

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
April 2, 2019

Present: Mayor Bruce Tucker, Deputy Mayor Blomquist, Trustee Rob Burns, Trustee Ivanya Alpert, 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 Alpert made a motion to approve the minutes for March 19, 2019. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns 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 #032519 in the amount of \$5,442.61 and Warrant#040219 in the amount of \$39,586.62 for a grand total of \$45,029.23. the bulk of Warrant# 040219 is about \$10,000 is O&R charges and another \$3,000 in dental insurance. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #3 – Department Reports

Department of Public Works - Highway Superintendent Tom Temple was not present.

Police Department – Chief Michael O’Shea stated a 61-year-old male overdosed from fentanyl. The brand is “Breaking Bad” and it is killing people. They are realizing they cannot arrest their way out of this problem, so they are going to, with the Board’s permission, partnership with a non-profit organization called Hope Not Handcuffs. They find that people need a year of treatment to be successful and people have not gotten that treatment. Now with Hope Not Handcuffs they have a lot of doctors, counselors. With that program, someone walks in, they make an agreement and get them help to get them to treatment, whether short term or long term. This is a great program that does not cost anything and has been successful. We must stop this fentanyl and educate people. He asked the Board’s permission to work with Hope Not Handcuffs. Everyone has raised about it. He talked to two Chief’s in Orange County and people are getting help in long term treatment and it is not a revolving door.

Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve Chief O’Shea and the Piermont Police Department to work with Hope Not Handcuffs. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Chief O’Shea stated they are working with the Fire Department to do Fire Prevention training. The officers get the training on an ongoing basis. They were going to open it up to the Board to get the training as well. They are also going to have Narcan training, which is open to the Board to attend as well. He will let the Board know when that training will be.

Tahlaad gave a report on PAL and stated boxing is growing and the activities are going on as normal. A lot of repeat families. The golf program will be coming up soon. The program is growing, and they will be putting the soccer nets back outside for the kids.

Building Department - Building Inspector Charles Schaub was not present.

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Parks Department – Dan Sherman was not present. Joe Serra spoke for the Piermont Public Arts Committee and pointed out the Dan Spitzer put up the first installation of the artwork in Village Hall. The Board had previously requested Dan to go before the Piermont Public Arts Committee, which he did, and the result is what is installed now. They are now requesting to attach two, six-foot sections of molding to allow for additional photos to be hung. Dan Spitzer has donated what has been hung up now. He showed the Board where they are requesting the molding to be installed. The install will be no cost to the Village, they are just asking for the Board's permission.

Mayor Tucker stated they look great and have transformed the room.

Dan Spitzer stated there were four photographers involved in this installation and there are more people who want to contribute. The four posters that Dan Sherman is working on four big posters (Sally Savage photos) and he showed the Board where those will be located. There will be four informational posters as well, and at that point they might put in some bright light bulbs in and it will be done.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist made a motion to approve the install of molding. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Fire Department – Chief Don Hardy was not present.

Item #4 - Old Business

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated the Piermont Civic Association answer the Board's email request for information regarding economic development. She emailed same to everyone. Mayor Tucker stated we are still waiting on a financial or a tax return. Village Clerk-Treasurer stated Piermont Chamber of Commerce decided to not apply for economic development funds for Bastille Day or Art in the Park. From what she understands at this point, they cancelled the events. Mayor Tucker stated we will have to first finalize the budget and see about these funds.

Village Attorney had no old business to discuss.

Mayor Tucker had no old business to discuss.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist has still not heard from his Verizon contact.

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 stated the Board has to move to accept the Empire Hose Company Officer Slate and do a resolution to accept same.

Mayor Tucker read the Officer Slate for Empire Hose Company No. 1 for 2019 as follows:

Chief – Dan Goswick, Jr.
1st Asst Chief – Sam Kropp
2nd Asst Chief – Larry Cabrera
Captain – Dan Goswick, Sr.
1st Lieutenant – Kyle Weiss

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2nd Lieutenant – Joe Palkovic
Dive Lieutenant – Joe Hauser
2nd Dive Lieutenant – Tim Piesco
Chief Engineer – Al Bartley
2nd Chief Engineer – Bill Cavanaugh
3rd Chief Engineer – Don Hardy
EMS Lieutenant – Hope Goswick
2nd EMS Lieutenant – Dan Albin
3rd EMS Lieutenant – Donna Alise

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated Sylvia Welch had sent her the consulting contract for the DEC Hudson River Resiliency Network Grant for the Scenic Hudson for the scope of work, which she had sent to Village Attorney to review. Sylvia stated Village Attorney reviewed same and approved. Scenic Hudson Proposal for the Hudson River Flood Resilience Network and a draft for Piermont to review a collaboration letter. Trustee Mitchell stated this program has been going on for about 5 years and every year it has a “host” and that host has the grant issued to them. They don’t really do anything; the host turns around and sub-contracts with CDI and Scenic Hudson to do the actual program itself. This year we are hosting. Previously it was Kingston and Beacon. This means we will need to keep track of hours that everybody puts in, submit a report.

