

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

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 3, 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 3, 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 October 20, 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 #110320 in the amount of \$552,630.23. 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 informed the Board for the month of October, they issued 107 summonses, responded to 330 calls for services and 1 vehicle larceny in the Village. He is assigning officers to specialized training, Detective Boutros is currently in a two-week criminal investigators course. He is hoping to send two officers to training school who will come out certified to train other officers in-house. The officers requested that they be allowed to participate in “No Shave November” which will benefit a charity. Lastly, he has received a lot of calls asking when PAL will be opening, and he has discussed some great ideas with Tahlaad for zoom videos. Chief Hurley requested Tahlaad come back to work at PAL to work on the zoom calls, but the center will not currently open to kids/participants just yet.

Trustee Burns made a motion to approve Piermont PD to participate in “No Shave November”. 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 approve a “Virtual PAL”. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ruby and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

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Trustee Ruby asked for an update on the Piermont Ave basketball court. Chief Hurley stated they are running into issues with the paver and the price, but it is looking like Spring completion.

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 informed the Board we are under contract to sell 37 Liberty Street (vacant land). Additionally, the T-Mobile lease renewal is still in review with their legal team, so he will report back. Further, he asked if the Board wanted to renew the MOU with TZ Elementary. Trustee Mitchell suggested to include that we use their parking lot for flood emergency in exchange for use of Community Center. Village Attorney will bring same to them. Lastly, the Suez property at the Skating Pond lease was assigned to the Village in 2008, which is set to expire in 2022. He believes we will need to amend the lease agreement for new use and will continue to work with Suez. Mayor Tucker also reminded Village Attorney the Building Department still need a warning letter for the rental registry.

Mayor Tucker had no old business to discuss.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist informed the Board the water tank on 13-75 (ladder truck) is going and will cost about \$15,000 to replace. As previously discussed, Bloomingburg FD is buying this truck, but would like a reduction from \$70,000 to \$55,000 to cover the cost. Trustee Mitchell reminded the Board we still have no letter of commitment to purchase the truck, which we need. Deputy Mayor Blomquist will follow-up on same. Deputy Mayor Blomquist made a motion to reduce the surplus price on truck 13-75 to Bloomingburg FD to \$55,000. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Burns stated the North Walkway looks spectacular after the DPW trimmed it.

Trustee Mitchell had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Ruby had no old business to discuss.

Item# 5 New Business

Village Clerk-Treasurer forwarded an email from Tahlaad requesting to use the outdoor basketball court for neighborhood kids to put on a “Hamilton Review”. Mayor Tucker stated it must be limited to 50 people, including the actors and parents and they must social distance, etc. Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve their request. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ruby and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Village Clerk-Treasurer received an email from Joe Serra requesting to extend the farmers market past November 22nd. Joe Serra was before the Board and requested extension of farmers market without a definite end date as they will not be moving inside at the Souk. They would like to move their hours to 10am-1pm and move locations to M&T Bank parking lot and library parking lot, assuming he obtains permission from both entities. The market will be smaller and on a week to week basis with weather. Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve for the farmers market to operate out of the M&T parking lot after November 22, 2020.

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The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Joe Serra asked if the Piermont Chamber could decorate Village Hall as they are decorating Village business as well. The Board agreed.

Village Attorney had no new business to discuss.

Mayor Tucker informed the Board the three owners of the dirt lot across from Village Hall submitted an application to amend the zoning for the lot, which comes before the Village Board. Village Attorney asked for a memo from Building Inspector on this application, and if the Board has a consensus at the next meeting, it can be sent out for review. Trustee Mitchell had questions about the Site Development Plan. Village Attorney stated it will happen simultaneously with the zone change. The Board discussed the potential of the property further.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist informed the Board the following new members have gone through the Empire Hose admissions committee and require approval from the Village Board: TaeQuan Price, Andrew Baez, Frank Stevens, Kristen Eschrich, Evan Nelson, Richard Scully and Michael Kotosky. Deputy Mayor Blomquist made a motion to approve as new candidates of Empire Hose. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

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 Authorize Mayor to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the NYSDOT and the Village of Piermont

Trustee Burns made a motion to approve the Mayor to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the NYSDOT and the Village of Piermont. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #7 Authorize Village Clerk-Treasurer to Re-L Levy unpaid Village property taxes with Rockland County

Trustee Burns made a motion to authorize Village Clerk-Treasurer to Re-L Levy unpaid Village property taxes with Rockland County. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated the amount of the re-levy is \$153,902.64.

Item #8 Resolution to authorize partial payment of Pierce Ascendant 107' Aerial Fire Truck

The Board previously approved via email on October 16th and 17th.

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to authorize (50%) partial payment in the amount of \$518,483.50 from the Village General Fund for the Pierce Ascendant 107' Aerial Fire Truck. Upon completion of the Fire Truck financing in December the funds (\$518,483.50) will be put back in the General Fund.

The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #9 Accept the resignation of Dr. Philip Tierno as member of Zoning Board

Deputy Mayor Blomquist made a motion to accept the resignation of Dr. Philip Tierno as member of the Zoning Board. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #10 Appointment Marc Ruby as Member of the Zoning Board to complete the unexpired term of Dr. Philip Tierno

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to appoint Marc Ruby as Member of the Zoning Board to complete unexpired term of Dr. Philip Tierno. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays. Trustee Ruby recused herself.

Item#11 Appoint Richard Benfield as an Alternate of the Zoning Board to fill the unexpired term of Marc Ruby

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to appoint Richard Benfield as an Alternate of the Zoning Board to fill the unexpired term of Marc Ruby.

Item #12 Public Comment

None.

Item #13 Adjournment

Trustee Mitchell made a motion at 7:13pm to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ruby and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeYorgi Maher
Clerk-Treasurer