

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 7, 2020

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

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

As a result of the Village Election, the Village Clerk Treasurer Jennifer DeYorgi Maher administered the Oath of Office to **Mayor Bruce Tucker** for a term to expire on December 31, 2021.

As a result of the Village Election, Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office to **Trustee Mark Blomquist and Trustee Kelly Ruby** for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2022.

Mayor hereby appoints **MARK BLOMQUIST** as Deputy Mayor for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2021. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and was so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor hereby appoints **KELLY RUBY** as Trustee for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2022. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and was so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor hereby appoints **HANNAH ROSS** Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2021. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and was so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **WALTER SEVASTIAN** as Village Attorney for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2021. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and was so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor hereby appoints **LINO SCIARRETTA** as Assistant Village Attorney for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2021. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor hereby appoints **HEIDI SPITZER** as Associate Village Justice for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2021. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and was so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor hereby appoints **BRIAN KENNEY** to serve as Village Assessor/Consultant for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2021. The motion was seconded by Mitchell and was so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **BROOKER ENGINEERING** to serve as Village Engineer for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2021. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and was so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **JENNIFER DEYORGI MAHER** as Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2021. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and was carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office.

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Mayor hereby appoints **HANNAH ROSS** as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2021. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **DANIEL SPITZER** as Chairperson of the Planning Board for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2021. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor hereby appoints **JERRY WARSHAW** as Member of the Planning Board for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **ED NELSON** as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2021. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **ANNIKA JOHANSSON** as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2021. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **USHA WRIGHT** as Chairperson to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2021. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **ROD GREENWOOD** as Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2021. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **ROCHELLE SPOONER** as Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2021. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor appoints the following as Liaisons to Village Departments:

Deputy Mayor Blomquist: Police Department
Trustee Ruby: Clerks Office, Building Department, Chamber of Commerce
Trustee Burns: Justice Court, Parks, Land-Use Boards
Trustee Mitchell: Fire Department, DPW

Resolution by Mayor Tucker, seconded by Trustee Mitchell and was so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby designates **THE JOURNAL NEWS** as the official newspaper for the Village of Piermont. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby designates **M & T BANK, STERLING NATIONAL BANK, MBIA CLASS and CONNECT ONE BANK** as the official depositories for the Village of Piermont. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

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Mayor hereby designates the following as the official locations for posting of notices for the Village of Piermont:

Village of Piermont Village Hall
Canzona's Market
Railroad Station
Piermont Post Office
Piermont Library
M & T Bank
Eleanor Stroud Skating Pond
Official Village of Piermont website
Official Village of Piermont Facebook page

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor Tucker made a motion to **designate the Board of Trustee Meetings the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm as the regular meeting days**. The Board reserves the right to re-visit the schedule with advanced notice as it sees fit to reschedule meetings. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays

Mayor hereby appoints **DAN GOSWICK** as Chairperson of the Harbor Commission for a term to expire at Reorganization of January 2021. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist, and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **DAN SHERMAN** as Chairperson of the Piermont Parks Commission for a term to expire at Reorganization of January 2021. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and was so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor hereby appoints **KLAUS JACOB** as member (Commissioner of Science and Strategy) of the Waterfront Resiliency Commission for a three-year term to expire at Reorganization of January 2023. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **DANIEL GOSWICK** as member (Commissioner of Emergency Management) of the Waterfront Resiliency Commission for a three-year term to expire at Reorganization of January 2023. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **SYLVIA WELCH** as member (Commissioner of Funding and Development) of the Waterfront Resiliency Commission for a three-year term to expire at Reorganization of January 2023. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **MARK SILBERSTEIN** as member (Commissioner of Outreach and Engagement) of the Waterfront Resiliency Commission for a three-year term to expire at Reorganization of January 2023. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **USHA WRIGHT** as member (Commissioner of Land Use Planning) of the Waterfront Resiliency Commission for a three-year term to expire at Reorganization of January 2023. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

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Mayor hereby appoints **NATE MITCHELL** as Chairperson of the Waterfront Resiliency Commission for a term to expire at Reorganization of January 2021. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office.

Adoption of Procurement Policy for the Village of Piermont

Adoption of Workplace Violence Policy for the Village of Piermont

Adoption of Sexual Harassment and Diversity Training Policies

Adoption of Disaster Preparedness Emergency Policy for the Village of Piermont

Adoption of Bloodborne Pathogens Policy for the Village of Piermont

Adoption of Employee Layoff/Staff Reduction Procedure for the Village of Piermont

Adoption of HazCom Policy for the Village of Piermont

Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve the Village policies as currently existing, effective for the official year 2020-2021. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Pier Dock Usage Policy for the Village of Piermont

Mayor Tucker adjourned this to the February 4, 2020 agenda.

