

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**August 12, 2025**

Present: Mayor Bruce Tucker, Trustee Nathan Mitchell, Trustee Michael Wright, Trustee Christine McAndrews, Attorney Rudy Zodda of Bleakley Platt Attorneys At Law and Jennifer DeYorgi Maher Village Clerk-Treasurer.

Not Present: Attorney: Lino Sciarretta, Esq, Deputy Mayor Mark Blomquist

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

**Item #1 Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes for July 15, 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

**Item #2 Approval of Warrant**

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve Warrant #081225 in the amount of \$651,180.61. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wright and so carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

**Item #3 – Department Reports**

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

**Police Department** – Chief Hurley was not present.

**Building Department** - Building Inspector Charles Schaub was not present.

**Fire Department** – Fire Chief McNichol was not present.

**Item #4 - Old Business**

Village Clerk-Treasurer had no old business to discuss.

Mayor Tucker had no old business to discuss.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist was not present.

Trustee Mitchell had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Wright had no old business to discuss.

Trustee McAndrews had no old business to discuss.

**Item# 5 New Business**

Village Clerk-Treasurer informed the Board that the Fire Department exceeded the amount requested for the 2026 CAPITAL Item (20) SCOTT 4.5 Bottles in the amount of \$1,303.20. She stated the Board will need a Resolution to approve the overage and then take it out of one of the Fire Department Lines or the Board can take it out of Contingency. Trustee Mitchell stated to take the overage out of the Motor Repair line. Trustee Mitchell stated the Fire Department receives quotes from MES but the quotes are only valid for 30 days, which is why there is a price difference.

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the Resolution in the amount of \$1,303.20 to come out of the Fire Department Motor Equipment Repair Line for the overage from the 2026 CAPITAL item (20) SCOTT 4.5 Bottles. The motion was seconded by Trustee McAndrews and so carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

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Village Clerk-Treasurer informed the Board the Police Capital has gone over \$5,155.00. She stated the Police Department CAPITAL Budget is in the amount of \$65,000.00 for the Police Records Room and the Police Interview Room. She stated the invoice received from the Air Conditioning Company is in the amount of \$14,800.00 which is what caused the overage. The Board will need to approve a Resolution for the overage and it will come out of the Police Budget.

Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve the Resolution in the amount of \$5,155.00 to come out of the Police Budget to be determined by Police Chief Hurley for the overage from the 2026 CAPITAL Projects Police Interview Room and Police Records Room. The motion was seconded by Trustee McAndrews and so carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated she received an email from George Phipps requesting to have a family-oriented kids movie night at the Goswick Pavilion on Saturday, September 20th, at 5pm - 7pm. Village Clerk-Treasurer stated this would be a Village sponsored event. The Board decided they would like additional information. Mayor Tucker stated he will approve the motion if George Phipps takes full responsibility for the event.

Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve the Special Event Kids Movie Night at the Goswick Pavilion on Saturday, September 20, 2025, from 5pm-7pm hosted by George Phipps sponsored by the Village of Piermont with the knowledge that George Phipps takes full responsibility of the event and the Pavilion. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wright and so carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated she received a Special Event Application from Highland Gallery DBA Highland Botanicals located at 501 9W, Piermont who would like to have a Grand Opening at his business located at 501 9W, Piermont

**Nat Mufson 501 9W, Piermont** owner of Highland Galery stated he would like to have a Grand Opening for his business located at 501 9W, Piermont. He would like to have a Band from 1pm-5pm and Food. He stated a shuttle bus from downtown (possibly Lot "D") to the location of the store. The date of the event will be on Saturday September 20, 2025.

Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve the Special Event Application from Highland Gallery LLC DBA Highland Botanicals event date Saturday September 20, 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wright and so carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor Tucker had no new business to discuss.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist was not present.

Trustee Mitchell had no new business to discuss.

Trustee Wright had no new business to discuss.

Trustee McAndrews had no new business.

**Item #6 Public Comment**

Mayor Tucker stated the Village had a Dedication Ceremony at the Community Center for Half Moon Park and the Community Center Playground. Mayor Tucker read the speech that he gave at the dedication.

**Revitalization of Half Moon Park & New Playground at Piermont Community Center**

*Good morning, friends, neighbors, and distinguished guests. Today is a proud day for the Village of Piermont — a day where we celebrate not just new playground equipment, and a revitalized park, but what these projects truly represent: our community's commitment to investing in our future, our families, and our shared public spaces. I want to begin by expressing our deepest gratitude to Rockland County Executive Ed Day, members of his office, and the County of Rockland. Through the distribution of American Rescue Plan funds, Piermont was awarded two extraordinary grants:*

- *\$200,000 for the revitalization of our beloved Half-Moon Park, ensuring this gem along our waterfront continues to serve as a vibrant gathering place for all.*
- *\$200,000 for a brand-new playground, benches and drainage improvements at the Piermont Community Center, ensuring our children have a safe, modern, and accessible place to play — and that the facility will serve our residents well for decades to come.*

