INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 2, 2024

Present: Mayor Bruce Tucker, Deputy Mayor Mark Blomquist, Trustee Rob Burns, Trustee Nate Mitchell, Trustee Michael Wright, Lino Sciarretta, Esq. -Village Attorney and Jennifer DeYorgi Maher Village Clerk-Treasurer.

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

As a result of the Village Election, the Village Clerk Treasurer Jennifer DeYorgi Maher administered the Oath of Office to **MAYOR BRUCE TUCKER** for a term to expire on December 31, 2025.

As a result of the Village Election, Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office to **TRUSTEE BLOMQUIST** for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2026.

As a result of the Village Election, Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office to **TRUSTEE WRIGHT** for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2026.

Mayor hereby appoints **MARK BLOMQUIST** as Deputy Mayor for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and was so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. The Village Clerk administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor hereby appoints **MICHELE MARZO** as Deputy Clerk – Treasurer term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and was so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. The Village Clerk administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor appoints the following as Liaisons to Village Departments:
Deputy Mayor Blomquist: Police Department / D.P.W
Trustee Wright: Clerks Office, Chamber of Commerce, Community Center
Trustee Burns: Justice Court, Building Department, Land-Use Boards
Trustee Mitchell: Fire Department, Parks

Mayor hereby appoints **LINO SCIARRETTA** as Village Attorney for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2025. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve a letter of engagement from **BLEAKLEY PLATT & SCHMIDT, LLP** for legal representation for the Village of Piermont beginning January 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **HEIDI SPITZER** as Associate Village Justice for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and was so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. The Village Clerk administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor hereby appoints **BRIAN KENNEY** to serve as Village Assessor/Consultant for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and was so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **BART RODI** to serve as Village Engineer for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2024. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and was so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **JENNIFER DEYORGI MAHER** as Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and was carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. Mayor Tucker administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor hereby appoints **MICHELE MARZO** as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints Members of the Planning Board

Mayor hereby appoints **DANIEL SPITZER** as Chairperson of the Planning Board for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays. The Village Clerk administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor hereby appoints **DANIEL SPITZER** as Member of the Planning Board for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2029. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **ED Nelson** as Member of the Planning Board for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2028. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **CHRISTINE MCANDREWS** as Member of the Planning Board for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2028. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **JERRY WARSHAW** as Member of the Planning Board for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **KIM STIEFEL** as Member of the Planning Board for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2026. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **DAVID LEVY** as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **DON GUYTON** an Alternate Member of the Planning Board for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals

Mayor hereby appoints **USHA WRIGHT** as Chairperson to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **PETER T. METZLER** (Filling the unexpired Term of Marc Ruby) as Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **DR. PHILIP TIERNO** as Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2028. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **WALTER CAIN** as Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2026. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **GREGG MANZIONE** as Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2029. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **KEVIN TIMONEY** as Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **ROCHELLE SPOONER** as Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire at the Reorganization Meeting of January 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **DAN GOSWICK, SR** as Chairperson of the Harbor Commission for a term to expire at Reorganization of January 2025. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist, and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby appoints **DAN SHERMAN** as Chairperson of the Piermont Parks Commission for a term to expire at Reorganization of January 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and was so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby designates **THE JOURNAL NEWS & ROCKLAND COUNTY TIMES** as the official newspaper for the Village of Piermont. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby designates **M & T BANK, NY CLASS, and CONNECT ONE BANK** as the official depositories for the Village of Piermont. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor hereby designates the following as the official locations for posting of notices for the Village of Piermont:

Village of Piermont Village Hall
Canzona's Market
Railroad Station
Piermont Post Office
Piermont Library
M & T Bank
Eleanor Stroud Skating Pond
Piermont Landing Health Club
Official Village of Piermont website
Official Village of Piermont Facebook page

Designation of Board of Trustee Meetings one meeting per month on a Tuesday at 7:00pm at Village Hall.

