

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
October 15, 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**

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes for October 1, 2019. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist 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 10/12/19 EFT to QuickBooks for 2020 Subscription Renewal in the amount of \$2,002.77 and Warrant #101519 in the amount of \$159,708.53 for a grand total of \$161,711.30. 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 stated the LED street light conversion is complete. Further, DPW has completed their portion of the Parelli Park boat ramp, they are still waiting for Village Engineer and the metal fabricator to coordinate on specs. Trustee Alpert inquired whether Tom Temple is still receiving phone calls about the LED lights and Tom Temple responded no and the two complaints in the beginning have been addressed. Resident Carol Cameron inquired if only the streetlights have been converted. Tom Temple responded yes, we are not replacing the flood light fixtures.

**Police Department** – Chief Michael O’Shea was not present.

**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**

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 stated he is still working on a banking policy for the Village.

Trustee Alpert asked the Board to move the pop-up to October 22<sup>nd</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>, the Board agreed. She spoke to the owner of 505 who is not willing to allow the pop-up park, but she indicated the options of for the pop-up as follows: Village property in front of 505 or a combination of the grass strip next to 505 Piermont Ave, “grassy knoll”, and sidewalk in front of Village Hall. The Board discussed the issue. Mayor Tucker supported the popup location at Village Hall and grassy knoll and was in favor of selling the property. Trustee Mitchell supported the popup location and expressed opposition to the sale of adjacent Village property.

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Trustee Alpert expressed support the siting of a pop-up at any of the suggested locations and expressed opposition to the sale of adjacent Village property while Trustee Burns also supported the pop-up location

Trustee Alpert made a resolution to do a pop-up park on the grassy knoll and put some chairs in front of Village Hall. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Burns had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Mitchell had no old business to discuss.

**Item# 5 New Business**

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated she has been contacted by Revise Website Design to design a new inclusive, self-sufficient Village website. Trustee Burns inquired as to the payment options. Village Clerk-Treasurer responded the payment plan would be as follows, \$4,228 for the first three years and \$1,975 for the fourth year or upfront fee of \$8,734.00, which is not budgeted this year. We are also looking to possibly update our tax program to have the ability to take credit cards and pay online. Village Attorney stated these are professional services not subject to public bidding, but it is preferred that you do get other quotes to compare. Trustee Mitchell stated he thought this quote was high. Trustee Alpert asked if Tim Temple was on board with this and Village Clerk-Treasurer responded yes as he brought it to her attention.

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated the Army will be back on the Pier for a physical fitness test on Friday from 6:30am to 8:00am. She further reminded the Board Bike MS and the Scarecrow contest are both happening in the Village on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Tucker stated there have been a couple properties in the Village which have had ongoing garage sales and we have decided to change the code restricting yard/barn sales. Village Attorney stated this will require a local law regulating garage sales, with a limit of two per year and a maximum of two days per sale. Trustee Burns asked how this will affect multi-family homes and Village Attorney responded the law will provide that the residents in the home can get together to count as one sale.

Trustee Burns made a motion to schedule a public hearing for November 19, 2019 to adopt a local law regulating garage sales. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

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 requested permission from the Board to send a letter to Ed Day requesting he looks at allocating open space funds available for distressed properties in Piermont that have been affected by flooding. The Board gave their suggestions and agreed with Trustee Mitchell submitting the letter on behalf of the Board. Trustee Mitchell will also follow-up with Sylvia Welch regarding Village owned properties and privately-owned properties as they relate to the open space funds.

**Item #6 Public Hearing to vacate/discontinue a portion of Main Street (Piermont Avenue) right of way adjacent to 493 and 499 Piermont Avenue**

Mayor Tucker stated this property is an extension of Piermont Avenue that the Village owns that is 10 feet wide and 100 feet long.

Village Attorney stated Village Law (6-612) gives the power to the Board of Trustees for laying out, altering or discontinuing any part of the street in the Village. The procedures listed in 6-614, state once the Board adopts a resolution and gives notice of a hearing on that resolution then the hearing is conducted as any other public hearing. Village Attorney stated this property is shown on the tax maps as an alleyway that is part of Main Street. Village Attorney discussed his research into the deeds on this property and according to the tax rolls, this property is owned by the Village of Piermont.

Trustee Burns made a motion to open the Public Hearing at 8:17pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**Howard Cohen, Attorney for Ki Park, owner of 493 Piermont Avenue**, requested a written opinion, verifying who owns this property. It is their position, as they have been told by the title agency, that they own this property and gave the Board a copy of Schedule A which he believes clearly indicates they are the owners.

Village Attorney and Trustee Burns asked Mr. Cohen if this Title Insurance Company is honoring his claim that his client owns said property? Mr. Cohen responded yes, and Trustee Burns asked him to produce a document from the Title Company indicating same. The discussion continued between Mr. Cohen, Village Attorney and Trustee Burns regarding who owned the property and the position of the title company. Mr. Cohen asked the Board to adjourn this matter so he could get further information from the Title Insurance Company.

Trustee Burns made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing to November 19, 2019 subject to additional information required. The motion was seconded by Trustee Alpert and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 9 ayes.

**Item #7 8:00pm Continuation of 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 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 November 19, 2019. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**Item #12 Public Comment**

**Carol Cameron, resident -** Asked that a speed board be installed on North Piermont Avenue between Ash and the Village line? Mayor Tucker responded he will speak to Tom Temple regarding same.

**Francis Brooke** – Told the Board he had his guns taken away from the County and Piermont PD was copied on the letter from Rockland County court. Mr. Brooke inquired whether the Village Attorney had seen correspondence from Rockland County court which pertained to him, and the Village Attorney responded that he had not.

**Item #13 Executive Session**

Trustee Burns made a motion to enter Executive Session at 8:53pm. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Burns made a motion to exit Executive Session at 9:10pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Alpert and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

**Item #14 Adjournment**

Trustee Burns made a motion at 9:10pm 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