

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
December 18, 2018**

Present: Mayor Bruce Tucker, Deputy Mayor Mark Blomquist, Trustee Ivanya Alpert, Trustee Rob Burns, Trustee Nate Mitchell, Walter Sevastian, Esq. -Village Attorney and Jennifer DeYorgi-Village Clerk-Treasurer.

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

**Item #1 – Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Trustee Burns made a motion to approve the minutes for December 4, 2018. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**Item #2 – Approval of Warrant**

Deputy Mayor Blomquist made a motion to approve Warrant #121818 in the amount of \$125,163.87. The motion was seconded by Trustee Alpert and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**Item #3 – Department Reports**

**Department of Public Works** - Highway Superintendent Tom Temple informed the Board he turned in his monthly report and has nothing further to report. Mayor Tucker stated the bushes around the solar panels look nice.

**Police Department** – Chief Michael O’Shea informed the Board everything is going well. We are going to deliver the holiday packages this week.

**Building Department** - Building Inspector Charles Schaub was not present.

**Parks Department** – Dan Sherman was not present.

**Fire Department** – Chief Don Hardy had nothing to report.

**Item #4 - Old Business**

Village Clerk-Treasurer had no old business to discuss.

Village Attorney stated he wrote a memo to the Board summarizing the status of the Farmers Market special permit. As with all special permit, this one is actually a year by year application and he is not sure where the property owner’s permission stands this year. As with all special permits the Board needs to come to a consensus to grant it or deny it and also a consensus if they are interested in an RFP. He could a resolution for the Re-Org going forward. It starts in April, so it is time to do this now. Mayor Tucker stated he believed he should start working on an RFP. Trustee Burns he wanted to give Down to Earth a chances if they had another proposal, but in the meantime, Village Attorney can work on an RFP. Mayor Tucker stated we still have not officially denied their application. But in the meantime, have Village Attorney draft an RFP.

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Mayor Tucker asked if the second speed sign was ever installed on Ferdon? Tom Temple stated no. He is going to speak to Chief O'Shea about the location as the original location is too much shade and they won't be able to charge the battery. Mayor Tucker suggested putting it on North Piermont Avenue. Tom Temple stated it can be put anywhere, they are not permanent and can be moved. Chief O'Shea stated North Piermont Avenue would be a good idea

Deputy Mayor Blomquist informed the Board he inquired with both Assembly woman Jaffe and Senator Carlucci's office about the grant money they allocated for the floating dock at the end of the Pier. They had each originally committed \$125,000. Jaffe's office has come up with an additional \$45,000. Between the two of them, they have committed \$295,000. The bid amount was for \$310,000, so we are short \$15,000 assuming the bid amount stays the same. As per the last budget review, we did so well with financial performance last year, we could probably take that \$15,000 from the Fund Balance without significantly impacting it. Hopefully we can get this underway in the Spring. Mayor Tucker agreed. We already have about \$20,000 in engineering fees. Another item is that we were finally notified by FEMA that we are getting some money back for repairs made during Hurricane Sandy. He thinks we should put some of that money towards this emergency response floating dock. He supports this and the next step would be to get the commitment letters. Deputy Mayor Blomquist stated he is working on getting them. Village Attorney stated the vendors should be contacted to see if the bids are still good.

Trustee Alpert had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Burns had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Mitchell had no old business to discuss.

**Item# 5 New Business**

Village Clerk-Treasurer had no new business to discuss.

Village Attorney had no new business to discuss.

Trustee Burns had no new business to discuss.

Mayor Tucker informed the Board it was announced today that we received a \$60,000 CFA Grant to update our local zoning and building code to incorporate climate change, resiliency and sustainable policies. The update will ensure the Village has the tools necessary to implement its local waterfront revitalization program and mitigate impacts of projected sea level rise on the Villages Hudson River shoreline and the Village's incomparable shoreline assets. He thanked Sylvia Welch. Village Attorney stated we will have to do an RFP for Planning services. Additionally, as the Board is aware, we are working with Realterm Energy on the LED lights. Being that we have a contract with them, they are authorized to do a RFP to find the best vendor to purchase the lights from. They came back with option#2, Leotech, at \$20,985 which is less than they had originally projected the cost of the lights was going to be. Even though we are still waiting for the State to approve our purchase of the lights from O&R, they can start working on the mapping of the LED lights. Trustee Burns made a motion to accept the recommendation of Leotech, Option#2. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Village Attorney had no new business to discuss.

