

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
November 5, 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.

Mayor Bruce Tucker requested an Executive Session.

**Item #1 – Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Tucker stated the minutes are not ready and will be postponed to November 19, 2019 meeting.

**Item #2 – Approval of Warrant**

Deputy Mayor Blomquist made a motion to approve Warrant #110519 in the amount of \$56,267.83. 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** – Sgt. James Hurley, Officer in Charge, stated the Department is participating in “No Shave November” with proceeds going to cancer research. They received a grant for child safety seats which covers the two certified officers to do seat inspections and funds to purchase seats those who need them. They also received grant money for traffic safety enforcement and are working with the Fire Department to certify drone pilots. Lastly, they are looking into a new parking ticket system. He also reported the PAL concert donations went towards the basketball court and they will be buying a pickle ball setup for the Community Center. Donations are now being accepted for the Thanksgiving baskets for Piermont families in need.

**Building Department** - Building Inspector Charles Schaub handed in his monthly report and had nothing further to report.

**Parks Department** – Dan Sherman was not present. Trustee Burns told the Board Mr. Sherman indicated his willingness to work with the Board and community on the “grassy knoll” area next to 505 Piermont Avenue. There was an issue with the lights on the drawbridge, which has since been resolved and they are charging properly. The four photograph panels are complete and will be installed when the floors are complete.

**Fire Department** – Al Bartley of the Piermont Fire Department was before the Board to discuss the replacement of the aerial ladder truck for the Fire Department. They are estimating the replacement cost to be approximately \$1million and they are suggesting purchasing a Pierce demonstrator truck, which will save taxpayers and allow their firefighter to safely and properly perform their duties. He asked the Board to support their efforts and make a commitment for them to move forward with the purchase of an aerial ladder truck in the near future. Mayor Tucker put this on the agenda for November 19, 2019.

**Item #4 - Old Business**

Village Clerk-Treasurer had no old business to discuss.

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Village Attorney had no old business to discuss.

Mayor Tucker called the Rockland County Drainage agency inquiring when the superfund site would be complete and has not hear back.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Alpert had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Mitchell had no old business to discuss.

**Item# 5 New Business**

Village Clerk-Treasurer distributed the Complus service agreement to the Board last week for the new police ticket scanners. Deputy Mayor Blomquist made a motion to enter into an agreement with Complus for the ticket scanners. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Village Clerk-Treasurer also received a proposal from Connect One Bank for a CD at 1.80% and a Money Market account at 1.5%. They are FDIC insured. Trustee Burns will look into another bank which previously had a CD at 2.2% and report back to the Board.

Mayor Tucker stated he 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 Authorize Village Clerk-Treasurer to Re-Levy unpaid Village property taxes with Rockland County**

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated the re-levy this year totals \$150,869.15.

Trustee Burns made a motion authorizing the Village Clerk-Treasurer to re-levy unpaid Village property taxes with the Rockland County. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**Item #7 7:45pm Public Hearing to Adopt the Local Law #10 of 2019 – A local law to amend the Zoning Law regulate the installation of Solar Panel Devices in the Village of Piermont**

Village Attorney stated we are still waiting to get something from the Planning Board on the height issue that the County commented on.

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to adjourn the public hearing to December 3, 2019. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**Resident Dennis Hardy** asked if this is being modeled after another municipality, what necessitated the need for this and are we requesting a fee from the homeowner?

Trustee Mitchell responded one of the actions we applied for in the Climate Smart Communities Program was to create a Unified Solar Process, which simplifies the process of getting solar to your home. This is boiler plate from the State, but the County commented which our Planning Board also needs to address. Village Attorney stated the typical building permit fee applies.

