

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
March 3, 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.

**Executive Session**

Trustee Burns made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:10pm. 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 7:33pm. 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.

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

**Item #1 – Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Trustee Burns made a motion to approve the minutes for February 18, 2020. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell 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 #030320 in the amount of \$35,783.66. 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 was not present.

**Police Department** – Chief Hurley gave the Board their February activity report. The Department has upgraded their firearms. They are also developing an Emergency Response Program with the school and are hoping to have a drill set up soon. PAL basketball is going great, the website has been updated and golf will be starting soon. Chief Hurley thanked the Fire Department and members of the Village who attended the Polar Plunge this weekend and supported his daughter and his family.

**Building Department** - Building Inspector Charles Schaub will submit his written report.

**Parks Department** – Dan Sherman was not present.

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

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**Item #4 - Old Business**

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated the New York Charter Boat Cruise is looking to cruise/dock on June 11<sup>th</sup>, sailing at 6:30pm, with the County Executive and County Chambers. Passengers will park in Lot D and a bus would take them to the boat at the end of the pier. The boat is scheduled to return at 9:30pm and they would pay \$1,000 dockage fee. Mayor Tucker is in favor. Trustee Burns made a motion to authorize NY Charter Boat Cruise to dock at the Pier on June 11, 2020. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Village Attorney asked the Board to adopt a motion to modify to Building Code CO search Fee Schedule for 2020. Trustee Burns made a motion to adopt the resolution to modify the Building Code CO Search Fee Schedule for 2020. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Village Attorney stated there was also a modification of the Subdivision Law proposed for an increase in the Fee in Lieu of providing park land from \$5,000 to \$9,000, which has been referred to Planning and adjacent Municipalities under GML. Trustee Mitchell made a motion to schedule a public hearing for April 21, 2020 for a modification to the Subdivision Law proposed for an increase in the fee in Lieu of providing Park Land from \$5,000 to \$9,000. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Further, Village Attorney sent out the request to add “cellar” to the gross FAR calculations to the Planning Board for review and feedback.

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.

Trustee Burns had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Mitchell had no old business to discuss.

**Item# 5 New Business**

Village Clerk-Treasurer sent a cost-benefit analysis for a rated v. unrated fire truck issue of the Bond from Beth Ferguson and the Board needs to decide if the Bond will have a full official statement or unofficial statement, without a rating. Unrated costs less initially, but the interest rate could be higher, which is their recommendation. This decision needs to be made when we go out to Bond in June.

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 informed the Board he will be meeting with Officer Leuthner tomorrow to begin initial PBA discussions.

Trustee Mitchell Sparkill Creek Watershed Alliance is looking to bring people in from the State to remove the water chestnuts. He asked them to make sure they have permission from all appropriate parties involved. Trustee Mitchell made a motion to give permission to Sparkill Creek Watershed Alliance to bring in staff to remove water chestnuts from the Creek. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ruby and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**Item #6 Resolution to authorize the Building Department to commence proceedings under Chapter 78 of the Village Code to remove the unsafe building located at 80 Tate Avenue**

Mayor Tucker reminded the Board this is a house in extreme disrepair and gave the Board pictures. Building Inspector gave a background of the procedure leading up to this with the homeowner. Village Attorney stated section 78 in our code allows the Village to compel an owner to fix the property or tear it down or let the Village do it. Village Attorney informed the Board of the specific procedure to do same.

Trustee Burns made a motion to authorize the Building Department to commence proceedings under Chapter 78 of the Village Code to remove the unsafe building locate at 80 Tate Avenue. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**Item #7 Review proposal from Rich Zuckerman to assist the Village with the upcoming Police negotiations**

Mayor Tucker made a motion to accept the proposal from Rich Zuckerman to assist the Village with upcoming Police negotiations. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**Item #8 Review Tax Assessor Grievance recommendations**

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to accept the Tax Assessor Grievance recommendations. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**Item #9 Public Comment**

**Kevin Fagan** – Concerned about postcards from a nail salon in Norwood being placed on windshield's last week, then said postcards littering the street when people don't want them. This has happened more than once, maybe not the same place, is this considered soliciting? Village Attorney stated if it happens again, he should bring the card to the Clerk's Office, she will send it to him, and he will send the place a letter saying they cannot do it.

**Item #10 Adjournment**

Trustee Burns made a motion at 7:57pm 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