

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
February 4, 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 January 7, 2020. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist so carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Tucker abstained as he was not at the January 21, 2020 meeting.

Item #2 – Approval of Warrant

Deputy Mayor Blomquist made a motion to approve Warrant #020420 in the amount of \$29,242.76. 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 Hurley handed in his full January report to the Board. Further, all officers are all currently doing in-service training, which is a 4-day course with the Rockland County Police Academy. The ticket scanners have been active for about two weeks. Basketball and pickleball are going well at PAL. Trustee Burns asked Chief Hurley if there is a change of policy in ticketing at The Landing as someone was ticketed parking in the Fire Zone. Chief Hurley responded there is no policy change, but they have been receiving an increase in complaints of people parking in the fire zones on the cul-de-sac.

Building Department - Building Inspector Charles Schaub had nothing to report.

Parks Department – Dan Sherman was not present.

Fire Department – Trustee Mitchell, on behalf of the Fire Department, stated in 2019 the Fire Department responded to 123 fire calls and 242 other emergency calls. Total amount of hours for calls and training was just over 10,000 hours.

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 had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Ruby 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

Village Clerk-Treasurer reminded the Board of a Grand View on Hudson zoning law amendment for review as well as an application for new Fire Department member, Noah Weiss for review if they wish.

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 requested as part of the Rockland County Open Space buyout program to submit a nomination form with supporting material for 93 Paradise Avenue. Trustee Mitchell made a motion to submit the nomination form with supporting material for 93 Paradise Avenue as part of the Rockland County Open Space buyout program. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #6 Review request from Piermont Oyster House and Grill Inc. to waive 30-day wait period for Liquor License

Danny Gruber, 35 Gair Street told the Board about his plans with the new restaurant.

Trustee Burns made a motion to waive the 30-day wait period for Liquor License for Piermont Oyster House. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #7 Discussion with NY Boat Charter regarding docking at the Piermont Pier in 2020

NY Boat Charter reminded the Board they had a trial with The Royal Princess on 9/22/19 and it worked out well. They would like to offer this as an option to people to use them for a private charter and she can set up dockage through the Village. They believe this would be for special event parties, not dinner cruises. Trustee Burns and Mayor Tucker reminded her that of the Board's previous stipulation and concern of charterer's not driving on the Pier, rather using a bus.

Dennis Whitton, Pier 701, stated his concern of the competition of another restaurant. NY Boat Charter responded they are not a restaurant, but a private charter company and they are not looking to compete.

Hank Hvorka, for Chamber of Commerce, suggested they should pay fee in lieu of parking fees on top of dockage. The Chamber does not support this unless they pay the FILOP fees.

Rich Banfield voiced his concern for the noise and traffic on the Pier this could bring.

A resident asked if there would be a maximum number of times they could charter from the Pier? Mayor Tucker stated the Board would be looking at this.

Dennis Hardy stated he is not sure this is something the residents want for the Pier.

Mayor Tucker responded one of the aspects of the LWRP was to increase river usage as a recreational device, but he understands the sensitivity.

Confetti's voiced parking concerns and taking business away from other restaurants.

Margaret Grace voiced her support for this opportunity, occasionally, and reminded the board of the previous applicant who wanted to ferry patrons to Piermont allowing them to enjoy shops and restaurants.

Item #8 Discussion with Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc. presence in Piermont for education purposes in 2020

Logistics Coordinator and two Captains from Clearwater were before the Board to discuss upcoming docking in May and June. They invited Board members aboard when they are docked at the Pier. Mayor Tucker and the Captains discussed why Clearwater is no longer docking at Alpine. Chief Hurley stated he has no concerns with Clearwater and they have been good to work with in the past. Mayor Tucker asked for more advance notice of docking going forward. He further suggested they come meet with a few Board Members.

Item #9 Complete Street Presentation by Dan Suraci of Urban Cycling Solutions

Dan Suraci of Urban Cycling Solutions gave a presentation to the Board of the outcomes of the Complete Streets Workshop that took place in April 2019 and the complete streets development action plan. Mr. Suraci stated that the concept of Complete Street is a street for every scale of user. Mayor Tucker will post the Action Plan online. Residents voiced their concerns over bringing more bicyclists to the Village with this plan. Mr. Suraci responded they are coming, and he wants to help the Village capitalize on them coming to the Village, stopping, shopping/eating.

