

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

November 27, 2007

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

Absent: Trustee Audie Moran

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

Trustee Sanders made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan. Upon vote the Board went into Executive Session.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to exit Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sanders. Upon vote the Board went into Public Session.

Public Comment: NONE

Agenda moved to Item #4 – The sign permit application for the Overlook condominiums (Diplomat) was tabled again for NYSDOT approval based on location. The Building Inspector will advise when the Village Board can address this again.

Resolution – Sparkill Skating Rink Property (attached). This resolution was moved by Trustee Devan and seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the resolution was approved.

The Village Board reviewed the Planning Board recommendations on the Lighthouse on the Hudson. The Mayor commented that when the restaurant originally opened, parking was a problem and the Tiki Bar was not approved for seating, only service.

The Building Inspector advised that there were issues to be addressed: handicap parking signs are removable and need to be made permanent and the parking spots need to be stripped. He wants to measure the square footage to determine the seating number; available parking spaces will also be reviewed again. The Building Inspector advised that he will come back with comments in 60 days.

Agenda moved to #8 – Calmart has submitted a bill to the Village in the amount of \$95,940.90. The Village is waiting for a dollar figure from FEMA/SEMO. The bill was approved for payment from Contingency & Highway by a motion from Trustee Gussow and a second from Trustee Sanders. Upon vote the motion carried. Based on the amount of money received from FEMA/SEMO, there will most likely be a BAN to cover any amount not covered.

Trustee Devan made a motion to open the Public Hearing on a local law to prevent lower assessments of converted condominiums. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the Public Hearing was opened.

Walter Sevastian explained that provisions of the Real Property Law allow apartments assessed on the income method that are converted to Condominiums after a certain date to be assessed at fair market value.

The Board asked for Public Comment:

Curt Lowey asked how the owner finds out that this law has been changed. Mr. Lowey was advised that when units are converted they will be reassessed by Brian Kenney and he will advise them at that time that they are Homestead.

No building permit for Condominium conversions has been applied for to date, per the Building Inspector.

Trustee Sanders made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan. Upon vote the Public Hearing was closed.

Trustee Sanders made a motion to adopt Local Law 14 of 2007 to amend and add an article entitled "A Local Law to prevent lower assessments of converted condominiums pursuant to Section 581 of the Real Property Tax Law and Section 339-y of the Real Property Law". The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the Local Law was adopted.

The attached Resolution with reference to the Twining of Hungarian Villages with the Village of Piermont was adopted by a motion from Trustee Gussow and a second from Trustee Devan. Upon vote the resolution was approved.

The Village Clerk will prepare 3 copies of a Proclamation for Ivan Szendro to pick up.

Trustee Devan made a motion to approve the Warrant in the amount of \$404,295.79. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sanders and upon vote the warrant was approved.

Trustee Devan made a motion to approve the hiring of a part-time (20 hours/week) Police Officer, Eric Kummert, effective March 3, 2007. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sanders. Upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Sanders advised that Dan Sherman has prepared a plan to revitalize the Lamont building on the Pier which will enhance the outside of the building. There may be grant money available through the NYS DEC Waterfront Revitalization Grant that Sylvia Welch is preparing.

Trustee Gussow reminded the Board that there are some residents who don't want the Pier improved since it would draw more people.

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