

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 9, 2018

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

Mayor Tucker called the 2018 Reorganization meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

As a result of the Village Election, Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office to Trustee ALPERT and Trustee BLOMQUIST for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2020.

Mayor hereby appoints **MARK BLOMQUIST** Deputy Mayor for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2019. Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor hereby appoints **HANNAH ROSS** Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2019. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and was so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor hereby appoints **WALTER SEVASTIAN** as Village Attorney for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2019. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and was so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor hereby appoints **LINO SCIARRETTA** as Assistant Village Attorney for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2019. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor hereby appoints **HEIDI SPITZER** Associate Village Justice for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2019. The motion was seconded by Trustee DeFeciani and was so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor hereby appoints **BROOKER ENGINEERING** to serve as Village Engineer for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2019. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and was so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **JENNIFER DEYORGI** as Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2019. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and was carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor hereby appoints **HANNAH ROSS** as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2019. The motion was seconded by Trustee DeFeciani and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor hereby appoints **DANIEL SPITZER** as Chairperson to the Planning Board for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2019. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office.

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Mayor hereby appoints **WILLIAM HERGUTH** as Member of the Planning Board for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2023. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor hereby appoints **TOBY DASCHBACH** as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2019. The motion was seconded by Trustee DeFeciani and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **JERRY WARSHAW** as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2019. The motion was seconded by Trustee DeFeciani and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor hereby appoints **USHA WRIGHT** as Chairperson to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2019. The motion was seconded by Trustee DeFeciani and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor hereby appoints **USHA WRIGHT** as Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2023. The motion was seconded by Trustee DeFeciani and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor hereby appoints **SIMON BASNER** as Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2019. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **ROCHELLE SPOONER** as Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2019. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor appoints the following as Liaisons to Village Departments:

Mayor Tucker: Fire Department

Deputy Mayor Blomquist: Police Department

Trustee Alpert: Department of Public Works

Trustee DeFeciani: Building Department, Land-Use Boards

Trustee Burns: Clerks Office, Justice Court, and Parks

Resolution by Mayor Tucker, seconded by Trustee Burns and was so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby designates **THE JOURNAL NEWS** as the official newspaper for the Village of Piermont. The motion was seconded by Trustee DeFeciani and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby designates M & T BANK, STERLING NATIONAL BANK and MBIA CLASS as the official depositories for the Village of Piermont. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

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Mayor hereby designates the following as the official locations for posting of notices for the Village of Piermont:

Village of Piermont Village Hall
Canzona's Market
Railroad Station
Piermont Post Office
Dennis McHugh Library
M & T Bank
The Landing Health Club
Eleanor Stroud Skating Pond
Official Village of Piermont website
Official Village of Piermont Facebook page

The motion was seconded by Trustee DeFeciani and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor Tucker made a motion to designate the BOT Meetings the first and third Tuesday of every month as the regular meeting days, except the summer months of July and August where there will only be one monthly meeting. The Board reserves the right to re-visit the schedule with advanced notice as it sees fit to reschedule meetings.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DeFeciani and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays

Mayor hereby appoints **DAN GOSWICK** as Chairperson of the Harbor Commission for a term to expire at Reorganization of January 2019. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns. and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **DAN SHERMAN** as Chairperson of the Piermont Parks Commission for a term to expire at Reorganization of January 2019. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and was so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor hereby appoints **USHA WRIGHT** as member of the Waterfront Resiliency Commission for a term to expire at Reorganization of January 2021. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **NATE MITCHELL** as Member of the Waterfront Resiliency Commission for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2021. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **LISA DEFECIANI** as Chairperson of the Waterfront Resiliency Commission for a term to expire at Reorganization of January 2019. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office.

Adoption of Procurement Policy for the Village of Piermont

Adoption of Workplace Violence Policy for the Village of Piermont

Adoption of Sexual Harassment and Diversity Training Policies

Adoption of Disaster Preparedness Emergency Policy for the Village of Piermont

Adoption of Bloodborne Pathogens Policy for the Village of Piermont

Adoption of Employee Layoff/Staff Reduction Procedure for the Village of Piermont

Adoption of HazCom Policy for the Village of Piermont

Trustee Burns made a motion to approve the Village policies as currently existing, effective for the official year 2018-2019. The motion was seconded by Trustee DeFeciani and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Pier Dock Usage Policy for the Village of Piermont

Mayor Tucker asked the Board if they had a chance to review the Policy and asked if they had any questions. No one had any comments. Mayor Tucker made a motion to adopt the Pier Dock Usage Policy for the Village of Piermont. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Annual Review of Village Fines and Fees

Mayor Tucker made a motion to accept the fines and fees for 2018. Trustee Burns seconded the motion and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor Tucker announced the end of the Reorganizational meeting, and moved onto the regular board meeting.

