

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
June 10, 2025

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

Not Present: Attorney: Lino Sciarretta, Esq

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

Item #1 Approval of Meeting Minutes

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes for April 15, 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes for May 13, 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #2 Approval of Warrant

Trustee Blomquist made a motion to approve Warrant #051425 in the amount of \$69,196.54 and Warrant# 061025 in the amount of \$470,592.65 for a grand total of \$539,789.19. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #3 – Department Reports

Department of Public Works - Highway Superintendent Tom Temple reviewed May's Monthly and the Fiscal Year Totals for the DPW.

Police Department – Chief Hurley informed the Board for the month of May there were 295 summonses issued; 444 calls for service 96 were in Grand View the remaining 349 were in Piermont. Chief Hurley stated the Department participated in the NYS Click It or Tick It campaign, and 44 summonses were issued for seat belts.

Building Department - Building Inspector Charles Schaub was not present.

Fire Department – Fire Chief McNichol stated for the month of May there were 24 fire runs & 9 EMS Runs which will bring the Department to 77 fire runs and 62 EMS runs for the year. He stated they received an updated Mutual Aid Agreement for Mahwah. He asked the Board if they reviewed the information he sent regarding the proposal for EMS Billing. He stated that the Piermont Fire Department is the last full volunteer Fire Department in Rockland County, and he would like to be able to pay a daytime crew in the future. He stated the volume is not large but after speaking with the company there would be enough to cover the daytime crew. Chief McNichol stated there is a 6-8 month start up period and is trying to get ahead of the process. There is no cost to the Village or residents and no start up fee.

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to accept the Mahwah Mutual Aid Agreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #4 - Old Business

Village Clerk-Treasurer had no old business to discuss.

Mayor Tucker had no old business to discuss.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist had no old business to discuss.

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 stated the Tax Bills were mailed out mid-May and the Clerk's Office started using the new Tax System. She stated residents can go to the Village website there is a link that say's "View Your Taxes" with a two-year history. She also informed the Board that next year the residents will be able to pay their taxes online. There will be a fee for doing so which the Clerks Office will be notified off prior to Tax Collection next year. She informed the Board the Clerks Office is now using a check reader (remote deposit) which is quicker and saves on paper.

Village Clerk-Treasurer informed the Board that Berard & Associates are beginning the Villages Financial Audit. Village Clerk-Treasurer stated the State Comptroller will be back to complete the Procurement and last portion of the risk review. She stated the Village received a letter from the State Comptroller's Office stating that they will be doing an audit and will be contacting the Village to schedule a conference. During the conference they will identify what they will be auditing.

Trustee Mitchell asked about the Transportation Committee page being added to the Village website. Paul Kadin, representing the Transportation Committee, stated the awareness and attendance of the Committee and meetings is low. He stated adding the Transportation Committee to the Village website could be a starting point to get more publicity and materials out to the public other than social media.

Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve the Transportation Committee to be added to the Village of Piermont website. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor Tucker had no new business to discuss.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist had no new business to discuss.

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

Nina Skowronski 303 Roundhouse Road stated she requested at the February Meeting for new No Dog signage to be put up at Parilli Park which has not been done. She is requesting that the sitting Attorney at the Village Board Meeting have a name plate.

Attorney Michael Starvaggi of Bleakley Platt Attorneys At Law introduced himself.

Item #7 Resolution to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with Rockland County Intelligence Center and Regional Investigative Resource Center

Chief Hurley informed the Board that the Intermunicipal Agreement is an agreement that will reimburse the Village up to \$200,000.00 a year for any cost that the officer's salary occurs when the officer is assisting another agency.

Mayor Tucker made a motion to adopt the Resolution to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with Rockland County Intelligence Center and Regional Investigative Resource Center. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #8 Review request from Gyro Downtown at 456 Piermont Avenue to waive the 30-day advance notice to the Municipality for a Liquor License

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the request from Gyro Downtown at 456 Piermont Avenue to waive the 30-day advance notice to the Municipality for a Liquor License. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bloomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #9 Request from Trattoria Da Vittorio to have a “Delivery Only” space with a fifteen (15) minute time limit per delivery in front of 453 Piermont Avenue

Attorney Robert Lewis representing Trattoria stated the 15-minute space which was eliminated in front of Trattoria has now created the deliveries from the venders to have to park on Gair Street and a dangerous situation. He is requesting a 15-minute space in front of Trattoria specified for deliveries only.

Mayor Tucker read a statement from Paul Kadin, head of the Transportation Committee stating the Transportation Committee does not agree with Trattoria's request.

