

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
May 7, 2019**

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

Deputy Mayor Blomquist 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 April 16, 2019. The motion was seconded by Trustee Alpert and so carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Tucker recused himself as he was not present at the April 16, 2019 meeting.

**Item #2 – Approval of Warrant**

Deputy Mayor Blomquist made a motion to approve Warrant #050719 in the amount of \$92,211.22. The big-ticket items are \$20,000 for the charging station across the street and \$10,000 to Suez. 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 was not present.

**Police Department** – Chief Michael O’Shea informed the Board about the Hope not Handcuffs program. People can walk into the station with cocaine, heroin, etc. They are not going to arrest them, they are going to get them help, get them in detox. They are the first Department in the County to have this program. This is a medical issue that we cannot arrest your way out. Secondly, some gang members broke into a house on Tate and slammed the resident’s head against the wall. Det. Boutros found the person, who was from New Jersey. Det. Hurley made a stop on Ferry Road and the person had several stolen credit cards. Good police work by Hurley and Boutros. He thanked the Board for supporting giving them the resources they need.

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

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

**Fire Department** – Chief Dan Goswick, Jr. was not present.

**Item #4 - Old Business**

Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer had no old business to discuss.

Village Attorney had no old business to discuss.

Mayor Tucker asked Deputy Mayor Blomquist if anyone ever got back to him regarding the Verizon building at the end of the Pier? Deputy Mayor Blomquist stated he has been in Europe and has not been able to get in contact with him regarding same.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Alpert had no old business to discuss.

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Trustee Burns had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Mitchell had no old business to discuss.

**Item# 5 New Business**

Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer had no new business

Mayor Tucker had no new business to discuss.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist informed the Board himself and Trustee Burns attended a NYCOM Conference this past weekend in Cooperstown where they attended several interesting seminars and learned a lot regarding Fire Departments and cyber security and a couple different areas that could be very impactful for the Village. They will have something written up before the next meeting for everyone to review.

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 Other Non-Agenda Items:**

None.

**Item #7 Review filming application request for intermittent traffic closures on Piermont Avenue between Gair Street and Ash Street**

Michael Ricci from Squahamish Films, Inc. gave the Board copies of map of their film plan to the Board. He has had a conversation with the Chief the well. This will be one day of filming for a Netflix movie. The film is set in Washington state and it is supposed to look sparse, so they would like to do their activity early in the morning on Piermont Avenue and clear the street as best they can. The scene is a girl with a bicycle and her friend walking down the middle of the street, which is most of their day. They will then move inside Tequila Sal y Limon and have a scene in there. He has contracted with them and Turning Point as well. They also wish to do an interior scene with a fake pharmacy somewhere on Piermont Avenue and they are still deciding that. He is also working with the Griffin's to put their trucks/equipment in Lot D.

Mayor Tucker stated another issue is the trucks are arriving extremely early in the morning.

Michael stated the general agreement was they would go immediately to Lot D, making as little noise as possible. It is mainly for his caterer to begin working, making breakfast. His crew will be there, their trucks will be there, they will eat and push their gear over to Piermont Avenue and they are ready to work. He worked out a deal with Phil Griffin's son for Lot D.

Mayor Tucker stated the main concern is trucks idling in that lot at 4am and generators.

Michael stated the early work will mainly be the caterer. It will be 3-4 gentlemen working. They will set up a tent that has a line for food. They will need power and they will be running a put-put generator for cooking. He can try to put them on the opposite side of the parking lot to work

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there. He will have to work with transportation captain about that and make sure they can get in okay. He is a little concerned now because half of the lot is a lake, but Mr. Griffin told him that shouldn't be the case tomorrow. He cannot guarantee there will be no noise, that is part of the deal having his caterer being able to work. He feels that if it is egregious, he could have a conversation.

Mayor Tucker asked they stay away from the houses on the backside as far as possible.

Michael said he will be on site that day as well and will look out for it.

Chief O'Shea stated he does not believe there will be any problems. The only reason they must come in is because they are requesting to close a road. They are going to keep the noise down and keep the neighbors happy. Any time the road is closed it has to come to the Board for approval. They cannot wake everyone up when they are in that lot.

Michael stated he is going to try and delay his working trucks to come at 5:30, 6:00pm and all they will do is come in and shut off.