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Mayor Tucker called the regular business portion of the meeting to order.

Item #26 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

Trustee DeFeciani made a motion to approve the minutes for December 19, 2017. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Tucker and Trustee Alpert were unable to vote as they were not members at the time of the December 19, 2017 meeting.

Item #27 – Approval of Warrant

Deputy Mayor Blomquist made a motion to approve Warrant #010918 in the amount of \$74,455.99. The motion was seconded by Trustee DeFeciani and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #28 – Department Reports

Department of Public Works - Highway Superintendent Tom Temple submitted his monthly report for December. He went over the season leaf collection totals: bag and loose leaves they picked up 543 cubic yards (around 95 tons of leaves) which they recycle and use for topsoil around the Village. The next Christmas Tree collection date is January 17. He asked the trees be at the curb with all lights and ornaments removed. With the help of the Clerk's office, they finally have their surplus equipment on Auctions International. They have 4 items listed. Old front-end loads, mason dumps and a small Dodge Durango. It was listed today and the front-end loader, which they were looking to get around \$14,000-\$17,000 is already up to \$12,000, so it is going really well for the first day and there are 14 days to go. Mayor Tucker commended the DPW for clearing the roads during the last snow, they did an incredible job.

Building Department – Building Inspector Charles Schaub stated he will submit his report.

Police Department – Chief O'Shea was not present. Deputy Mayor Blomquist stated Chief O'Shea asked him to tell the Board they had a commercial vehicle check yesterday where they issued 100 violations, 6 unsafe truck taken off the road and one arrest.

Parks Department – Dan Sherman, Chairman of the Parks Department informed the Board of the members of the Parks Commission, Co-chair is Carol Cameron and Ish Brisson will continue and Georgianna Burke. Charlotte Kim moved away. They will be seeking another member.

Fire Department – Chief Don Hardy was not present.

Item #29 - Old Business

Village Attorney reminded the Board on January 23, the draft LWRP will be presented by the committee and a resolution will be entertained by the Board to publish Notice of Intent as lead agency to circulate the referrals to various agencies who comment on that and there will be a public hearing. He believes there will be a public hearing in early March. Also, on January 23rd,

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there will be a public hearing on the T-Mobile wireless communication facility on 110 Roundhouse Road. He reminded the Board, at the last meeting they asked if he could do some research of engineering firms to bring on board with respect to the radio frequency report that was submitted and also the need for the facility that the utility is required to show that they provided adequate service in the area. He spoke with a few engineering firms, including HDR, Inc., who has an office in White Plains. He will be receiving a proposal from them and asked the Board to resolve to retain HDR Engineering to review that particular application for an amount not to exceed the amount in escrow or any replenishment. Normally he wouldn't do this unless he had it in hand and knew what it was, but we are on a tight time frame to get this response in by January 23rd and he believes this will be helpful.

Trustee DeFeciani made a motion to retain an engineering firm to review the wireless communications application at 110 Roundhouse Road. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

On February 6, we have a public hearing coming up on the amendment on the garbage law to try to prevent people from dumping household garbage. He will resend to the Board with the public hearing notice. He stated Building Inspector Schaub asked for an amendment to our permitting law regarding the cost of construction calculation. He would like language added to the code to further define what is included in that. He has it down for February 20, 2018 and believes that it is not very complicated, so maybe we can do that on February 6, 2018 also. It is a very simple law defining what the cost of construction is for purposes of calculating a building permit fee.

Trustee DeFeciani made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for 7:45pm on February 6, 2018 for cost of construction amendment to the building permit fee section of the code. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee DeFeciani had no old business to discuss

Trustee Blomquist had no old business to discuss

Trustee Alpert had no old business to discuss

Trustee Burns asked Village Attorney if he needs something from the Board to take to the Landing to get their approval regarding the new Northshore Walkway hours? Village Attorney stated he has it down for the January 23, 2018 agenda. Right now it is 8:00am to 8:00pm and the Pier 6:00 am to 9:00pm, we are going to do 8:30pm Day Light Savings Time and 5:30pm EST closures. He is going to do a resolution for this Board and he did reach out to the Landing's attorney, because we are going to have to amend out agreement with them.

