

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
December 15, 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, December 15, 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 December 15, 2020, at the email address [clerk@piermont-ny.gov](mailto: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 Ruby made a motion to approve the minutes for December 1, 2020. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell 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 #121520 in the amount of \$124,733.97. 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 they have had 132 calls for service in December so far. Two officers were exposed to COVID on a call and quarantined and both tests came back negative and they are back on duty. He is looking into a modified schedule to limit exposure. Himself and Highway Superintendent Tom Temple decided to lift overnight parking, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday so DPW can clean the streets. They are doing the toy drive and asked if anyone knows anyone that could use the assistance in the Village this holiday season to reach out to the Department or Sylvia in the Clerk’s office. The Board discussed traffic concerns on at top of Broadway and 9W.

**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 spoke to Suez regarding the lease extension/Fire Department proposed use of the area. Suez said they are amenable to amending the lease for continued recreation use and they will be doing some upgrades at the site in the next couple years and requested additional information of the Fire Departments proposed use of the site. Village Attorney gave her the requested information and is waiting to hear back.

Village Attorney stated the Administrative Judge has made all Justice Court calendars, other than emergencies, remote. Pleas by mail are acceptable and it should work going forward.

Mayor Tucker had no old business to discuss.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Burns had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Mitchell had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Ruby had no old business to discuss.

**Item# 5 New Business**

Village Clerk-Treasurer had no new business to discuss.

Village Attorney had no new business to discuss.

Mayor Tucker stated Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Hannah Ross is leaving, her last day will be December 22<sup>nd</sup>. He thanked her for her service and everything she has done to help the Village of Piermont and wished her luck in her new position.

Mayor Tucker received notice from the Planning Board chair that member Kathleen Puder will be resigning. The Chair and himself have interviewed Christine McAndrews. Mayor Tucker made a motion to appoint Christine McAndrews as alternate to the Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist had no new business to discuss.

Trustee Burns had no new business to discuss.

Trustee Mitchell stated the Fire Department has gone over in their motor equipment line already this year. They have \$31,000 still in the training and travel line. He asked to transfer \$15,000 from that line into the Motor Equipment repair line to cover the current overage and charges going forward. Trustee Mitchell made a motion to transfer \$15,000 from Fire Department Training Travel line to Fire Department Motor Equipment line. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Ruby had no new business to discuss.

**Item #6 Review Village Fees and Fines for 2021**

Trustee Burns made a motion to accept Village Fees and Fines for 2021. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

**Item #7 Public Comment**

Someone had a question about recycling being picked up on Thursday due to the impending snowstorm. Mayor Tucker stated he was unsure, but to keep an eye on the DPW and Village Facebook pages for an update.

Trustee Mitchell recognized the Dive Team for the rescue of the bridge jumper and the excellent save from everyone involved.

Mayor Tucker thanked Kathleen Puder for her many years of service as member of Planning Board and service to the Village of Piermont.

**Item #8 Adjournment**

Trustee Burns made a motion at 7:02pm 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