

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

October 8, 2024

Present: Mayor Bruce Tucker, Deputy Mayor Mark Blomquist, Trustee Michael Wright, Trustee Christine McAndrews, Trustee Rondi Casey, Rudy Zodda for Village Attorney, and Michele Marzo Deputy Clerk-Treasurer.

Not Present: Lino Sciarretta, Esq. -Village Attorney

Not Present: Jennifer DeYorgi Maher - Village Clerk-Treasurer

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

Mayor Tucker announced that he has appointed Rondi Casey to carry out the remainder of Nate Mitchell's Term.

Mayor Tucker informed the Board Trustee Wright requested an Executive Session regarding a legal matter.

Item #1 Approval of Meeting Minutes

Trustee McAndrews made a motion to approve the minutes for September 10, 2024. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wright and so carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

1 Absent: Trustee Blomquist

1 Abstain: Trustee Casey

Item #2 Approval of Warrant

Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve Warrant# 100824 in the amount of \$504,223.75. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wright and so carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

1 Absent: Trustee Blomquist

1 Abstain: Trustee Casey

Item #3 Department Reports

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

Police Department – Police Chief Hurley informed the Board for the month of September there were 75 summonses issued, they responded to 402 calls 58 were in Grand View the remaining 344 were in Piermont. Chief Hurley recognized Detective Boutros and Officer Hansen for their excellent work on the investigation concerning the Smoke Shop on 9W. The investigation spanned over 6 months, it led to an arrest and the closure of the establishment. Police Chief Hurley applied for the New York State Police Traffic Safety Program Grant. The Piermont Police Department received \$7,800.00 for the budget year coming up. Mayor Tucker and Village Board thanked Detective Boutros and Officer Hansen for an outstanding job.

Building Department – Building Inspector Charles Schaub informed the Board Trata on the River is scheduled to open on the weekend. He stated the houses on Ash Street are finally moving towards starting work. He stated he has been writing violations for property maintenance at Parking Lot "D" for area's that need to be cleaned. Trustee Blomquist asked if there was any clarity with what is going on with Franklin Street. Building Inspector Charles Schaub informed the Board he has been leaving messages and placing violations where needed but has not received a call back.

Parks Department – Dan Sherman was not present. Mayor Tucker read an email update from Parks Commissioner Daniel Sherman. He stated the Village received a \$200,000.00 Grant for Half Moon Park. The contractor started the upper platform, they are completing the rockwork, handrails are ordered, and plant materials are ordered.

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Parks Department (Continued)

Tentative date of completion is November 1, 2024. Mayor Tucker stated the Village received a second grant in the amount \$200,000.00 for the Community Center. The contractor will begin the work this week. They will install metal support pipes, repair the old concrete retaining wall, replace the rotted timber wall, install the drainage and sidewalk with the intention of it being complete by the beginning of November. Mayor Tucker stated the Village is also working on getting a new playground at the Community Center. Mayor Tucker stated the Veterans made an indication of donating money for playground equipment at the Community Center. He informed the Board the center of Flywheel Park is going to be redone; the park is privately owned.

Fire Department – Chief Cabrera stated for the month of September there were a total of 42 calls, 29 EMS calls and 13 fire and rescue totaling 337 calls to service year-to-date. He asked the Board to approve the purchase of cell phones and Village issued emails for the three Chiefs for Fire Department business. He stated there is money in the telephone line and if they go over, they can use contractual. Chief Cabrera stated the Piermont Fire Department responded to multiple calls located at Peanut Falls. One was in the beginning of September; the person was in shock from a bee sting. The second incident the gentleman fell 30 feet from a cliff and broke his ankle.

Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve the purchase of cell phones and Village issued emails for the three Piermont Fire Chiefs. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #4 - Old Business

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer had no new business.

Mayor Tucker had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Blomquist had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Wright had no old business to discuss.

Trustee McAndrews had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Rondi Casey had no old business to discuss.

Item# 5 New Business

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer had no new business to discuss.