Attorney Lewis asked why is blocking Gair Street no less dangerous than parking in front of Trattoria. He stated the trucks are sitting on Gair Street for a half hour at times and must travel with heavy hand trucks though the street and down the stairs. Mayor Tucker asked if the deliveries can be made with vans and before noon. Attorney Lewis stated the trucks are refrigerated trucks. He stated he has pictures of a Sysco Truck on Piermont Avenue who was there for an hour in front of Village Hall. Trustee Mitchell stated it sounds like the venders are objecting to bringing deliveries down a few flights of stairs. Attorney Lewis stated they are complaining about getting tickets. Paul Kadin, head of the Traffic Committee, stated that Reilly's venders park around the corner. He suggested a limited time for deliveries such as the beginning of the day. Attorney Lewis stated it's tough to limit the time because the vendors are making other stops too. He stated they are looking for the quickest safest solution. Trustee McAndrews asked if there is a schedule of deliveries, Attorney Lewis stated the heaviest day is Friday. Trustee Mitchell stated there is a commuter bus line that comes in the morning on an hourly basis and a truck parked in front of Trattoria is dangerous. Trustee McAndrews suggested he come to another Village Board Meeting with a schedule of deliveries, delivery time and truck sizes along with any other information possible to present to the Board. Attorney Lewis stated he will gather the information and bring it to the July meeting. Continued conversation on July 15, 2025.

Item #10 Request from Trata on the River Restaurant to hire a fireworks company to station a barge in the Hudson River for a fireworks display on July 4th, 2025

Efthimios (Tim) Salouros owner of Trata on the River Restaurant presented a 4th of July Fireworks Extravaganza proposal to the Village Board. He stated he is willing to donate the fireworks. He stated he had a meeting with the Village of Nyack and the plan is to hire the same company they use for the fireworks, the same barge company at the same time. He stated he reached out to the Coast Guard, and they stated they were not sure if they have jurisdiction of that area and that they would get back to him. He stated Nyack informed him that they have not gotten permission from the Coast Guard. The entire show will be at the same time as Nyack starting at 9:30 and the show will be synchronized. He stated the cost proposal is \$29,900.00. Chief Hurley stated its going to require a lot of Police manpower. Trustee Mitchell stated he loves the idea but would like to hear back from the Cost Guard. Tim Salouros owner of Trata on the River Restaurant stated the insurance from the company is five million per occurrence and five million hazmat per occurrence. Tim Salouros read an email between himself and the Coast Guard. Trustee McAndrews asked if anyone has spoken to the Piermont Fire Department about the Fireworks display and stated that the Piermont Fire Department sends a department to Nyack

during their firework display. Trustee Mitchell stated that the Piermont Fire Department sends a department to Nyack to assist with the Sheriff's Marine Unit. Tim Salouros stated he spoke with the Piermont Fire Department who said they need to know if the Coast Guard gave clearance. Trustee Michell stated the department does have the capability to do both and stated he would like to have all the paperwork in order with all agencies involved' approval. Fire Chief McNichol stated he would like to hear back from the Coast Guard before deciding. He asked if any additional Police support from another agency would be assisting that day in addition to the Piermont Police Department.

Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve the Request from Trata on the River Restaurant to hire a fireworks company to station a barge in the Hudson River for a fireworks display on July 4th, 2025, contingent on Coast Guard Jurisdiction, Piermont Fire Department approval and Insurance certificate and any other agencies that may be identified. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #11 Request from Piermont Community Garden to hold their annual Summer Solstice Picnic in Parelli Park on Saturday, June 21, 2025, 6:00pm—10:00pm (Rain Date Sunday, June 22nd)

Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve the request from Piermont Community Garden to hold their annual Summer Solstice Picnic in Parelli Park on Saturday, June 21, 2025, 6:00pm—10:00pm (Rain Date Sunday, June 22nd). The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #12 \$85,510 Bond Resolution for Fire Department Equipment

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the \$85,510 Bond Resolution for Fire Department Equipment. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #13 \$65,000 Bond Resolution for Police Facilities

Trustee Blomquist made a motion to approve the \$65,000 Bond Resolution for Police Facilities. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #14 \$59,240 Bond Resolution for Village Hall and Community Center

Trustee Michell made a motion to approve the \$59,240 Bond Resolution for Village Hall and Community Center. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #15 \$80,000 Bond Resolution for Village Sidewalks (Half Moon Park) Budget

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the \$80,000 Bond Resolution for Village Sidewalks (Half Moon Park) Budget. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #16 \$35,000 Bond Resolution for Improvements to Village Parking Lots

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the \$35,000 Bond Resolution for Improvements to Village Parking Lots. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #17 \$249,885 Bond Resolution for DPW Equipment (Tractor)

Trustee Blomquist made a motion to approve the \$249,885 Bond Resolution for DPW Equipment (Tractor). The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated that she received a call from Superintendent Tom Temple stating that the estimate he received from the plumber to dig the trench for the water meter at Half Moon Park was \$25,00.00.

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated the original Bond Resolution request was in the amount of \$6,000.00 which is no longer valid due to the price increase. She informed the Board that they will have to decide whether to remove the Bond Item or increase the amount. Superintendent Tom Temple stated the DPW can continue to bring their water tank to the location and feels the price too high.

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated that Bond Council stated if the Board takes off the \$6,000.00 Bond Item, it can be replaced with a Bond Resolution in the amount of \$6,665.00 for DPW projects such as the Parking signage in the amount of \$3,500.00 and the drain grates in the amount of \$3,165.00.

Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve the \$6,665.00 Bond Resolution for DPW Projects. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #18 Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer DeYorgi Maher
Clerk-Treasurer