

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**September 22, 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:

Elyse Knight – gave the Board copies of a newspaper article on enforcing noise ordinances with reference to motorcycle noise in East Greenwich, R.I. Ms. Knight volunteered to follow up with the city involved to gather results.

Greg McKillop agreed that the noise from motorcycles needs to be addressed. Noise code speaks of nuisance and level of noise.

Mayor hereby appoints Peter White to the position of Alternate member of the Planning Board for an unexpired term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of 2010. Motion by Trustee Devan, seconded by Trustee Gussow. Upon vote the motion carried.

Mayor Sanders administered the Oath of Office to Mr. White.

Community Playgroup has made no payments since April and no lease has been signed to date. In a memo, the Attorney advised the Board to reach out to negotiate rather than begin eviction proceedings in court.

The Mayor said that the playgroup has not appeared interested in negotiations.

Trustee Devan commented that only 5 or 6 children attend and wondered if the Village can get any revenue from the space.

Trustee Blomquist agreed with Trustee Devan and said that the Village needs the revenue from the Playgroup or someone else. He would like to take a non-adversarial approach at first.

Trustee Moran stated that this has been going on for 6 to 7 years and that they are behind more than they are current. She agrees that the Village needs to take the first step.

Further discussion was tabled for the attorney's arrival.

Trustee Moran gave an overview of how the request from a resident to install a handicap swing came about as well as the cost of over \$600.

The Mayor added that it was one resident's request but more that the one will use it. Half of the Parks budget is spent leaving a \$5,000 balance.

Trustee Blomquist would like to wait a little longer into the budget year to make sure the funds are available.

Mayor Sanders agreed and said that the Board will readdress the issue in the Spring.

Review of first quarter revenues/expenses were tabled to October 6, 2009.

The Village Attorney entered the meeting at 7:35 p.m. The Playgroup discussion continued. A new lease has not been signed. They are currently considered a "holdover tenant". Mr. Sevastian advised that the Village should look at getting possession of the premises as soon as possible. The Director will be available the end of this month and Walter will arrange a meeting for the end of September and will advise the Board of the outcome.

A 2010 Reassessment will not involve any additional cost to the Village. The Village assessed at 100% in 2006. The market has softened and some individuals have used the grievance process to receive a lower assessment; most properties have not been grieved. The 2010 Reassessment is looking at reassessing all properties for 2010.

Walter Sevastian explained the attached resolution which was moved by Trustee Gussow and seconded by Trustee Devan. Upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Gussow suggested that the grievance process should be explained in the Piermont newsletter and that Piermont residents might want to look into grieving their Orangetown taxes as well.

A draft of an amendment to a local law regarding animals adds a section on domestic animals. Trustee Gussow made a motion to set a public hearing for November 10, 2009 at 7:15 p.m. on an amendment to a local law with reference to animals, to declare lead agency, and declare this a Type II Action for the purpose of SEQRA. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan and upon vote the motion carried.

A training and drill policy for the Piermont Fire Department Underwater Rescue unit was discussed. The unit has at least one drill a week and occasionally has the opportunity to train with other agencies.

Trustee Blomquist made a motion to adopt the proposed policy (attached) with reference to the Underwater Rescue and Recovery Team. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran and upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Moran made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for November 10, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. on a proposed Local Law with reference to the Codification of the Local Laws of the Village of Piermont. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the motion carried.

Trustee Moran made a motion to amend the previous resolution with reference to a Public Hearing to add the declaration of lead agency. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and upon vote the amended resolution was approved.

The Court Clerk requested to attend a training conference at a cost of \$705, \$300 of which is in the training line and \$400 would come from the equipment line. Trustee Devan made a motion authorizing the Court Clerk to attend the training conference and to transfer \$400 from her equipment line to cover the expense. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moran.

Trustee Moran made a motion to approve the minutes of September 8, 2009. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the minutes were approved.

Trustee Devan made a motion to approve the warrant in the amount of \$51,836.02. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gussow and upon vote the warrant was approved.

Tom Temple advised the Board that the DPW is very shorthanded at this time and leaf pick up is about to begin. The Department is only getting the basics done. Mayor Sanders said that he needs to review the budget numbers as well as the possibility of seasonal help.

Chief O'Shea advised that his department met with the Fire Dept. and PAL regarding the proposed Dog Run. The dog run is proposed in an area of Rittenberg Field currently considered the Stat Flight landing zone.

Joey Gottlieb of the PAL showed the Board photos of the LZ with an ambulance parked in the area proposed as the dog run. During a Stat Flight event, there is Fire Dept. equipment, ambulance vehicles and police vehicles all needed to secure the area.

Trustee Gussow will speak with the committee proposing the dog run with reference to moving the proposed dog run site 60 feet east of the access road.

Chief O'Shea reminded the Board that he would be attending the FBI Academy from September 26, 2009 through December 11, 2009. He thanked the Village Board for the opportunity.

Chief O'Shea further stated that he will be taking his vehicle to Virginia for commuting and will sign the FBI voucher for expenses over to the Village.

A request was made to authorize Sgt. Steve O'Leary to have access to a police vehicle 24/7 during the Chief's absence. The Village Board agreed to Sgt. O'Leary using a police vehicle through December 11, 2009.

Trustee Gussow made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Devan and upon vote the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.