

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
December 3, 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, 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 Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes for November 5, 2019 and November 19, 2019. The motion was seconded by Trustee Alpert 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 #120319 in the amount of \$894,754.56. 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 James Hurley handed in his November report. They participated in the Stop DWI program which they received State grant money for and had extra officers on patrol three nights for that program. He gave an update on PAL and stated the pickleball net should arrive next week. They also delivered 25 Thanksgiving meals, thanks to St. John’s church for providing the baskets of food.

Building Department - Building Inspector Charles Schaub provided his report to the Board. He asked for Board approval to condemn the building at 80 Tate Avenue as per Section 78-5 of the Village Code. The Board and Village Attorney discussed this property and the procedure of condemning this property. Trustee Burns made a motion to approve pursuant to 78-5 of the Village Code authorizing the Building Inspector to commence a proceeding for securing or removing the building or structure. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

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 followed up with Don Lynch regarding the 493/499 Piermont Avenue alleyway and he is still working on it.

Mayor Tucker had no old business to discuss.

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Deputy Mayor Blomquist had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Alpert had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Burns pointed out the photo boards are complete and now hung up in Village Hall.

Trustee Mitchell had no old business to discuss.

Item# 5 New Business

Village Clerk-Treasurer informed the Board of the December 12th closing for the \$1,296,000 BAN which is two old BANs being rolled over and the 2020 capital items. Next December, we will go to Bond if a firetruck is purchased.

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 proposed we schedule a public hearing to amend the Village Code Section 50-2 regarding Waterfront Resiliency Commission to change the definition from “5 members” to “5 commissioners and two members at large”. He submitted his proposed changes to the Board. Mayor Tucker and Trustee Burns stated their support for the proposal.

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to schedule a public hearing for December 17, 2019 at 7:45pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #6 Request from Piermont Historical Society to build a shed on Train Station property

Mayor Tucker recused himself.

Barbara Schulen, 229 Hudson Terrace, Chair of the Piermont Historical Society, requested to build a shed behind the Train Station as they need more space. Dan Sherman spoke before the Board and gave them the specs of the shed which will be 5’x10’ wood frame with metal roof, centered behind the Train Station and will match its facade. Trustee Burns asked how this will be funded? Ms. Schulen responded through money the Society has raised.

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the request to build a shed on the Train Station property. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 1 recusal.

Item #7 Motion to amend Vehicle and Traffic regulations in the Village Code to prohibit a right turn on red at the intersection of Piermont Avenue and Paradise Avenue

Mayor Tucker stated the intention is to prohibit a right turn on red from Ferdon Avenue onto Paradise, not at all four stops.

Mayor Tucker made a motion to schedule a public hearing for January 7, 2020 at to amend Chapter 190 Vehicle and Traffic Law, Article 8, schedules 190-31 prohibited turns and intersections. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #8 Review Village Fees and Fines for 2020

Mayor Tucker sent the Board a proposal of fees after discussion with Chief Hurley. Trustee Burns suggested leaving the Pavilion rental at \$300 for residents. The Board agreed. Trustee Mitchell suggested we keep the parking permit at \$204/year as opposed to the proposed \$216. Upon discussion, the overnight parking fee was raised to \$210/year (\$17.50/month). The police report fee was raised from \$3 to \$10.

Trustee Burns made a motion to accept the proposed fees and fines for 2020. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #9 Public Comment

Barbara Scheulen – Vehicles have been hitting the 25-mile marker from Jersey City next to the station and damaging it. They have also had someone trying to get into the station doors. She asked if the gate could be closed unless the Highway Department needs access. The Board, Building Inspector and Ms. Scheulen discussed this further. Mayor Tucker will speak with Tom Temple about the gate.

Miscellaneous

Mayor Tucker suggested the next meeting start at 7:00pm. Trustee Burns made a motion to schedule the December 17th meeting to begin at 7:00pm as opposed to 7:30pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Alpert and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Village Clerk-Treasurer suggested the film fee for the Community Center should be increased from \$500 to \$1,500 and Village Hall should be between \$1,000-\$1,500. Additionally, the rental of any parking lot should increase from \$500 to between \$1,200 and \$1,500. She also suggested increasing the police fee from \$250. Mayor Tucker suggested \$350, Trustee Mitchell agreed. Mayor Tucker made a motion to increase the rental of Village Hall, Community Center and Village Parking lots to \$1,500 and police fees to \$300/hr beginning January 1, 2020. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #16 Adjournment

Trustee Burns made a motion at 8:09pm to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeYorgi,
Clerk-Treasurer