Mayor Tucker informed the Board that the contract for Electric rates for Village owned buildings expires in November, currently the Village is in a one-year contract at a rate of .09488. The Village consultant received bids the best two quotes came in were from Constellation Energy. One is a 12-month contract at \$0.09011, the other is a 24-month contract at \$0.09390. Trustee McAndrews asked why the Village would not consider the 36-month quote. Mayor Tucker stated a 36-month contract is long, historically the Village has not done that.

Mayor Tucker made a motion to accept the 24-month contract from Constellation at a rate of \$0.09390. The motion was seconded by Trustee McAndrews and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Blomquist had no new business to discuss.

Item# 5 New Business (continued)

Trustee Wright had no new business to discuss.

Trustee McAndrews had no new business to discuss.

Trustee Rondi Casey had no new business to discuss.

Item #6 Public Comment

John Mcavoy – 407 Valentine Avenue and business owner at 468 Piermont Avenue stated he saw the stop sign on Ash Street and would like one installed like that by his house stating that no one stops at the stop sign located by his house. He stated there will be a major accident eventually. Mayor Tucker stated there will be a Transportation Committee Meeting in November and suggested he speak with Paul Kadin so it could be added to their agenda. Mr. John Mcavoy asked how the Village was doing with the new parking lot. Mayor Tucker stated the Village Engineer did a rough draft of the lot. Mayor Tucker will provide a copy of the draft to Paul Kadin for the next Transportation Committee Meeting. Mr. John Mcavoy asked what was the total of overnight parking? Mayor Tucker stated that it would have to be researched, and he will ask for that to be added to the transportation committee agenda as well.

Christine Mooney – 1 W Lawrence Park Drive asked where the parking lot that was just discussed is located. Mayor Tucker stated Mr. John Mcavoy was talking about the possibility of converting the DPW storage lot into parking. Ms. Christine Mooney asked how many Airbnb's are in the Village. Building Inspector Charles Schaub stated he will have to look into the files. She asked if people will be able to rent multiple rooms in one house. Mayor Tucker stated the homes need to be owner occupied. Mayor Tucker stated that is not allowed in the Village.

Item #7 Motion to move the November meeting from Election Day November 5th to Tuesday, November 12th

Mayor Tucker made a motion to move the November meeting from Election Day November 5th to Tuesday, November 12th. The motion was seconded by Trustee McAndrews and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #8 Recommendation from the Transportation Committee on the number of Fee In Lieu of Parking spaces

Mr. Paul Kadin stated a question has come up in the past whether there is any limit to the amount of Fee In Lieu of Parking spaces that could be granted and what that limit should be. He stated the Downtown area at the bottom of the hill was reviewed and it was determined there were 586 spaces. He stated that in terms of determining FILOP inventory they made a judgement call about which of those spaces are owned by the Village and are within a reasonable walking distance to the Downtown Business District. Mr. Paul Kadin reviewed how they came up with the inventory number. Mayor Tucker and the Village Board will review the information provided by Mr. Paul Kadin. Mayor Tucker stated according to the code the Village Board will review at the re-org meeting January and will set the amount of FILOP for that year.

Item #9 Review request for Special Permits for AirBnb's located at 730 Piermont Avenue, 312 Piermont Avenue and 104 Orchard Terrace

Building Inspector Charles Schaub stated that all three properties went before the Planning Board, all properties are owner occupied.

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Trustee Blomquist made a motion to accept Special Permits for Airbnb's located at 730 Piermont Avenue, 312 Piermont Avenue and 104 Orchard Terrace. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wright and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #10 Resolution to authorize Piermont Justice Court to apply for a JCAP grant for new entrance doors at Village Hall

Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve the Resolution to authorize Piermont Justice Court to apply for a JCAP grant for new entrance doors at Village Hall. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wright and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Executive Session:

Trustee McAndrews made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:30pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee McAndrews made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:02pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wright and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

No action was taken.

Item #11 Adjournment

Trustee Casey made a motion at 8:03pm to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee McAndrews and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeYorgi Maher
Clerk-Treasurer