Trustee Burns made a motion to approve participation in the program. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist made a motion to accept the Officer Slate of Empire Hose Company No. 1 as written. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Village Clerk-Treasurer swore in the present officers to their respective positions.

Village Attorney had no new business to discuss.

Trustee Burns had no new business to discuss.

Mayor Tucker stated as another part of trying to get to Climate Smart Community Rating, we were asked to commit, as a Board, to use for the Village properties, 100% renewable energy. Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve the Board’s commitment to use 100% renewable energy on Village properties by March of 2022, which will be after our current contract expires. The motion was seconded by Trustee Alpert and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Alpert stated the complete streets police came out of the traffic committee looking at our Village and realizing that what started as an industrial area for trucks is now being used by cars, pedestrians and bicyclists. They developed a policy that, moving forward any work that we do in the Village on roads will consider the needs of bicyclists, pedestrians and wheelchairs, as well as motorists. This will also help us with some of the sustainability grants and climate smart communities. Trustee Alpert made a motion to pass a complete streets policy. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

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 7:30pm Public Hearing Tentative 2020 Budget

Trustee Burns made a motion to open the public hearing at 7:58pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor Tucker stated the budget is not finalized yet and the budget is scheduled to be adopted next Tuesday night.

Public Comment

None.

Trustee Burns made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:00pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #8 7:45pm Public Hearing Time Limit Parking

Trustee Burns made a motion to open the public hearing at 8:00pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor Tucker stated this is to convert the four spaces on the North and East side of Piermont Avenue that are currently 15-minute parking and making them 2-hour parking. These are the parking spots in front of the wine store, hair salon and Presence of Piermont.

Public Comment

None.

Trustee Burns made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:01pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Burns made a motion to adopt the amendment to the local law. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor Tucker stated we will have to get a message to Superintendent Temple to change the parking signs. He reminded everyone that the remainder of the 4 spots that were 15-minute spots, will remain 15-minute parking spots.

Item #9 8:00pm Public Hearing Mandatory Recycling

Trustee Burns made a motion to open the public hearing at 8:01pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Village Attorney stated we currently have in our local law that materials need to be separated, but it never had mandatory language. So, unless you are otherwise exempt from recycling in our local law, commercial properties or otherwise, you are required to separate your recyclables for pick up by the Village in a manner that the Village Board of Trustees resolves by contract or DPW.

Public Comment

Joe Serra, asked the Board how this will be enforced? Village Attorney stated, theoretically by the police. There are penalties in the law, but it is really a good faith situation.

Trustee Burns stated we also passed something this past year about people bringing garbage from outside the Village into the Village and dumping it.

Carol Cameron, stated she asked Tom Temple last year to post no dumping signs and put some sort of a fine on the garbage can, so people would not dump their garbage out of the cars and they haven't come up yet. Especially by Parelli Park. The trash overflows into the parking lot, by the River. She asked if the signs are going to go on the trash cans? Chief O'Shea stated it is being enforced. People put their mail in there and they call them down and ask them to remove the garbage and they can give a summons, but most of the time they ask them to clean it up. Chief stated Tom Temple has been checking it. Ms. Cameron stated wouldn't it make sense to put a "no dumping, \$500 fine" sign on the garbage can to prevent them from even doing that? Chief O'Shea stated he believes Tom Temple is working on it and he is meeting with him tomorrow and will ask him. Ms. Cameron stated since people come and eat their dinner and lunch in the parks, can we put recyclable containers in the parks near the garbage cans, so they can recycle there? There are some recyclable containers on Main Street, but what about the parks? Mayor Tucker stated he will speak to Tom Temple about getting that.

Trustee Burns made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:04pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to adopt the local law. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #10 Review and Approve the 2019 Stormwater II Education Program Agreement with Cornell University Cooperative

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated this goes hand in hand with the MS4 report that the Village does every year with Brooker Engineering. This is the Stormwater Engineering Program that the Village has to participate in as well to get funding and grants. There is a fee. It has not gone up in the last couple of years. It is \$1,250.00 to fund the project. Village Attorney stated this is mandated by the State for the educational component of our MS4 maintenance.

Trustee Burns made a motion to approve the 2019 Stormwater II Education Program Agreement with Cornell University Cooperative. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #11 Public Comment

None.

Item #12 Adjournment

Trustee Burns made a motion at 8:06pm 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