

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
June 14, 2023**

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

**Not Present: Deputy Mayor Mark Blomquist and Trustee Rob Burns**

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

**Item #1 Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes for May 10, 2023. The motion was seconded by Trustee wright and so carried with a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

**Item #2 Approval of Warrant**

Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve Warrant #051823 in the amount of \$37,390.95, Warrant #050223 in the amount of \$51,865.73 and Warrant #061423 in the amount of \$31,782.63 for a grand total of \$121,039.31. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

**Item #3 Department Reports**

**Department of Public Works** - Highway Superintendent Tom Temple Reviewed the DPW Fiscal 2023-year total.

Superintendent Tom Temple stated he received 2 quotes for the furnaces at the Community Center. One in the amount of \$34,786, the second in the amount of \$81,160. He recommends going with the lower quote in the amount of \$34,786, which will come out of the ARPA Funds. Superintendent Tom Temple stated he needs a resolution for Joseph Defelice for the open Laborer Position.

Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve the purchase of the furnaces in the amount of \$34,786.00 for the Community Center. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wright and so carried with a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve a Resolution to appoint Joseph Defelice in the open Laborer position for the DPW. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

**Police Department** – Chief Hurley informed the Board for the month of May there were 145 summonses issued, 429 calls for service, 47 were in Grand View and the remaining 382 were in Piermont. The Department participated in click it or tick it from May 26<sup>th</sup> through June 4<sup>th</sup>, a total of 37 tickets were issued for seat belt violations. The Piermont Police Department started The Bicycle check points in the Village of Grand View and Piermont.

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

**Parks Department** – Dan Sherman was not present.

**Fire Department** – Chief Larry Cabrera stated since January there were 168 service calls, 170-EMS calls, 61 fire, water rescue and high angle calls. Chief Cabrera requested to move

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\$1,234.20 from 2022-2023 Capital from Class II Harnesses to pay for the additional pagers ordered.

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve a Resolution to move \$1,234.20 from 2022-2023 Capital from the Class II Harnesses to pay for the additional pagers ordered. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wright and so carried with a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

**Item #4 - Old Business**

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated the Village Board approved the request via email from the Piermont Community Garden to hold their annual Summer Solstice Picnic in Parelli Park on June 17, 2023, with a rain date of June 18, 2023.

Mayor Tucker had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Blomquist not present.

Trustee Burns not present.

Trustee Mitchell had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Wright had no old business to discuss.

**Item# 5 New Business**

Village Clerk-Treasurer informed the Board that Police Officer Steve Leuthner is retiring on July 27, 2023. She stated that Officer Leuthner will submit a letter of resignation/retirement, and the appointment of a new Police Officer for the Piermont Police Department, these items will be added on the July 12, 2023, Agenda.

Daniel Spitzer stated the Planning Board has concerns about the Sparkill Dam and Millpond possibly being taken down. He presented a resolution to the Board for review which states it's an important part of the Village which needs to be preserved. This item has been moved to July 11, 2023, Village Board Meeting

Mayor Tucker requested to take money from Contingency to pay for the cost to install the plaque on the stone black at the Grace Knowlton Sculpture at the Rockland Road Bridge in the amount of \$275.00.

Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve the cost to install the plaque on the stone black at the Grace Knowlton Sculpture at the Rockland Road Bridge in the amount of \$275.00 from Contingency. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Mayor Tucker stated PAL Director Tahlaad Mahboeb suggested "Permit Parking Only" after 5pm be placed at the Community Center Parking lot. Tahlaad Mahboeb stated the programs have gotten busier which is causing conflict with residents who purchased overnight parking for that lot.

Trustee Blomquist not present.

Trustee Burns not present.

Trustee Mitchell had no new business to discuss.

Trustee Wright had no new business to discuss.

**Item #6 7:00pm Public Hearing – Short Term Rental**

Village Attorney Lino Sciarretta reviewed the current definition of a Short-Term Rental, which states A dwelling unit that is rented, in whole or in part, to any person or entity for a period of less than five (5) consecutive nights. The Board was proposing changing that to less and (29) consecutive night.

*Mayor Tucker made a motion to open Public Hearing – Short Term Rental at 7:24pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.*

**Public Comment**

**Terri Drexler** stated she has concerns with Short-Term Rental’s impacting the quality of life for those who live in the Village. Mayor Tucker stated the Short-Term Rental law was passed last year. He explained the meaning of the Short-Term Rental. Trustee Mitchell stated the Village has more control over Short-Term Rental, vs Long Term Rentals.

*Mayor Tucker made a motion to close Public Hearing – Short Term Rental at 7:51pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.*

Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve the change in the local law – Short Term Rental to less than twenty nine (29) consecutive nights. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

***Local Law #7 of 2023***

***A Local Law to amend the Village Code of the Village of Piermont, Part II, General Legislation, Chapter 117, Housing Standards, § 117-2, Definitions, specifically, the definition of “Short-Term Rental.”***

***Amend the first sentence of the definition as follows:***

***SHORT-TERM RENTAL - A dwelling unit that is rented, in whole or in part, to any person or entity for a period of 29 days or less. "Rental" means an agreement, written or oral, granting use or possession of a residence, in whole or in part, to a person in exchange for monetary compensation. " Short-term rental" shall also mean the selling of shares, time- share ownership or the establishing of other ownership, tenancy or use arrangement in which a person obtains a right of occupancy in all or any portion of a residential dwelling unit.***

***This Local Law shall be effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.***

**Item #7 Review and accept Berard & Associates Letter of Understanding to conduct the Village of Piermont Financial Audit for year ending May 31, 2023, and the Justice Court Audit for year ending May 31, 2023**

Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve Berard & Associates Letter of Understanding to conduct the Village of Piermont Financial Audit for the year ending May 31, 2023, and the Justice Court Audit for year ending May 31, 2023. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

**Item #8 Review Draft Resolution to add two street parking spots in front of 505 Piermont Avenue**

Tabled for a later date.

**Item #9 Review Procurement Policy**

Mayor Tucker made a motion to renew the current Procurement Policy. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wright and so carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

**Item #10 Public comment**

**Margaret Grace** 22 Stevenson Street, Piermont stated she would like the Skating Pond be cleaned and a fountain added. Daniel Sherman stated this could be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Tucker stated the Village of Piermont does not own Pond or Creek. Trustee Mitchell state the Village owns the lower dam. Mayor Tucker stated we he will reach out to the drainage agency.

**Item #11 Adjournment**

Mayor Tucker made a motion at 7:44pm to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeYorgi Maher  
Clerk-Treasurer