

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
February 18, 2020**

Present: Mayor Bruce Tucker, Deputy Mayor Blomquist, Trustee Rob Burns, Trustee Kelly Ruby, 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 Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes for February 4, 2020. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist 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 #021820 in the amount of \$138,752.14. 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 handed in his January report to the Board. The Parelli Park Boat ramp is complete, and he will submit the numbers to the Clerk in the morning for the grant reimbursement. They are going to move forward with re-paving the second half of the Pier as part of the Multi-Modal grant. They are working with the Scheffold family to raise the Scheffold memorial at the Pier. Mayor Tucker stated we received final approval for the Multi-Modal Grant (\$215,000) to re-pave the center section of the pier and do plantings on the Pier.

**Police Department** – Chief Hurley turned in his mid-month report. Officer Leuthner has returned to duty. Detective Boutros has been nominated to receive an award from the County for excellent police service for the second year in a row. They are looking to expand children's activities at PAL.

**Building Department** - Building Inspector Charles Schaub updated the Board on 80 Tate Avenue stating a contractor went into the home and advised it either needed to be demolished or major structural renovation. He is trying to get the homeowner to either demolish or remodel the home on their own. Village Attorney and Mayor Tucker discussed the process of moving forward with demolition of the house. Building Inspector and Village Attorney will discuss how they will begin this process.

**Parks Department** – Dan Sherman was before the Board for the Piermont Dog Park. They have requested to host a dog walk at the Pavilion on June 14th from 10am-1pm. They are requesting a waiver of the \$300 Pavilion rental fee. This is a privately funded park, no Village contributions. The Board discussed. Mayor Tucker made a motion to waive the \$300 Pavilion rental fee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

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

**Item #4 - Old Business**

Village Clerk-Treasurer informed the Board Brooker Engineering is working on the MS4 grant and billed over their initial contract of \$11,850.00 by \$2,389.00. In order to submit for grant reimbursement, we must pay the remaining balance of \$2,389.00, which she asked the Board to approve. Highway Superintendent Tom Temple advised the Board this is the County Mapping Grant and whatever we do not submit in this grant round, we can submit in Round 15. The Board discussed that Brooker Engineering should not be billing over their contracted amount and Village Attorney stated he will add that into any future contract with them. Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve the overage of \$2,389.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ruby and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Village Attorney had no old business to discuss.

Mayor Tucker suggested they increase the dockage fee from \$250 to \$1,000 per day. Trustee Mitchell noted also raising the second dockage day accordingly. The Board discussed. Trustee Burns made a motion to increase the dockage fee to \$1,000 for the first day and \$1,000 for each day thereafter plus interest if not paid. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Ruby had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Burns had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Mitchell had no old business to discuss.

**Item# 5 New Business**

Village Clerk-Treasurer informed the Board this year there are \$2,169 earmarked for Piermont PD from the Stop DWI Grant. Trustee Mitchell made a motion to authorize Mayor Tucker to sign the agreement to participate in the Stop DWI Grant. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

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 Ruby had no new business to discuss.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist had no new business to discuss.

Trustee Mitchell informed of new members/positions on the Waterfront Resiliency Commission. Trustee Mitchell made a motion to authorize the Mayor to appoint Rod Johnson as Commissioner for Land Use Planning, Raymond Fusco as Member at Large and redesignate Usha Write as Member at Large of Waterfront Resiliency Commission. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**Item #6 Resolution to approve spending of donated funds for “Ash Street Plaza”**

The funds have not yet been received from either donor. The property closing of the old Gerhardt's will not go through until the funds donated from the new owner (\$25,000) are received in escrow.

Trustee Burns made a motion to approve spending of donated funds for “Ash Street Plaza”. 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 amend the Village Code to reflect changes in the Village of Piermont Schedule of fees**

Village Attorney stated included in this code change is fee increases for Pavilion rental, filming fees and parking fees (which now included a range, ex. \$0-\$125).

Trustee Burns made a motion to open the public hearing at 8:00pm. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**Public Comment**

None.

Trustee Burns made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:02pm. 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 amend the Village Code to reflect changes in the Village of Piermont Schedule of fees as set forth. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

***RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF PIERMONT BOARD OF TRUSTEES***

***STATE OF NEW YORK***

***COUNTY OF ROCKLAND: VILLAGE OF PIERMONT***

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***In the Matter of the amendment to Chapter 102 (“Fees”) and Chapter 105 (Filming”), and Chapter 190 (“Vehicle and Traffic”) of the Code of the Village of Piermont.***

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***WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Piermont has noticed a Public Hearing in regard to amendments of the Village Code with respect to the fees and fines relating to the use of Village facilities and parking tickets within the Village of Piermont;***

***WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on the adoption of these proposed amendments to the Village Code were held by the Village Board at its regularly scheduled meeting held on February 18, 2020;***

***WHEREAS, at least 10 days prior to the Public Hearing notification of same was published in the Rockland County Journal News pursuant to Village Code requirements;***

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby establishes itself as the Lead Agency for the purpose of review of the proposed action under the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and determines that the action is a Type II action under SEQRA, in that the proposal to amend the fee & fine schedule for the Village of Piermont constitutes a legislative act to amend existing regulations in the Piermont Village Code; and that the amendments at issue, mainly administrative fees and fines related modifications to in the local law, have no significant impact (adverse or otherwise) on the environment based on the criteria contained in NYCRR 617.7(c) and NYCRR 617.5(c)(27)), and is therefore not subject to review under SEQRA .***

*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village the Board of Trustees adopts the amendments to Section 102 (“Fees”), Chapter 105 (Filming”), and Chapter 190 (“Vehicle and Traffic”) of the Code of the Village of Piermont.*

*This resolution was adopted by a unanimous resolution of the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting of the Board on February 18, 2020.*

**Item #8 Public Comment**

Margaret Grace informed the Board she has a 36’ boat and she pays \$250/night to dock her boat. She agrees that \$1,000 is reasonable for a commercial vessel dock at the end of the Pier.

**Item #9 Executive Session**

Trustee Burns made a motion to enter Executive Session at 8:04pm. 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 8:11 pm. 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.

**Miscellaneous**

Trustee Burns made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement as per Resolution below. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

***RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF PIERMONT BOARD OF TRUSTEES***

***RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement, in a form approved by the Village Attorney, to retain Assistant Village Attorney Lino J. Sciarretta, Esq., of Montalbano, Condon & Frank, P.C., 67 N. Main Street, New City, NY 10956 to represent the respondents, Village of Piermont, the Village Zoning Board of Appeals and Charles Schaub, in his capacity as Building Inspector, in the Article 78 proceeding filed by petitioner, 632 River Road, LLC, in Rockland County Supreme Court, at a blended rate of \$200 per hour.***

***Mr. Sciarretta shall bill the Village on a monthly basis. All work performed shall be clearly itemized.***

***This resolution was adopted by a unanimous resolution of the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting of the Board on February 18, 2020.***

**Item #10 Adjournment**

Trustee Burns made a motion at 8:18pm 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 Maher  
Clerk-Treasurer