Chief O'Shea reminded him to be cautious coming in off Paradise, if they come in off Gair, they will get stuck.

Michael stated the trucks will not have to move until they are done for the day. If things go well and weather is on their side, they could be done earlier than the anticipated 8:00pm finish time.

Mayor Tucker asked if they will notify the neighbors and businesses?

Michael stated he was waiting for Board approval until he gave notification. All the other entities are under contract except the entities where they are going to fake the pharmacy, which is coming together.

Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve the filming application. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**Item #8 Review request from Daout Celestin of Sidewalk Bistro to hold Bastille Day on Saturday, July 13, 2019. Review request for Economic Development Funds.**

Daout Celestin gave a list of his Bastille Day expenses to the Board. He included police expenses, but not DPW.

Mayor Tucker asked if this is in conjunction with The Chamber of Commerce?

Mr. Celestin stated no. The issue he has with the Chamber is the insurance.

Mayor Tucker asked if all the other businesses are signing on?

Mr. Celestin stated a lot of businesses are and will have to get their own insurance, but the smaller businesses, no.

Trustee Burns asked how do we do this without DPW costs?

Trustee Alpert stated he is asking for \$6,000 so he would be covering that.

Mayor Tucker stated he is asking for \$6,000. Last year, with Police and DPW it came to \$7,000, so they are asking for \$6,000.

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Trustee Burns asked who would pay for DPW then?

Mayor Tucker stated if we give him the \$6,000 and then we do the calculations and it comes out to \$7,000, Daout would have to pay the difference to the Village. The cost to the Village is Police and DPW for the most part.

Trustee Burns stated \$1,000 seems low for DPW.

Trustee Burns reminded the Board of the previous discussion with The Chamber and everyone else, that the Economic Development fund was not intended to pay for all those expenses for somebody wanting to put on an activity, it was for somebody wanting to assist them. That is what we said once we set the budget and looked at what percent the Village's expenses we put in and what percent either the Chamber, or whoever the applicant is, would have to put in. That is the number he is trying to come to.

Mayor Tucker states he agrees, but Daout is showing what it is costing them plus another \$1,000 for DPW. He is saying it is going to cost them \$14,000 to put on this event and he is asking for \$6,000. We don't have to give him that, but that is what he is requesting.

Trustee Alpert stated Trustee Burn's point last meeting when this came up with the Civic Association was we should try and be consistent with everyone. Maybe we should come up with some sort of formula.

Trustee Mitchell stated it was not a formula we applied to the Civic Association, we took \$150 off the Civic Association requested funds, which was 5%.

Trustee Mitchell stated in fairness, we have to recognize that he is requesting \$6,000 knowing the Village expense is going to be more than \$6,000. So, he is already going to have to pick up about \$1,000. Mayor Tucker stated, assuming the costs are the same as last year, yes.

Trustee Burns suggested \$5,000.

Trustee Alpert stated she would like to have a formula.

Trustee Mitchell suggested 13,172.55 expenses less the Village's \$6,000 in expenses is 5,122.00. He asked the Board if that sounds like a fair place to meet?

Trustee Burns stated they were talking about \$5,000.

Mayor Tucker told Mr. Celestin that if the Village grants the \$5,000 for Economic Development, that will apply towards the Police and DPW. If Police and DPW overtime goes over that, he will have to pay anything over the \$5,000. For any organization to put this event on, they would have to pay for the Police and DPW for the day.

Mr. Celestin stated he would need some guarantee that it will not be \$8,000 or \$9,000.

Mayor Tucker said he didn't think it would be that much.

Trustee Burns stated it is also stated on hours, what they have to do before and after. If he works with the Chief and could shave a little off on the hours, it could save a little on the police.

Mayor Tucker disagreed and thinks it's pretty much a formula after so many years of doing Bastille Day.

Chief O'Shea stated they are limiting time off, so that helps keep the costs down.

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Mr. Celestin doesn't want to get a \$3,000 bill from the Village the next day. He needs a guarantee that it will not be much more than the \$5,000.

Chief O'Shea stated they are pretty good on the numbers.