Trustee Alpert had no new business to discuss.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist had no new business to discuss.

Trustee Mitchell had no new business to discuss.

**Item #6 Other Non-Agenda Items:**

None.

**Item #7 7:45pm Public Hearing to amend Section 190-40.1 of the Village Code entitled “Fireman Only Parking Zones” as pertains to the on-street parking on Kinney Street in the Village of Piermont**

Mayor Tucker stated upon further review, it was determined that the parking area that the Fire Department is requesting this for is owned by the Village of Piermont and the Firehouse. Therefore, it is private property. Village Attorney stated, if the parking is off the street, there is no need to amend the code to provide fireman only parking in the public right of way, it is on private property. The street line there is delineated by a fog line or some type of marking on the pavement. As long as the firemen park off the roadway, it is their roadway, so they can park there without needing to amend the code.

Trustee Burns made a motion to table the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**Item #8 Review NYS Volunteer Firefighter Enhanced Cancer Disability Act insurance policy premiums for new policy to go in effect January 1, 2019**

Mayor Tucker stated this is a new mandate by the State of New York to provide cancer coverage for New York City Volunteer Fire Fighters. The Village now has to cover this insurance policy for every certified fire fighter in Piermont. Village Clerk-Treasurer stated there are 28 that qualify. Mayor Tucker stated option #1 is the basic plan that meets the requirement that we are being mandated to do at \$156 per eligible fire fighter per year. Option #2 is an enhanced plan which provides coverage for all cancers, \$199 per eligible fire fighter. We have to let them know before the start of January 1<sup>st</sup> which plan we want to go with. He is inclined to go with the basic mandate.

Trustee Mitchell asked what the difference in cost is? Village Clerk-Treasurer stated \$43/person.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist stated for 28 people, it is \$1,204.00 difference.

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated if we go with the lower premium, it would be \$4,368.00 per year. The higher premium would be \$5,572.00 per year.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist asked what the coverage difference is?

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated the basic coverage covers some cancers, not lung cancer. The premium coverage covers all cancers, including lung cancer. The State doesn't mandate that you have to cover lung cancer. VFIS came in at the lowest, but she went to Hometown Firefighters as they have our LOSAP and Fire Department information on file. These are the two premiums they came up.

Chief Hardy stated this amount will change as a firefighter approaches 5 years as an interior fire fighter. He or she has to be put down as part of the benefit. We do have 8 members now that do not meet the criteria but will be coming up. Three or four more will have to be added on shortly.

Village Attorney stated this is an amendment to the General Municipal Law requiring the health coverage, other than mandates like this, is a policy decision by the Board. If they meet the criteria, then we have to cover them.

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Deputy Mayor Blomquist asked if we wanted to make a changed in coverage, could we do that every year?

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated she believes the policy will renew every year, so we could upgrade next year if that is what the Board chooses to do.

Trustee Burns made a motion to go with Option #1, the basic plan. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**Item #9 Renewable Energy Procurement Resolution**

Mayor Tucker stated we are going to be putting our application in January to become a Climate Smart Community and this is one of the last things we need to do to get the points to become Climate Smart. According to our consultant, we are very close and should have enough to be designated as a Climate Smart Community, which will open us up to even more grants.

This is a resolution saying that in the future when we consider our energy needs, we are going to look at renewable energy sources to help reduce our carbon footprint. If we adopt this tonight, we get 3 points towards climate smart community.

Trustee Alpert made am motion to adopt the resolution as drafted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**Item #10 Recognition to Mr. & Mrs. Dave Gerhardt for their families continued service to the Piermont Community**

Mayor Tucker stated unfortunately, Mrs. Gerhardt is sick, so Dave asked us to move this to the January 22, 2018 meeting.

**Item #11 Public Comment**

None.

**Item #12 Adjournment**

Trustee Burns made a motion at 7:32pm to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeYorgi  
Clerk-Treasurer