

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
January 21, 2020

Present: Deputy Mayor Blomquist, Trustee Rob Burns, Trustee Kelly Ruby, Trustee Nate Mitchell, Village Attorney Walter Sevastian, Esq. and Jennifer DeYorgi Maher, Village Clerk-Treasurer.

Not present: Mayor Tucker

Deputy Mayor Blomquist 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 Trustee Ruby and so carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #2 – Approval of Warrant

Deputy Mayor Blomquist made a motion to approve Warrant #012120 in the amount of \$97,388.57. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #3 – Department Reports

Department of Public Works - Highway Superintendent Tom Temple informed the board they collected 2.53 tons of Christmas trees this season. For 2019 they collected the following: 764 tons of garbage, which was down 26 tons from 2018; 210 tons of recycling, up 12 tons from 2018; 106 tons of bulk' 21.37 brush and 7.82 tons of metal; and 79.12 tons of leaves vacuumed and 11.5 tons of bagged leaves.

Police Department – Chief Hurley handed in his mid-January report to the report. The state conducted an audit to ensure their computers were at proper security, which they passed. They will be implementing the ticket scanners Friday. PAL was donated a foosball table and the website has been updated with the upcoming programs.

Building Department - Building Inspector Charles Schaub was not present.

Parks Department – Dan Sherman informed the Board they are planning to make improvements to Half Moon Park this Spring, the Rockland Road Bridge Park will be completed soon, and they are also working on a fitness station program along the Pier which he will bring up at the next meeting. The Paws on the Pier event is scheduled for June 14, 2020. He stated the permit parking restrictions at the pavilion are difficult for people only wanting to only use the dog park and they are thinking of solutions. A memorial bench was placed at the end of the pier leaving 4 available memorial benches. Trustee Burns requested the lights on the tree's downtown be left on later in the year.

Fire Department – Daniel Goswick, Jr. informed the Board the dive equipment has been delivered and they have been training with same. He invited the Board to come to the South Orangetown pool to see the new dive equipment the Village has purchased in action. Their new firehouse website is also up and running.

Item #4 - Old Business

Village Clerk-Treasurer had no old business to discuss.

Village Attorney had no old business to discuss.

Mayor Tucker was not present.

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 had no new business to discuss.

Mayor Tucker was not present.

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 had no new business to discuss.

Item #6 Presentation to Michael O'Shea

Deputy Mayor Blomquist stated this will be postponed and put on a future agenda.

Item #7 7:45pm Public Hearing to Adopt the Local Law #2 of 2020 – A local law to amend the Zoning Law regulate installation of Solar Panel Devices in the Village of Piermont

Village Attorney stated as part of the Climate Smart Community Certification, there was a request that we adopt regulations of solar energy in the Village. Upon referring this legislation to the County and Planning Board, they both had comments, and this is the final product.

Trustee Burns made a motion to open the public hearing at 7:48pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Public Comment:

Carol Cameron, 549 Piermont Avenue – She applied through SunRun to install solar panels on January 2, 2020. She asked if the Building Department was waiting on this public hearing to give an approval? Village Attorney stated he did not believe so.

Trustee Burns made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:49pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Burns made a motion to adopt the Legislation as granted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 4 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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***A local law to amend the Zoning Code
of the Village of Piermont, to regulate the installation of
Solar Energy Panel devices under the Piermont Village Code.***
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WHEREAS, *the Village Board of the Village of Piermont has noticed a Public Hearing with regard to an amendment of the Zoning Code to provide a regulatory procedure to under the Zoning Code for the installation of Solar Panel devices;*

WHEREAS, *Public Hearings on the adoption of these proposed amendments to the Zoning Code was held on September 17, 2019 and January 21, 2020;*

WHEREAS, *at least 10 days prior to the initial Public Hearing notification of same was published in the Rockland County Journal News pursuant to Village Law 7-706(1);*

WHEREAS, *at least 10 days prior to the public hearing referrals of the proposed amendments to the Zoning Code were furnished to various parties pursuant to Village Law Section 7-706 (2)(a), (b), (c), (d);*

WHEREAS, *at least 60 days prior to the public hearing referrals of the proposed amendments to the Zoning Code were furnished to the Village of Piermont Planning Board for review and comment;*

WHEREAS, *At least 30 days before prior to the initial Public Hearing a referral was made to the Rockland County Planning Department (including the Notice of Public Hearing, the proposed law, affected sections of the Village Code, the EAF & materials necessary to determine Environmental significance), pursuant to G.M.L. Section 239-m;*