Mayor Tucker had no old business to discuss

Item# 30 New Business

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated on December 22nd she sent the Board the Hometown Firefighter's benefits package. It is our annual renewal. They hold the retirement benefits for the Fire Department. They are also offering to do the GASB 73 report for the Village, which is the governmental accounting report which is required by law, and are charging \$750 to do so. She spoke with Dave Wemmer and Deputy Mayor Blomquist and both agree this is something the Village should do. Deputy Mark Blomquist stated in the past we were never given precise indications of how much they should be contributing to this every year in the past, and this would be an actuarial determination that they would be determination that they would be handling for \$750 instead of leaving it up to them to determine, without any expertise in the area, and he thinks it is money well spent.

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Deputy Mayor Blomquist made a motion to spend the \$750 to have Hometown Firefighter's perform the actuarial calculation for the Fire Department retirement. The motion was seconded by Trustee DeFeciani and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Alpert stated she received an email from a resident about Air B&B asking if Piermont had any specific regulations about it. Village Attorney stated we don't. Village Burns asked if it is permissible. Village Attorney stated, theoretically, we don't have any regulation on people renting homes. Short-term rental can constitute a business and we do not have anything in our code. He offered to look at regulations out there. Mayor Tucker stated it is worth taking a look at considering what happened in Grandview recently. Mayor Tucker stated on the one hand he believes Air B&B does bring visitors to the Village. Trustee DeFeciani asked how this fits into the Bed and Breakfast Legislation that we have? Village Attorney stated that requires an application to establish a Bed and Breakfast, this would be renting out space for short-term use. Village Attorney will look into this and report back to the Board.

Trustee DeFeciani asked Building Inspector Schaub if the old gas station across from the Diplomat is Sparkill or Piermont? Building Inspector Schaub stated it is Piermont, the CO search went out today, it should be sold on the 15th and it being renovated. Village Attorney asked if it will be a gas station? Building Inspector stated it will not be a gas station, the new owner is not sure, he is going to renovate and lease it out. Trustee DeFeciani stated if nothing was going on with it, she was going to suggest there was a property maintenance issue.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist had no new business to discuss

Trustee Burns had no new business to discuss

Mayor Tucker had no new business to discuss

Item #31 Other Non-Agenda Items:

None

Item #32 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to update Employee Letters of Understanding for the Calendar Year 2018

Mayor Tucker made a motion to update the Employee Letters of Understanding for the Calendar Year 2018. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #33 Review proposed Building Department fees

Building Inspector Charles Schaub stated some of the fees they were very low, compared to other municipalities in the area. He gave a comparative analysis to the Board. Village Attorney asked if these fees generally relate to what it costs us to process these applications and staff time and analysis? Building Inspector agreed. He stated he tried to be fair and went in the middle. Mayor Tucker pointed out the fee for unlicensed contractor added on the list. Building Inspector Schaub stated we currently do not have that fine, it falls on the homeowner. He thinks we should institute something where the Village collects money on the contractor rather than it go to the County, it would keep the money in house. Mayor Tucker asked Village Attorney if we can add this? Village Attorney stated he will have to look at what our code says, some municipalities site the homeowner and the contractor. He asked Building Inspector Schaub if he calls the County in? Building Inspector stated he does call the County in now, but we are cut out of that loop and that is a fine the County institutes.

Village Attorney stated it is a misdemeanor, it is a criminal offense. It would be a code amendment that he would have to put before the Board for a public hearing. Trustee DeFeciani made a motion to approve A, B & C with the exception of C (4) & all of D. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #34 Review Grandview Lease

Mayor Tucker reminded the Board that the Village of Grandview has been renting space at the Community Center since Hurricane Sandy. He believes their intention was to stay for a year or two and they have since been there 4 years. The rent has not increased over these for years and this new lease is a proposal to increase the rent by 10% a month, raising it to \$3,000 a month from \$2,730. Trustee Burns made a motion to accept the new lease effective February 1, 2018 for the term of one year with the rent increase to \$3,000 a month. The motion was seconded by Trustee DeFeciani and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays

Item #35 Discuss proposed change to Village employee paid holiday schedule

Mayor Tucker stated the Clerk's office has requested that in lieu of Election Day, they get the day after Christmas off. They are not getting any more days, they are just looking to switch days. Village Clerk-Treasurer stated Election Day has always created a problem with the Village Board Meeting schedule as well. Since elections are no longer held in Village Hall, she doesn't know that there is a reason we need to be off on election day at this point. Trustee DeFeciani asked if this would include all employees, or just the Clerk's office? Village Clerk-Treasurer stated DPW has their own contract with their own holidays. This would include the Clerk's office, Building Department and Justice Court. Police have their own contract with PBA. Village Attorney stated if the Board doesn't have a problem with it, the Mayor is authorized to amend the employee agreements. Trustee Burns made a motion to approve switch of paid holiday December 26 in lieu of Election Day. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #36 Confirm Village Board meeting dates for the second half of 2018

Mayor Tucker stated that November has been thrown off in years past due to Election Day. Now that the office is open Election Day, we will stick to our regular schedule and have a meeting on November 6 and November 20. Village Attorney stated those are the regular dates and we are fine switching those around without a resolution.

Item #37 Approve Final Parking Plan for the Landing

Mayor Tucker reminded the Board this plan had been presented at one of the last meetings in November. Village Attorney stated there were a couple land use application at Piermont Landing that entailed an expansion of use, additional seating with respect to a restaurant, additional use in a ground floor space for something else and with any land use application, that entailed a calculation of required parking and we asked the applicant to show us that that there was required parking on site out there to accommodate the expansion of these uses. That resulted in the parking plan so it can be matched to the uses Building Department can make sure there is enough parking. He believes we now have a final plan in hand which is an important tool for Charlie and for the Village to have on file. He drafted a resolution for the Board with appropriate recitations that the Board is accepting the plan and directing the Building Inspector to file it with the Piermont Landing Site Plan and attach it to the various special permit uses out there that the Board has reviewed and will review in the future.

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Trustee Burns stated the one concern that kept coming up was in the first row of Lot D, the inability of an emergency vehicle to turn around, that they would have to back out. He asked Deputy Mark Blomquist if that is a problem with the Fire Department. Deputy Mark Blomquist stated he does not know. Village Attorney asked Building Inspector Schaub if that has been resolved? Building Inspector Schaub stated there are turnarounds in the two big lanes and the one short one at the end, it does not. Mr. Griffin gave up about 70-80 spots during the course of this plan, from where it started, he was not willing to budget any further. Village Attorney stated we should get this on record and filed so we at least have a baseline going forward. If something comes up in the future and needs to be revisited with respect to specific rows, we can do that. If someone proposes a use of land, whether it is on Piermont Landing or not, that usually entails, they have to show us where the parking is. Trustee DeFeciani asked if every space on the plan is accounted for? Building Inspector stated he has about 20 extra spaces. Trustee DeFeciani asked if he has matched up every restaurant with spots? Village Attorney stated they are not “matched”, but the total number of spaces for the total use. The plan has not changed since it was here the last time.

Mayor Tucker stated with the back and forth between Phil Griffin and Building Inspector. Maybe this plan is not 100%, but it is 99%.

Trustee DeFeciani made a motion to approve the Parking Plan as drafted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Alpert and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Burns asked about the parking spots at the Gazebo. Building Inspector stated they are off the plan and, theoretically they do not count if they make that a one-way street. Trustee Burns asked, until it is a one-way, are those spots marked in the pavement being taken off. Building Inspector stated they are not on the plan, but he is not sure if the lines have been blacked out. Trustee Burns asked if he is aware he has to blacked them out? Building Inspector stated yes. Building Inspector stated Mr. Griffin wants to make it one-way and has been exploring that.

Village Attorney stated the Village Board is authority there and issued a special permit for a use out there, one of the conditions on the special permit was the provision of parking, and this is satisfying the condition. Keep the plan with the resolution for that use and then you have a plan for the overall file as well.

Item #38 Discuss office renovations at Village Hall

Mayor Tucker informed the Board that we were audited by the Department of Labor right before Christmas and one of the things we were cited for is that the Police don't have a private interview room. The other issue is the Mayor doesn't have an office. Long-term, they did make an application through David Carlucci's office to renovate the third floor for offices, which would also mean extending our elevator to the third floor, all that would be about \$300,000. In the meantime, he worked with Chief O'Shea and Charlie. They want to move the Building Department behind the stage, and taking the current Building Department office and making it two separate offices. One for the interview room, which would double as an office for the Police Chief and an interview room and for the Mayor. The Court Clerk would remain, her window would be moved. Materials would be a little under \$2,000. Tom Temple has offered to utilize his crew to build the offices. We may have to bring in an electrician to run a couple outlets. He asked if the Board would approve this and if so, where would the funds come from?

Deputy Mayor Blomquist stated he would have to look at the budget and asked if there was anything available in the buildings budget?