*We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the Veterans Memorial Association of Piermont, who have generously contributed \$30,000 toward the new playground. Their gift not only enhances this project but stands as yet another example of how our veterans continue to serve this community with dedication and heart.*

*These improvements are not simply about upgrading facilities — they are about creating spaces where our children can laugh and grow, where neighbors can meet, where families can celebrate milestones, and where we can all come together to enjoy the beauty and spirit of Piermont.*

*I would also like to thank the members of the Community Center Committee, headed by Trustee Michael Wright, for their many hours of hard work and dedication in making this special place in Piermont even better to help serve our residents. In addition, heartfelt thanks to our Grant Writer Sylvia Welch, our Park's Commissioner, Dan Sherman, head of our D.P.W., Tom Temple, and to Mich Brisson for her help and expertise with new plantings in Half-Moon Park.*

*So today, with gratitude to the County of Rockland, the Veterans Memorial Association, and every person whose hard work made this possible, we dedicate the revitalization of Half-Moon Park and the new playground at the Piermont Community Center to the residents and children of Piermont.*

*May these spaces be filled with joy, friendship, and community pride for generations to come.*

*Thank you.*

Mayor Tucker stated that he and the Village Board received notification that Piermont Developers filed an appeal to the lawsuit. Mayor Tucker stated for transparency the Village Board wanted the public to know the Village did not file the appeal. He stated the attorney from Lyons McGovern LLP representing the Village stated the Village is not “included in the Appeal”. Mayor Tucker stated if anyone has any questions reach out to him.

**Margaret Grace Stevenson Street** thank the Village Board for the work at the Community Center.

**Item #7 Request from the Piermont Historical Society to place a plaque honoring the Indigenous People of Piermont**

Dan Sherman Vice Chair of the Piermont Historical Society reviewed the details of the Indigenous People sign and the intended placement in Piermont. Dan Sherman read the draft inscription that will be on the sign. He would like the location of the sign to be at the end of

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Ferdon Avenue by the Military Bridge. Trustee Mitchel asked if that location is Village property and stated he would like to confirm property ownership and if there are additional permissions

required, he would support asking the Palisade Park Commission if the property is determined to be owned by them.

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve request from the Piermont Historical Society to place a plaque honoring the Indigenous People of Piermont at the end of Ferdon Avenue by the Military Bridge contingent on confirming the property ownership and if additional permissions are required. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wright and so carried with a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays 1 recused Mayor Tucker.

**Item #8 Request from Piermont Historical Society to extend their lease agreement for the Piermont Train Station**

Dan Sherman Vice Chair of the Piermont Historical Society informed the board the Piermont Train Station lease agreement is expiring and requested a 10-year extension and the same annual fee of \$3,000.00 dollars. He stated the Historical Society does take care of some property maintenance and pays for exhibits and has as many open houses as they can staff. He stated the Piermont Historical Society is aware that the Village does pay for building maintenance expenses.

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the request from the Piermont Historical Society to extend their lease agreement for the Piermont Train Station with an annual fee of \$3,000.00 for 10 years. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wright and so carried with a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays 1 recused Mayor Tucker.

**Item #9 Review and approve three (3) applications for Empire Hose Company #1 proposed membership for Andrew Hunter-Carrion, William Harniseh and James Hurley**

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the applications for Empire Hose Company #1 proposed membership for Andrew Hunter-Carrion, William Harniseh and James Hurley. The motion was seconded by Trustee McAndrews and so carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

**Item #10 Resolution to authorize Piermont Justice Court to apply for a grant for jury seating and lecterns at Village Hall**

Trustee Wright asked to see photos of the seating.

Trustee Wright made a motion to approve the Resolution to authorize Piermont Justice Court to apply for a grant for jury seating and lecterns at Village Hall. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

**Item #11 Review Special Event application from Best Buddies NYC Bike Run event on Saturday, October 4, 2025**

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated Chief Hurley reviewed the application and spoke with the organizer from Best Buddies. Chief Hurley approved of having the event.

Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve the Special Event application from Best Buddies NYC Bike Run event on Saturday, October 4, 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

**Item #12 Request from Bais Trany High School to obtain a permit to visit the Piermont Pier on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 (Rain date Wednesday, November 5, 2025) between 10:00am—1:00pm with approximately 150 students**

The Village Board would like more information and for Police Chief Hurley to review the request.

Moved to September 16, 2025, Board of Trustee Meeting.

**Item #13 Review information from Hometown Firefighters regarding a five-year annuity paying 4.8% for the LOSAP assets**

Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve Hometown Firefighters five-year annuity paying 4.8% for the LOSAP assets. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wright and so carried with a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor Tucker stated that Trustee McAndrews is moving and thanked her for serving on the Board.

**Item #14 Adjournment**

Trustee Mitchell made a motion at 7:35pm 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