**Item #8 8:00pm Public Hearing to authorize the sale of right of way in front of 505 Piermont Avenue**

Mayor Tucker gave a background of this property stating the current owner of 505 Piermont Avenue, David Kaliff, approached Building Inspector and himself requesting to purchase the Village right of way in front of his building. The Village ordered an appraisal of this section of property, and it was appraised at \$32,000. On September 17, 2019 this Board passed a resolution to vacate discontinued portion of the Main Street and we are now having a public hearing to authorize the sale. Mr. Kaliff has offered to help develop the “grassy knoll” next to 505 Piermont Avenue into a park, up to \$25,000 with an anonymous donor matching his donation.

Trustee Burns made a motion to open the public hearing at 7:59pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Building Inspector stated the buildings on that side of the Piermont Avenue are already encroached into the Village right of way, but 505 is set back. We are not going to ask everyone to pick up their buildings and move them back.

**Carol Cameron, 549 Piermont Avenue** – Had concerns about the fencing around 505 Piermont Avenue.

**Dennis Hardy, 305 Ash Street** supports the sale of the property.

**Christine Mooney, 1W Lawrence Park Drive** – She suggested a portion of the grassy knoll be portioned off for bicycle parking. Mayor Tucker agreed that would be great idea to include a bicycle rack at the park.

**Anika Johansson, 352 Piermont Avenue** supports the proposal.

**Len Hunt, 20 Broadway** supports the sale of the property and grassy knoll park. He also suggested asking Phil Griffin to donate the other half of the grassy knoll to the Village to make the park bigger.

**Dan Clark, 80 Ash Street** asked what the Village would do with the property if they didn’t sell it? Village Attorney stated this portion is the Village right of way, which we are essentially not using, but in order to sell the property, must be vacated.

**Mitchell Warren, 462 Piermont Avenue** asked if consideration has been made to adding angled parking spaced on this property? Building Inspector stated we cannot block access to his property.

Mayor Tucker stated his support for the sale of the property.

Trustee Burns made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:59pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Burns stated the Board has discussed with counsel what type of deed is required as well as the agreement between Mr. Kaliff and the anonymous donor and that it would be at the Village’s discretion how much of the \$50,000 would be used for the park.

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Trustee Burns made a motion to authorize the Village to draft a contract via the attorney for the property owner which would incorporate the purchase price, the donation to develop the park and contemporaneous agreement for the matching donation. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 2 nays. Trustee Alpert and Trustee Mitchell voted nay.

**Item #9 Public Comment**

**Christine Mooney, 1W Lawrence Park Drive** – Asked if the Board was aware grass lot next to the Official parking is being used for valet parking and is that allowed? Building Inspector spoke with the restaurant owner and property owner, it is not approved on their site plan and is not allowed.

**Kevin Fagan, 590 Piermont Ave** - Asked again about the low hanging Verizon wires on S. Piermont Avenue. Secondly, his water stinks and is a terrible color and asked if the Village can send a letter to Suez. Mayor Tucker stated it is algae and he sent an email to Bill Madden and it this problem is county wide. He also asked Verizon to take down the lead wires and will follow-up again.

Trustee Burns asked Sgt. Hurley how they are monitoring parking at the EV Charging station spot and not using the station? Sgt. Hurley responded it would have to be in our code that it is a violation to park in those spots. They'd have to be designated as specific parking spots. This will be on the November 19, 2019 agenda.

**Ira Steinberg, 623 Piermont Avenue** - He suggested the speed sign be placed in the area by his home. Mayor Tucker responded he will look into getting one of our three signs there.

**Carol Cameron**- Reiterated Mr. Steinberg's request.

**Christine Mooney** - Inquired about the EV charger wattage.

**Mitchell Warren** – Asked what is the Village's procedure for notifying residents of public hearings and agendas. Mayor Tucker responded we post the agenda the Friday before a meeting outside the building, on Facebook and on our website. Village Attorney stated public hearing notices must be posted 10 days prior.

**Item #10 Executive Session**

Trustee Burns made a motion to enter Executive Session at 8:38pm. 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 exit Executive Session at 8:48pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

**Item #11 Adjournment**

Trustee Burns made a motion at 8:48pm 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