

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
December 17, 2019**

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

Mayor Bruce 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 December 3, 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 #121719 in the amount of \$121,708.22. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #3 – Department Reports

Department of Public Works - Highway Superintendent Tom Temple gave in his report and had nothing further.

Police Department – Chief James Hurley handed in his mid-December report. The pickle ball court equipment has arrived for PAL and they will be setting it up and advising the residents when it can be used. The Christmas food and toy drive will be next week. Lastly, about 15 applicants applied for the vacant Police Department position. Himself, Deputy Mayor Blomquist, and a PBA representative interviewed five candidates. Brendan Smith demonstrated the skills and knowledge to work in our department and after the interviews, the panel chose Brendan Smith as the next full-time Police Officer and he would like to nominate him as the next full-time police officer.

Building Department - Building Inspector Charles Schaub was not present.

Parks Department – Dan Sherman was not present.

Fire Department – Daniel Goswick, Jr. was not present.

Item #4 - Old Business

Village Clerk-Treasurer had no old business to discuss.

Village Attorney had no old business to discuss.

Mayor Tucker had no old business to discuss.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist he would like to make a presentation to Chief O'Shea at the January 21, 2019 meeting.

Trustee Alpert had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Burns thanked Dan Spitzer for his assistance with the collage frames in Village Hall.

Trustee Mitchell had no old business to discuss.

Item# 5 New Business

Village Clerk-Treasurer informed the Board they met with Sandy Stead of Troy and Banks who gave a proposal to do an audit of our utilities. If there is any money do back to the Village, they will get 24% of that and the rest to the Village. Trustee Burns made a motion for Mayor Tucker to enter into an agreement with Troy and Banks to perform a utility audit. The motion was seconded by Trustee Alpert and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Further, Tequila Sal Y Limon gave 30-Day Advanced Notice to renew their liquor license, which she will keep on file.

Mayor Tucker had no new business to discuss.

Village Attorney had no new business to discuss.

Trustee Burns 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 Appoint Brendan Smith to Full-Time Police Officer into vacant position

Deputy Mayor Blomquist made a motion to appoint Brendan Smith to Full-Time Police Officer into vacant position. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor Tucker swore in Mr. Smith.

Item #7 7:00pm Public Hearing to Adopt a local law to amend the Zoning Law regulate the installation of Solar Panel Devices in the Village of Piermont

Village Attorney asked that we adjourn this matter to January 21, 2019 so he can incorporate in the Planning Board's response.

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to adjourn to this public hearing to January 21, 2019. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #8 7:00pm Public Hearing – A local law to amend Chapter 50 of the Code of the Village of Piermont, entitled “Waterfront Resilience Commission”, specifically 50-2(A), to adjust the roles and duties of Commission members

Trustee Mitchell stated this will create specific commissioner roles that have specific tasks and activities that will work in the Waterfront Resiliency Commission, aside from just members at large. There will be five commissioners each with a specific responsibility, two members at large and a Chair.

Trustee Burns made a motion to open the public hearing at 7:16pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Public Comment: None.

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Trustee Burns made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:17pm. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to amend Chapter 50 of the Code of the Village of Piermont, entitled "Waterfront Resilience Commission", specifically 50-2(A), to adjust the roles and duties of Commission members. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #9 7:00pm Continuation of Public Hearing to vacate/discontinue a portion of Main Street (Piermont Avenue) right of way adjacent to 493 and 499 Piermont Avenue

Village Attorney spoke to Don Lynch at the Rockland County Clerk's Office who researched the title on this property, and he advised Village Attorney that he does not believe the Village has a claim of title to any portion of the 10' alley. Mr. Lynch is going to send the documents over. Village Attorney asked the Board to adjourn this matter without date and take no further action, as if we do not have any interest in this property, we have nothing to discontinue.

Trustee Burns made a motion to adjourn this matter without date. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #10 Public Comment

None.

Miscellaneous

Mayor Tucker's speech:

As another year closes, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the heads of our various Departments, Clerks and Legal for their help. I, and the Village residents, are extremely fortunate to have such talented & professional people. I would especially like to thank the Trustees, along with members of the various Village Boards and Committees, for their support and advice. These people work extremely hard all year for our Village for minimum or no compensation. Like me, it is their passion to make the Village a better place to live that motivates them.

Tonight, we say goodbye to Trustee Alpert, whose term expires the end of this month. Trustee Alpert was elected to office at the same time as me, so we "learned the ropes" together. We thank her for starting up and Chairing the Traffic Committee - a venue that has brought together residents, administrators, and police to discuss and examine various transportation and logistical issues around the Village. We will miss her insights on the various issues that come up before the Board. We wish her good luck in her future endeavors. At the same time we welcome Kelly Ruby as our newest Trustee, who will be joining the Board January 1st. We look forward to working with you.

Among the highlights that the occurred this year:

- *Completion of the conversion of our traffic lights to LED*
- *Village of Piermont designation as a Climate Smart Community, and a Clean Energy Community*
- *A revitalized Farmers Market*
- *A beautiful sculpture on the Pier*
- *A ban on the use of Glyphosate on Village owned property*
- *We amended our Rental Registry Law*
- *A new agreement with Rockland County Solid Waste Authority that will facilitate weekly pickup of recyclables starting January 2nd*
- *The sale of an excess Village owned parcel that will result in a new, enhanced park in our downtown, and*
- *Zero tax increase for our residents!*

Tonight's Holiday party theme is, once again, "A Taste of Piermont". I would like to thank the following restaurants for their very generous donations of their signature dishes:

- *14 & Hudson*
- *Basque*
- *Confetti*
- *Cornetta's*
- *Pier 701 Restaurant*
- *Rivertown Taphouse*
- *Sidewalk Bistro*
- *The Filling Station*
- *TWK Community Market*

Please support these establishments and thank them for tonight! They are all a part of what makes this such a great Community!

*I wish everyone a Happy Holiday and look forward to a fantastic New Year in Piermont!
Thank you.*

Item #16 Adjournment

Trustee Burns made a motion at 7:22pm to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Alpert and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeYorgi,
Clerk-Treasurer