee Gussow to authorize the Village Clerk to submit the Return of Unpaid Taxes in the amount of \$187,531.72 to the Rockland County Finance office. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Moran made a motion to authorize Mayor Traynor to sign an amendment to an agreement with Rockland County, signed earlier this year, with reference to the interoperable radio system. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sanders and upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Sanders made a motion to approve the minutes of October 16, 2007. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the minutes were approved.

Trustee Moran made a motion to approve the Warrant in the amount of \$236,678.07. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the Warrant was approved.

Walter Sevastian reported that he received a call from Supervisor Kleiner who had received a call from Mark Blomquist regarding the lease on the skating pond. United Water has executed a consent to assign the lease to the Village of Piermont, not the Fire Department. The lease runs to 2024 and the Village Board will need to pass a resolution on November 27, 2007.

Provisions of the Real Property Tax law with reference to dwelling units that were assessed other than condominiums that are now condos would require the Village to pass a resolution to leave on an income basis following a Public Hearing.

Trustee Sanders made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for November 27, 2007 at 8:30 p.m. to discuss a proposed Local Law to prevent lower assessments of converted condominium. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the motion carried.

A letter from Pat Esgate, 733 Route 9W, was read into the minutes (copy attached) by Trustee Sanders. Trustee Sanders feels that the Village has gone to great lengths to work with the property owner and make significant improvements to the property by moving the easement away from structures built over the easement. He understands that Pat Esgate and Brenda Reichelderfer are getting impatient; however, the Village has been as responsive as possible to take care of this matter. He does not recommend accepting the \$4,800 estimate from Danny Clapp Landscaping, Inc. as the Village's responsibility.

The Board instructed the Village Attorney to address the resident on this matter.

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