Trustee Burns made a motion that they allocate \$5,000 for Bastille Day from the Economic Development Fund. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**Item #9 Authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Hudson River Valley Greenway for Sustainable Piermont Action Plan \$10,000 Grant.**

Mayor Tucker adjourned this to the May 21, 2019 meeting for two reasons; 1. He sent an email to Sylvia Welch asking that if we were to get the \$10,000 could we use \$5,000 for the Complete Street Guide as opposed to designating it for someone else. 2. He is still trying to get clarification on the fact that, according to the way the grant is written, in order to get the \$10,000, we have to come up with \$16,000 of in-kind, which doesn't sound right to him.

**Item #10 Resolution to adopt 2019 Adjusted Base Proportions**

Deputy Mayor Blomquist made a motion to adopt the 2019 Adjusted Base Proportions. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**Item #11 Resolution to adopt the 2019 Tax Warrant**

Trustee Burns made a motion to adopt the 2019 Tax Warrant. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**Item #12 Public Comment**

**John McAvoy, Turning Point-** Requested the Board to move the PAL/Turning Point concert to October 13, 2019 from 12-5 as the last couple of concerts have either been rained out or too hot. He also asked for a waiver of amplified music and a waiver of charging admission funds. He also requested the Pavilion be reserved for this date. They lost too many events in the past on Labor Day. There was one where they made almost \$15,000 and there is no reason they shouldn't be doing that every time for PAL. They will order the show mobile. Chief O'Shea stated The Filling Station will do the food again. He also asked that we closed the Pier road for vehicles that day.

Mayor Tucker stated moving it to Columbus Day weekend is an excellent idea.

Trustee Burns made a motion to hold the PAL/Turning Point concert at the Pavilion on October 13, 2019 and to waive amplified music, waive charging admission fees and close Pier Road to vehicles. The motion was seconded by Trustee Alpert and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**Leandra and Edwin Vazquez, 25 Hester Street – Leandra** stated they noticed the basketball court across from Olar is unkempt. Her husband and son play basketball, but they go to Nyack or New Jersey to play. She posted on Facebook if residents would be willing to take money out of their own pockets, but they would first need to know what the cost would be to renovate the park to put up new basketball hoops, repave and re-stripe it. Her husband suggested it a full court and half-court for kids. There was a lot of interest on her post and some residents are here tonight.

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Mayor Tucker stated he checked with Tom Temple and he is going to work up a quote. Once we have that, he will get it to them and we can take it from there. There is nothing specific in the budget to revitalize the basketball court, so any fundraising they can do would be a plus.

Edwin stated if we can only get one hoop, that would be good too. Leandra stated if we know the quote and then we know how much money needed to fundraise. Mayor Tucker stated we will get the quote.

Edwin stated new hoops, lines, padding on the piping. He doesn't know the integrity of the pipes of old backboard, so if that doesn't have to be replaced, that would save money. Just to have a place for kids to play basketball. There is a neighbor that has hoop in his yard.

Leandra stated the court in Community Center is not any better. It has been re-paved, but it is not as nice for them to play as there is also parking. This is contained, and the space is already allocated for it.

Chief O'Shea suggested, if Tom Temple would like, he can contact the Sheriff's office about their work release program which sends non-dangerous prisoners clean the park/paint, etc. Which might make it easier. And depending on how their concert works and if they raise a lot of money, they would be willing to help out too.

**Mia Monteforte, 8 Hovey** – She is looking to host a photo shoot on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at dusk. She works for an automotive manufacturer. She would like to take photos of vehicles at the end of the Pier. She is bringing 4 or 5 cars this time to the end of the Pier to take photos for a social media post. It will be 2 or 3 retro vehicles and one brand new vehicle.

Village Attorney stated she just needs daily parking permits from the Clerk's office. Mayor Tucker stated she come to Village Clerk's office on Friday and obtain \$15 parking permits per each car and each vehicle registration.

**Ira Steinberg, 623 Piermont Avenue** – He lives across the street from the basketball court. He would even like it swept out every once and while as there are a lot of branches. The dogs in the park is constant. A woman plays there almost every day with her dogs and she also bring her dog into the playgrounds. There is no longer any "this is not a dog park" sign at the basketball court.

Chief O'Shea stated they will be taking care of it.

**Item #9 Executive Session to discuss personnel matter**

Trustee Burns made a motion to enter Executive Session at 8:18pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Alpert and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Burns made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:29pm. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

**Item #10 Adjournment**

Trustee Burns made a motion at 8:30pm 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