Adoption of Procurement Policy for the Village of Piermont

Adoption of Workplace Violence Policy for the Village of Piermont

Adoption of Sexual Harassment and Diversity Training Policies

Adoption of Disaster Preparedness Emergency Policy for the Village of Piermont

Adoption of Bloodborne Pathogens Policy for the Village of Piermont

Adoption of Employee Layoff/Staff Reduction Procedure for the Village of Piermont

Adoption of HazCom Policy for the Village of Piermont

Adoption of Social Media Policy for the Village of Piermont

Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve the Village policies as currently existing, effective for the official year 2023-2024. The motion was seconded by Michael Wright and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

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Item #26 Approval of Meeting Minutes

Trustee Blomquist made a motion to approve the minutes for December 12, 2023. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wright and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Item #27 Approval of Warrant

Trustee Blomquist made a motion to approve Warrant #122123 in the amount of $26,970.43. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #28 – Department Reports

Department of Public Works - Highway Superintendent Tom Temple reviewed the December Monthly Report. He stated the Christmas Tree collection dates are January 3rd and January 17th, 2024. The 2024 recycling bulk schedule was given to all residents and condo associations to give out. The Front door of the Community Center is scheduled to be put in on January 12, 2024. The County has not contacted him regarding the Skating Pond.

Police Department – Chief Hurley informed the Board for the year of 2023 there were 1,900 summonses issued, 5043 calls for service, 940 were in Grand View the remaining were in Piermont. Chief Hurley thanked the businesses and residents of Piermont for donating to the Toy and food Drive Piermont was able to provide to over 6 families. Chief Hurley stated he was elected President for the Rockland County Chiefs Association he will be sworn in on January 10, 2024, at 12pm all the Board members were invited to attend.

Building Department - Building Inspector Charles Schaub was not present.

Parks Department – Dan Sherman was not present.

Fire Department – Chief Larry Cabrera informed the Board for the year 2024 they had 450 calls for service 196 were fire/rescue 254 for EMS. The month of December was busy with the last 15 days the Fire Department responded to four house fires within the Town of Orangetown. It's been one of the busiest years they have had in over five years. It stated it's a testament to the hard work and quick response of the Department.

Item #29 - 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 Wright had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Burns had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Mitchell had no old business to discuss.

Item# 30 New Business

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated that Kelly Ruby asked if a donation box could be left at the Community Center. Trustee Wright stated a lot of clean up has been done and he feels it would be best to hold off on having a donation box there. Village Clerk-Treasurer stated Kelly Ruby forwarded an email from Nora and William Maloney who reside at 201 Hudson Terr. They lost a child in the family wanted to donate to the West Chester Childrens Hospital. Village Hall was selected as an alternate location.

Mayor Tucker had no new business to discuss.

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 Wright had no new business to discuss.

Item #31 Presentation by Rockland County regarding the establishment of the Rockland Riverway Trail

Moved to January 23, 2024, Village Board Meeting.

Item #32 Presentation from Piermont Historical Society of a check to the Village to cover the cost of a new cupola on top of the Community Center Building

Barbara Scheulen stated the Piermont Historic Society raised $5,000.00 to replace the Cupola at the Community Center. She stated Mayor Bruce Tucker and Sara Tucker, Peter Helou and Barbara Scheulen and her husband donated, in addition to the boutique from the Historic Society.

Item #33 Discussion on increasing income cap amount for Piermont residents with Aged Exemption (65 years old+)

Mayor Tucker stated the Village of Piermont's Assessor Consultant Brian Keeney informed the Village that the state has increased the income cap for exemptions. He stated the Town of Orangetown voted for the cap to be raised from $39,000.00 to $58,400.00. He also stated the Town of Orangetown voted to pass a resolution to include IRA income as part of the adjusted gross salary. Brian Keeney wanted to make the Village of Piermont aware of the changes. Two Resolutions would need to be passed.

Trustee Burns made a motion to approve Public Hearing for Senior Income amount to be raised to $58,400.00 on February 20, 2024. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Burns made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing to include IRA income as part of the Senior adjusted gross salary on February 20, 2024. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #34 Review proposal for MS-4 Engineering Services from Eve Mancuso of Brooker Engineering

Trustee Burns made a motion to accept proposal for MS-4 Engineering Services from Eve Mancuso of Brooker Engineering. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #35 Resolution authorizing the Mayor to update Employee Letters of Understanding for the Calendar Year 2024

Trustee Burns made a motion to accept the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to update Employee Letters of Understanding for the Calendar Year 2024. The motion was seconded by Trustee Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #36 Public Comment

No Comment

Item #37 Executive Session – discuss a legal matter
Executive Session

Trustee Burns made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:27pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wright and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Burns made a motion to exit Executive Session at 7:43pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wright and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

No action was taken

Item #38 Adjournment

Trustee Burns made a motion at 7:43pm to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Wright Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeYorgi Maher
Clerk-Treasurer