

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

September 19, 2006

Present: Mayor Edward Traynor, Deputy Mayor Fred Devan, Joan Gussow, Vince O'Brien, Audie Moran, Walter Sevastian, Esq.-Village Attorney, Denise Ehrhart-Village Clerk-Treasurer

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

Public Comment:

Bob Samuels advised the Board that the Gazebo in Kane Park was built by the Piermont Civic Association and has fallen into disrepair. They have a handyman and he prepared an estimate for repairs. The handyman said there is a problem with the slab which is slowly sinking towards the creek but said it is alright for now but will need repair soon. The Mayor asked him to speak with Al Bartley.

Scott Silva – Fire Department – they would like to fix up the building at the skating pond and need a certificate of insurance. They would like to sell Christmas tree at the site. They will fix up the shed to possibly sell hot chocolate during winter skating and tree sales.

Raphael Caniza – still waiting for C of O for renovations completed in August. The parking is in question. Trustee O'Brien spoke with the Building Inspector before the meeting. The number of parking spaces needed has changed because the use of the building has changed. The Special Permit was for residential space above the dental practice which was to be owner occupied and the Board determined he needed 5 parking spaces. However, since then, Mr. Caniza rented out the apartment and now needs 2 more parking spaces for a total of 7 parking spaces. Mr. Caniza said he moved a few miles away because of construction problems. He stated that his objection is that when the year is up he will move into the apartment. Trustee O'Brien said the parking spaces are a code requirement. When Mr. Caniza obtains 2 more spaces in Lot D for the tenants he will get the C of O.

Also, when he got the special permit he thought the sign for his dental practice would be part of that, but there is a \$100 fee for a sign permit he would like waived. Trustee O'Brien advised Mr. Caniza to come before the Board with 10 copies of the sign and at that time address the fee waiver. Mr. Caniza then asked about garbage pickup for the upstairs tenant. John Angelis spoke with Al Bartley and the Village does not pick up. The Mayor will speak with Al Bartley to clarify the garbage policy.

Dennis Vassillatos of the American Legion of New City was on the pier last week and saw a monument for 9/11 and Fred Scheffold and showed the Board a sample of a flag he created that he would like to see out there and offered it at no cost.

Bill Herguth said that the Fire Department and Police Department did an excellent job on July 15 when they rescued the 2 longshoreman. The Police Chief said that Mr. Herguth's 12 year old daughter played a huge part in that rescue and was the real hero.

Richard Stark would like the Village to consider the building across the street for Village Hall space instead of renovating the current Village Hall.

Continuation of Public Hearing on Historic Preservation – A workshop is scheduled for October 24, 2006 at 7 p.m. to rewrite the draft of the law. Trustee O'Brien moved to continue the Public Hearing to November 14th, 2006 at 8:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan and upon vote the motion carried.

Bill Herguth asked if there would be public input on October 24 and the Mayor replied that he would consider public comment if there was not a huge crowd in attendance.

RESOLUTION NO. MZBA-06 VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
TITLE: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS

Mayor hereby appoints SIMON BASNER member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to an unexpired term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of 2009.

Motion by Trustee Moran and seconded by Trustee O'Brien. Upon vote the motion carried. The Mayor proceeded to administer the Oath of Office to Mr. Basner.

Richard Stark offered to put the draft of the proposed Historic Preservation law on the web. He also offered to post all minutes and agendas. The Board agreed to both offers and the Attorney will email the law to Mr. Stark. A motion by Trustee O'Brien to authorize Richard Stark to post the Village Board minutes and Historic Preservation Local Law draft online was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the motion carried.

The agenda was moved to #4 – Chief Gaynor – Long Term Care Insurance Plan – the state offers a program in partnership with the Village's health insurance for state employees or retirees, if adopted by the municipality, with a 60 day window to enroll without the requirement of a physical exam. This is an employee-pay-all plan with no cost incurred by the Village. (Resolution attached)

#5 Review of specifications for miscellaneous drainage and #6 Review of specifications for road resurfacing were tabled to October 3, 2006.

A Certificate from the Rockland Municipal Planning Federation was presented to Chris Sanders by Mayor Traynor.

#7 Bonding – Trustee Devan said that the Clerk prepared detailed documents and they need to be shown to Fiscal Advisors for review and recommendations on bonding and interest payouts. Trustee Devan gave a brief overview of the items the Board is considering BANs as well as current BANs to be combined into serial bonds. Trustee Devan would like a workshop or two before the end of the year for more discussion in detail.

Richard Stark – the budget from Brooker Engineering on Village Hall renovations is in and asked if the actual plan/design was in. The Mayor said they were not in and that the \$1,200,000 is only an estimate. The Board needs to decide if they want to pay for plans that would be put out to bid. Bob Silarsky has updated drawings and Trustee Devan will call Silarsky to give the Board the preliminary plans.

A motion by Trustee O'Brien to approve the minutes of June 20, 2006 was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried.

A motion by Trustee O'Brien to approve the minutes of July 25, 2006 was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried.

A motion by Trustee O'Brien to approve the minutes of May 23, 2006 was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried with Mayor Traynor abstaining.

A motion by Trustee O'Brien to approve the minutes of August 15, 2006 was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried with Mayor Traynor abstaining.

A motion by Trustee O'Brien to approve the minutes of March 7, 2006 was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the motion carried with Trustees Devan and Moran abstaining.

A motion by Trustee O'Brien to approve the minutes of March 28, 2006 was seconded by Trustee Devan. Upon vote the motion carried with Trustees Moran and Gussow abstaining.

A motion by Trustee O'Brien to approve the minutes of April 25, 2006 was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried with Trustee Gussow abstaining.

A motion by Trustee O'Brien to approve the minutes of May 9, 2006 was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the motion carried with Trustee Moran abstaining.

A motion by Trustee O'Brien to approve the minutes of June 6, 2006 was seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried with Trustees Gussow and Devan abstaining.

Trustee Devan made a motion to approve the warrant in the amount of \$129,173.22. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the warrant was approved.

A motion by Trustee O'Brien to approve the request of the Hudson River Fishermen's Association to use the Pier past 9:00 p.m. on October 3, 2006 was seconded by Trustee Devan. Upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee O'Brien would like to have Brooker Engineering prepare bid packets on the drainage plan for Piermont Avenue municipal parking lot.

The Building Inspector will be asked to look into the temporary drain and clay on the site of the Library construction.

Basil Konstantinidis of Tweed Boulevard entered the meeting late and asked the Board if they received his letter with reference to the Building Inspector. Trustee O'Brien replied that they have and will investigate his claim and respond.

Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters by Trustee O'Brien and seconded by Trustee Devan. Upon vote the Board went into Executive Session.

Motion to exit Executive Session by Trustee O'Brien and seconded by Trustee Moran. Upon vote the motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Gussow and seconded by Trustee Devan. Upon vote the meeting adjourned.