

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
September 8, 2009

Present: Mayor Christopher Sanders, Deputy Mayor Mark Blomquist, Trustee Joan Gussow, Trustee Audie Moran, Trustee Fred Devan, Walter Sevastian, Village Attorney

Absent: Denise Ehrhart, Village Clerk

Also present: Thomas Temple, Highway Department Maintenance Supervisor; Joan Will, Justice Court Clerk.

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

Public Comments:

Mayor Sanders wished to thank John McAvoy, Turning Point Restaurant, for the benefit concert that was held at Rittenberg Field on Labor Day.

John McAvoy thanked the Piermont Village Board, volunteers from the Piermont PAL, Piermont Police Department, sound personnel, Orangetown Parks Department, and Piermont DPW for the team effort and would consider doing this event again next year. Trustee Devan agreed and would like to see this as an annual event.

Board Meeting:

Trustee Gussow made motion to appoint Thomas Temple to the position of MEO II Maintenance Supervisor, effective August 24, 2009. Mr. Temple is to take the position vacated by Al Bartley. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan and upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Moran made motion to enter into letter of understanding for MEOII Maintenance Supervisor with Thomas Temple. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and upon vote the motion carried. The Board welcomed Thomas Temple.

Village Board reviewed request from Piermont Realty to rent seven parking spaces in Lot D. Colleen Comito from Piermont Realty was present and requested the parking spaces to satisfy zoning requirements for new pizza parlor in the Business B district. Mr. Sevastian advised that Village does not own Lot D and cannot rent spaces for it. Trustee Devan suggested Plasterfold Property (Ohio Street) where the Harbour House currently rents. The mayor will work with the Village Clerk to look into available spaces in the Plasterfold Property. The mayor hoped to have this resolved prior to their appearance before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mayor Sanders discussed a resolution for reassessment for 2010. Mr. Sevastian asked to table this item until the September 22 meeting to review the language of the resolution. Mayor Sanders will confirm if there is any additional cost to the village for using Brian Kenney.

Lucy Mortensen of 21 Rockland Road – Piermont asked how the grievance process would work. Mayor Sanders explained the grievance process and advised that public hearings would probably start in October. Trustee Devan stated that the 2010 Reassessment would be for Fiscal Year 2010 / 2011.

Mayor Sanders asked the trustees to review the net income to the village and to keep an eye on individual items with tentative adjustments to be made, if necessary, if income lines do not meet projected amounts. Trustee Moran will speak with Building Department with regards to the reduced revenues of building permits and update the Board. Further discussion on this item will continue at the September 22nd meeting.

Trustee Moran made a motion to approve the minutes of August 18, 2009. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Devan made a motion to approve the Warrant 090809 in the amount of \$92,786.50. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the Warrant was approved.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Sanders requested that Walter Sevastian create a sanctioned training protocol for the scope in which the Piermont Dive Team can conduct training drills. The Mayor would like a universal board approval form to be drawn up. Mr. Sevastian will prepare language for the Board to review.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that the Community Playgroup has not paid their rent since April 2009, and that the Village still has not received a signed lease for 2009/2010. After discussion, it was decided that Mayor Sanders will contact the Playgroup Director to discuss these matters. Further discussions by the Board at the September 22 meeting.

Mr. Sevastian updated the board that a “trapper” was unable to locate any of the chickens on Liberty St. and that the case is continuing in the Piermont Justice Court. Mayor Sanders requested Mr. Sevastian to draft an amendment to the local laws regarding Animals. Mr. Sevastian will look into the local laws and advise the board at the September 22 meeting.

The Ladies Auxiliary Piermont Memorial VFW Post 7462 requested to hold a ceremony at the 9/11 Memorial on the Pier on September 11 at 6 pm. Motion to approve request made by Trustee Devan. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the motion was approved.

Trustee Moran discussed the handicap swing that the village will purchase. Upon speaking with American Recreational and the DPW and having measurements made, Trustee Moran is waiting a decision on if the handicap swing will fit into the frame at the park. Discussion to continue on September 22.

Mayor Sanders introduced a letter from Town of Orangetown informing their intention to declare themselves lead agency for the Amendment to Sparkill Hamlet Overlay Zone District Local Law. Motion to approve resolution to allow Town of Orangetown to be lead agency made by Trustee Moran. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the motion was approved.

Mayor Sanders accepted the letter received from Patricia Esgate and her resignations as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board. The Board will look to fill alternate positions.

Department Reports

No police report given as Chief Michael O'Shea was unavailable.

Thomas Temple gave the DPW report. Thomas advised the board that the DPW was handling some fire department repairs however certain repairs needed to be certified and sent out in order to receive proper certification.

He also reported the progress of patch paving verse repaving and will look into the cost of repaving. Also advised that Route 9W paving will begin on September 14.

Thomas advised that due to summer help ending and injuries, he may be having manpower issues and is currently looking into solutions.

Public Comment:

Walter Famular of 7 Hovey Lane – Piermont inquired about the cost of removing the concrete barriers from Hovey Lane. Mr. Famular will FOIL that information.

Trustee Devan made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.