

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
November 17, 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.

NOTE: On March 7, 2020, in Executive Order No. 202.1, Governor Cuomo suspended certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law to permit a Village Board to meet and take actions authorized by law without permitting in public in-person access and authorizing such meeting to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed. The Village will be activating a remote meeting platform for the Tuesday, November 17, 2020 Village Board meeting, which will enable residents to watch a livestream of the meeting on the “Village of Piermont” Facebook Page - in compliance with the Executive Order.

Please be advised that comments and/or questions may be submitted via email to the Village Clerk no later than 1:00 pm on November 17, 2020, at the email address clerk@piermont-ny.gov. The Village Board will also be monitoring the Facebook livestream feed, which will enable the public to submit questions during the meeting.

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

Mayor Bruce Tucker asked for a moment of silence for COVID-19 victims.

Item #1 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes for November 3, 2020. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ruby 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 #111720 in the amount of \$103,369.89. 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 informed the Board leaf collection is underway through December 7th. Recycling will be Friday November 27th as opposed to Thanksgiving, November 26th. Lastly, he turned in his October report to the Board.

Police Department – Chief Hurley informed the Board from November 1- 17 there were 63 summonses issued and 135 calls for service. The Click It or Ticket grant program has begun and will run until November 29th and officers have been designated on overtime for this detail with the overtime being compensated by the State. One officer was exposed on a COVID call, quarantined, tested negative and is back on duty.

Building Department - Building Inspector Charles Schaub was not present.

Parks Department – Dan Sherman was not present.

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

Item #4 - Old Business

Village Clerk-Treasurer had no old business to discuss.

Village Attorney updated the Board on the Skating Pond/Suez. He sent a request to their attorney and will report back to the Board.

Mayor Tucker had no old business to discuss.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist informed the Board the Police contract has been signed by Mayor Tucker and the PBA representative and needs to be ratified. Deputy Mayor Blomquist made a motion to ratify the contract. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Burns had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Mitchell had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Ruby had no old business to discuss.

Item# 5 New Business

Village Clerk-Treasurer informed the Board that the Knights of Columbus has requested to be put on the December 1, 2020 agenda to discuss their request to place a Creche in front of Village Hall.

Village Attorney had no new business to discuss.

Mayor Tucker informed the Piermont Civic Association, Piermont Chamber of Commerce and Sustainable Piermont are working together to promote shopping in Piermont. Trustee Mitchell stated an additional two points can be earned with Climate Smart Communities if a shop local campaign is developed. The three Piermont organizations, together, are requesting to order 200 recycled material tote bags that can be distributed at the Holiday Bazaar. The cost is about \$225. Mayor Tucker stated the tents came in about \$200 below what was approved, so he suggested we use those remaining funds to purchase the totes. Trustee Mitchell made a motion to purchase 200 tote bags from Economic Development. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist had no new business to discuss.

Trustee Burns had no new business to discuss.

Trustee Mitchell had no new business to discuss.

Trustee Ruby had no new business to discuss.

Item #6 Resolution to adopt the 2018 International Building Code and 2018 International Residential Code as adopted by New York State on May 12, 2020

Village Attorney stated this is for a grant Sylvia Welch is applying for. Trustee Burns made a motion to adopt the 2018 International Building Code and 2018 International Residential Code as adopted by New York State on May 12, 2020. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #7 Resolution to amend Length of Service Award Point System pursuant to Chapter 113

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated, due to COVID, there are firefighters who may not be able to make their points as they can't attend meetings. This allows them to get the points to make their hours for the months during COVID.

Trustee Ruby made a motion to amend Length of Service Award Point System pursuant to Chapter 113. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays. Trustee Mitchell and Deputy Mayor Blomquist recused themselves.

Item #8 Resolution to provide Length of Service Award Credit During a State Disaster Emergency

Trustee Burns made a motion to provide Length of Service Award Credit During a State Disaster Emergency. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ruby and so carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays. Trustee Mitchell and Deputy Mayor Blomquist recused themselves.

Item #9 Review request from Mr. Omar Echhelh to waive the 30-day liquor license wait period for his new restaurant at 506 Piermont Avenue (formerly Xaviers)

Trustee Burns made a motion to waive the 30-day liquor license wait period for the new restaurant at 506 Piermont Avenue (formerly Xaviers). The motion was seconded by Trustee Ruby and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #10 Village Attorney report on Zone Change Petition

Village Attorney reminded the Board they received a Petition from Ferraro and Stamos for potential zone change, text and map amendment for the triangle property across from Village Hall. Anyone can submit a zone change. Our code requires it gets referred to the Planning Board for memo and under GML. In his memo to the Building Inspector, he asked for more detail from the applicant as well as the applicant should post an escrow as the Board should consider retaining a Planner to review the Environmental impact.

Item #11 Public Comment

None.

Item #12 Executive Session – Contract Discussion

Trustee Burns made a motion to enter Executive Session at 6:51pm. 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 7:13pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ruby and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Item #13 Adjournment

Trustee Burns made a motion at 7:15pm 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