Item #10 Discussion with Dan Sherman on cost and placement of five fitness stations on the Piermont Pier

Dan Sherman, Parks Commission, presented the Board with a proposal to place five fitness stations on the Northside of the Pier between the benches and the trees estimating \$4,602. He added this is a way to enhance the utility of the Piermont Park.

Nata Traub, 121 Crescent Road, she suggested to place the stations somewhere other than the Pier. She asked why place it on the Pier? Trustee Burns responded the equipment is durable, people walking on the Pier can use the equipment if they choose.

Ray Fusco, 693 Rt. 9W, is opposed to the proposal on the Pier and believes this would increase problems and chaos.

Stacey Schlein, 23 Hartz Terrace, she expressed her concern of insurance liability. Trustee Burns stated it is the same as our playgrounds.

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated the insurance estimate for the equipment would be \$290 for the year, but it can increase based on the number of people using the equipment.

Paul Kaden, 321 Hudson Terrace, asked why the Pier and why at all?

Rosie Dixon, Tappan, is opposed to this proposal.

Laurie, Ferdon Avenue, is opposed to this proposal.

Christine Moonie 1W Lawrence Park, was concerned about cushioning around the stations. She further suggested planting more/replacing trees on the Pier.

Bob Samuels, is opposed to this proposal.

Dennis Hardy, is opposed to this proposal.

Klaus Jacob, 106 Paradise Avenue, is opposed to this proposal.

The Village Clerk received emails and letters opposing the proposal from several residents; Bob Samuels, Karen Brown, Robin Roppo, Sonia Ahn, Barbara Riso, Karen Hediger, Alexis Starke and Tammy & Peter Kuiper

Trustee Burns withdrew his proposal to place fitness stations on the Pier.

Lee Vasquez stated she is in favor of making this better and the two playgrounds/parks are in need of repair and suggested keeping this on the baseball field.

Item #11 Review Brooker Engineering Fees for 2020

Mayor Tucker made a motion to accept the 2020 rate. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #12 Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intermunicipal Procurement Shared Services and Collaboration Agreement with the County of Rockland

Village Attorney stated this enables municipalities to share equipment.

Trustee Burns made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into an Intermunicipal Procurement Shared Services and Collaboration Agreement with the County of Rockland. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ruby and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #13 Review Pier Dock Usage Policy

The Board discussed and decided to put this over to a future meeting.

Steve Silverberg suggested they be cautious if they decide to open dockage to Commercial.

A resident suggested they look at the LWRP Harbor Management Plan when reviewing this.

A resident Barbara Scheulen expressed her concern over party boats (especially at night) and her opposition.

Item #14 Review proposed Building Department fees

Building Inspector proposed to increase CO search fees and Fee in Lieu of Park Land (increase to \$9,000 for a subdivision). He also proposed to change the definition of a cellar.

Building Inspector, Trustee Mitchell and Village Attorney discussed the proposed definition changed to cellar as a code change. Village Attorney will draft the code change for review.

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Trustee Mitchell made a motion to schedule a public hearing regarding the subdivision fee for March 3, 2020. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #15 \$1,065,000.00 Bond Resolution for new Pierce Ascendant 107' Aerial Fire Truck

Mayor Tucker asked if we can pay down the Bond from the money received from the sale of the old truck? Village Clerk-Treasurer stated yes.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist made a motion to Bond for \$1,065,000.00 for new Pierce Ascendant 107' Fire Truck. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #16 Public Comment

Resident Christine Moonie asked if there can be a handicap access be put in to get to the boardwalk at Parelli Park? Mayor Tucker will speak to Highway Superintendent Tom Temple regarding same.

Item #17 Executive Session to discuss personnel matter

Trustee Burns made a motion to enter Executive Session at 9:14pm. 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 9:30 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.

Item #18 Adjournment

Trustee Burns made a motion at 9:31pm 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 Maher
Clerk-Treasurer