Building Inspector suggested the money be taken from the fine taken from the tree clearing.

Village Attorney stated that money went right into the General Fund. Trustee DeFeciani asked why can't we take money from the general fund? Village Attorney state the Board can allocate money from any particular budget line. He asked if there was any money left in contingency.

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated she believes we had \$15,000 in contingency and that we have not used any of it. There is at least \$2,000.

Trustee DeFeciani made a motion to approve the renovations, pending there is money in contingency line to cover it. The motion was seconded by Trustee Alpert and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #39 Review Preliminary Recommendations from the Tax Assessor

Mayor Tucker stated Brian Kenney had called him and his main concern was Harbor Cove, based on current sales and the overall marketplace, he re-assessed them. All the units combined at Harbor Cove were assessed \$43,319,010.00, he has it assessed at \$58,065,500.00 now. He claims this is all due to sales, apparently prices have been going up there. This was his main concern, that is why he asked us to take a look at it ahead of time. He also submitted part 2, of a few other properties. There was a lot on Tweed that was assessed on \$830,000, it is now assessed at \$0, because there is three separate assessments. There was also an assessment up on Tweed where somebody bought a lot and paid around \$900,000 back in 2006 and sold it for \$179,500, so that is why such a large decrease there. He felt that the rest of the Village is pretty much the same as last year.

Village Attorney suggested the Board review the recommendations and if they have any questions call Brian Kenney and they eventually the Board will have to adopt his recommendations. He reminded the Board that the Village did a re-val so we are all assessed at 100% fair market value, which allows these modifications on an annual basis. Brian Kenney is the Assessor consultant and he typically analyses sales and adjusts the assessments accordingly. He suggests the Board might want to inquire what the changes to Harbor Cove will do to the overall levy and rate.

Trustee DeFeciani stated Brian came in last year and went over the assessments with the Board and suggested he do that again. Trustee Burns would like to do that when he has the full assessment roll. Village Clerk-Treasurer stated it will have to be January 23 as the tentative assessment roll has to be out on or before February 1 as grievance night is February 20. Trustee DeFeciani asked if we could have a workshop on January 23rd prior to the meeting? The Board would like to do the workshop at 6:30pm before the regular meeting on January 23rd. Village Clerk-Treasurer stated she would email Brian Kenney.

Item #40 Review Sustainability Coordinator Consultant Contract

Sylvia Welch stated this is a 15-month contract and Marcy is addressing these issues over 12 months. This is giving them time in January and February to meet with the various committees to get a strategic plan together. There may be things that change, there may be some funding opportunities that arise that we are not aware of now, so this gives them time to make a plan with benchmarks every couple of months to accomplish their goals. Sylvia has worked with her, she knows she can produce, she is local, she will be involved in the sea-level rise task force meetings in Beacon, attending the meetings at Lamont on marsh study. She will work closing with the LWRP Steering Committee which is going to migrate and become the Waterfront Advisory Committee. She will also be the facilitator for the Sustainability Task Force.

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Trustee DeFeciani stated \$50,000 had been set aside for this and her fee is \$30,000.

Sylvia Welch stated she has asked for money for trainings both for them on the various commissions and committees, some for Marcy because she is involved in regional programs. And, to get the CERT training up and running again.

Village Attorney stated he did not see this and would like to review.

Trustee DeFeciani made a motion to approve the contract for the Sustainability Coordinator Consultant, subject to review and approval of the Village Attorney. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #41: Public Comment:

Bob Samuels – Asked if the public comment could be held earlier in the meeting so if someone had comment then didn't have to sit through the whole meeting.

Mayor Tucker stated when he first came to Piermont, it was the last item on the agenda and he is not sure when that changed. After sitting through a year of meetings, he has seen where there are agenda items where people who have the foresight to let the Village know that there is an issue at least ahead of time. And in some cases, he has seen where public comment pushes that back 20 minutes, 45 minutes. He would like to try this first to try and get through the agenda. He asked that if people have an issue, they can come and speak with him. He is available most days. If it is a serious issue, we can put it on the agenda, as long as it is in advance. It can always be changed, but he would like to try it this way. He is also hoping that this will encourage people get more involved in the meetings as well. We have also done some website updates and a Village of Piermont Facebook page to get the word out there. He also thanked Bob and the PCA for their help with getting information out to the Village.

Item # 42 Adjournment

Mayor Tucker made a motion at 8:16pm to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted

Jennifer DeYorgi
Clerk-Treasurer