WHEREAS, *the Village Board of Trustees had made and published initial SEQRA review of the proposed amendments and found as follows:*

1. *That the proposed Zoning Code amendment was a “Type I” action, but only constituted the adoption of a regulation, policy, or procedure in a local legislative decision with no effect on the environment (NYCRR 617.5(c)(27)).*
2. *That the proposed Zoning Code amendment did not involve a Federal agency (NYCRR §617.6[a][1][ii]).*
3. *That the proposed Zoning Code amendment did not involve one or more other agencies (NYCRR §617.6[a][1][iii]); since an “Involved Agency” is defined by NYCRR §617.2[s] as an agency that has jurisdiction by law to fund, approve or directly undertake an action.*
4. *That the proposed Zoning Code amendment was preliminarily classified as a Type I action subject to SEQRA (and presumed to require an EIS), but that the nature of the zoning*

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code amendments was to regulate the installation of solar panel devices without any specific project in mind – thereby not resulting in any site specific project to analyze.

5. *That the proposed Zoning Code amendment was not located within an agricultural district (NYCRR §617.6[a][6]).*

6. *That it was the intention of the Village Board of Trustees to establish 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);*

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 makes the following findings under NYCRR §617.7[c] with respect to the impact of the of the proposed amendment to the Zoning Code and its magnitude:

a. *That the Board has reviewed the EAF prepared in relation to the proposed amendments to the Zoning Code with a view to identifying potential environmental concerns.*

b. *That the proposed amendment to the Zoning Code Zoning Code merely constitutes the adoption of a regulation, policy, or procedure in a local legislative decision with no effect on the environment (NYCRR 617.5(c)), and although a Type I Action under SEQRA, the Village Board issues a Negative Declaration under SEQRA, no further action is required under SEQRA since the mere regulation of solar panel installations will have no adverse impact on the environment.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village the Board of Trustees adopts Local Law #2 of 2020 as drafted.

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous resolution of the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting of the Board on January 21, 2020.

Item #8 8:00pm Public Hearing 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program

Village Attorney stated this is a consortium of municipalities within the County of Rockland of which the Village is a part of but doesn't meet the target income.

Trustee Burns made a motion to open the public hearing at 7:53pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Public Comment:

None.

Trustee Burns made a motion to open the public hearing at 7:54pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #9 Review results of Bid Opening for Ladder Fire Rescue Truck

Deputy Mayor Blomquist stated one bid was received from Pierce for \$1,036,967. They also included a discount schedule which was reviewed.

Al Bartley, on behalf of the Fire Department, stated they are pleased with that bid. Village Clerk-Treasurer stated Pierce requires a signed contract on or before February 1, 2020.

Trustee Mitchell made a resolution to approve the only bid for the aerial ladder truck. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #10 Presentation recapping the Neighborhood Liaisons Project

Bennett Brooks and Kristen Marsales with the DEC gave a presentation to the Board of their January 6, 2020 report summarizing their workshops with Liaisons and residents from Bogertown, The Patch, Lower Creek and the Marina and the importance of same.

Liaisons Leslie Horn, Marjorie Derven and Mark Silberstein discussed the concerns in their neighborhoods and asked for the Village's support.

Mr. Brooks advised he spoke with his funder and they will be giving a follow up grant for this project.

Trustee Mitchell stated the most important part of this process is having an open dialog with the residents and requested a public workshop open to all residents in those neighborhoods to talk about their experience, challenges, etc.

Trustee Burns asked about funding. Kristen Marsales advised of available grants. Trustee Mitchell stated the Rebuild Mother Nature Bond Initiative Proposal is meant to deal with those issues as well.

Item #11 Review proposed Building Department fees

Village Attorney will speak to Building Inspector Schaub (who was not present) and propose a resolution to the Board in the future.

Item #12 Request from Gran Fondo New York to hold their annual bike event on Sunday, May 17, 2020

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated every year we receive their application and they are requesting May 17, 2020. Chief Hurley stated they will come through the Village in the morning for about 2 hours.

Trustee Burns made a motion to approve Gran Fondo New York's request to hold their annual bike event on May 17, 2020. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #13 Public Comment

None.

Item #16 Adjournment

Trustee Burns made a motion at 8:34pm to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeYorgi,
Clerk-Treasurer