Annual Review of Village Fines and Fees

Deputy Mayor Blomquist made a motion to accept the fines and fees for 2020. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

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Item #29 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

Deputy Mayor Blomquist made a motion to approve the minutes for December 17, 2019. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays. Trustee Ruby abstained as she was not a trustee at the last meeting.

Item #30 – Approval of Warrant

Deputy Mayor Blomquist made a motion to approve Warrant #010720 in the amount of \$65,544.25. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #31 – Department Reports

Department of Public Works - Highway Superintendent Tom Temple was not present.

Police Department – Chief Hurley informed the Board PO Smith is completing his training. The Department is in good shape for bail reform, computers and forms have been updated and officers have been trained. PAL golf and basketball is available for online registration, and the holiday baskets were a great success.

Building Department - Building Inspector Charles Schaub will hand in his report at the next meeting. Mayor Tucker asked the status of 90 Tate? Building Inspector stated the owner has not responded. Village Attorney stated it must now come before the Board with a cost estimate, and if they see fit, can secure the premises or engage a contractor to take it down and put the costs on the property owner as part of the tax levy. But, if the taxes get relieved, the County will not reimburse for those costs.

Parks Department – Dan Sherman had no report to give at this time.

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

Item #32 - Old Business

Village Clerk-Treasurer received the annual license agreement from the Town of Ramapo and requested the Board's approval for the Mayor to sign same to allow our officers to use their firing range. Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approving Mayor to sign the agreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Village Attorney had no old business to discuss.

Mayor Tucker had no old business to discussion.

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# 33 New Business

Village Clerk-Treasurer had no new business to discuss.

Village Attorney had no new business to discuss.

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Trustee Burns had no new business to discuss.

Mayor Tucker was approached by the Empire Hose secretary today who indicated according to their new bi-laws, any new applicants have to be approve/rejected by Village Board or the Board takes no action. Trustee Mitchell will send the new bi-laws to Village Attorney and will discuss during Old Business at a future meeting.

Village Attorney 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 #34 Other non-agenda items

None

Item #35 7:45pm Public Hearing to amend Vehicle and Traffic regulations in the Village Code to prohibit a right turn on red at the intersection of Piermont Avenue and Paradise Avenue

Mayor Tucker reminded the Board this amendment is prohibiting right on red from Ferdon to Paradise.

Trustee Burns made a motion to open the public hearing at 7:36pm. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Public Comment

Toby Dashbach, 405 Gair Street, asked why this is being considered. Mayor Tucker stated due to the park and complaints received of people not stopping at the red light. Mr. Dashbach is opposed to this amendment. He doesn't believe making this change will decrease the risk of someone getting hit from the park and wanted to know if any traffic studies were done on this area. He further believes that the Paradise Avenue on-street parking in a bigger issue. Mayor Tucker invited him to a traffic committee meeting.

Trustee Burns made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:45pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the amendment to Vehicle Traffic regulations in the Village Code to prohibit a right turn on red at the intersection of Piermont Avenue and Paradise Avenue. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #36 Presentation recapping the Neighborhood Liaisons Project

Trustee Mitchell gave the Board a 2019 review packet and this will further be discussed at the next meeting.

Item #37 Resolution authorizing the Mayor to update Employee Letters of Understanding for the Calendar Year 2020

Trustee Burns made a motion authorizing the Mayor to update Employee Letters of Understanding for the Calendar Year 2020. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #38 Review proposed Building Department Fees

Building Inspector stated, for a subdivision, Town of Orangetown is currently charging \$9,000 for Fee in Lieu of Parkland and he suggested we do the same. Second, he suggested to increase the violation search fee to \$250 base plus \$50 for each unit above two units. Village Attorney will compare a couple municipalities and will bring it up in old business at the next meeting.

Item #39 Review and authorize Village Clerk to sign agreement of acknowledgement of donation of Grace Knowlton Sculpture to the Village of Piermont

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to authorize Village Clerk to sign agreement of acknowledgement of donation of Grace Knowlton Sculpture to the Village of Piermont. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ruby and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #38 Public Comment

Carol Cameron asked with the Traffic Committee meets. She suggested a mirror at the bank. Trustee Ruby said she would get a meeting schedule to her.

Item #39 Executive Session to discuss personnel matter

Trustee Burns made a motion to enter Executive Session at 8:04pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:32 pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Item #40 Adjournment

Trustee Burns made a motion at 8:36pm 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
Clerk-Treasurer