

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
October 6, 2009

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

Public Comment:

Greg Toner told those present that the Piermont Democratic Committee was sponsoring a Pier Clean-up from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Sunday, October 11, 2009 with coffee, cocoa and donuts being served.

Richie Stark said that the Village Board minutes have been posted online for the past few years. Mr. Stark made an official request to put the budget and the 2010 Reassessment online also. He would like this information in electronic format if possible.

Trustee Devan replied that in the past this has come up and assessments are working papers not a final product and not available. They cannot be posted yet.

The Mayor advised that the Village Clerk will look into exporting the budget to excel or to a pdf document.

Trustee Devan further stated that the Village has spent \$3,500 on a domain and asked when the Village would have a website.

Mayor Sanders replied that websites need to be maintained in addition to being designed efficiently and that he is unable to appoint someone to create and maintain a website at this time.

Trustee Blomquist stated that since the Village doesn't know when there will be a website, we should make a point of getting Richie Stark what he has requested.

Trustee Moran made a motion to set a Public Hearing on the proposed 2010 Assessments for November 10, 2009 at 7:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and upon vote the Public Hearing was scheduled.

A discussion on the Dog Run took place. The new proposal is to place the dog run beyond the ballfield for the purpose of Stat Flight landings in the ballfield. Linda Hacker-Toner advised that moving to this location has increased the cost by 1/3rd and she needs a way of accepting donations toward the initial construction.

Mayor Sanders asked the Village Attorney what was needed to dedicate this property use as a dog run.

Walter Sevastian advised that it could be done by resolution. He will look through the SEQRA list and if this is a type II action there would be no DEC involvement. On October 20th the Board will continue the discussion.

A motion was made by Trustee Gussow to approve the minutes of September 22, 2009. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan and upon vote the minutes were approved.

Trustee Devan made a motion to approve the Warrant in the amount of \$43,507.31. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote, the warrant was approved.

The final expense report on a \$5,000 grant for pier signage is due by December 1, 2009. Dan Sherman will contact Sylvia Welch to work on this report.

The Board will review the members of the Parks Commission at their next meeting on October 20, 2009.

Mayor Sanders said that the last use of the Railroad Station was a private residence. The Mayor asked the Attorney what would be necessary for it to be used as a public space. It is currently being used as a public space by the Historical Society which has a lease with the Village and provides insurance coverage in addition to the Village's insurance. Research needs to be done in the Building Department with reference to a C/O.

Tom Temple gave the DPW report to the Board. The new recycling stations are in place. Mr. Temple is also looking into hiring additional personnel since he is one man short. He will prepare a proposal for the Board to review.

Trustee Devan made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.