

VILLAGE OF POMONA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
APRIL 23, 2001

A Board of Trustees meeting of the Village of Pomona was held at the Pomona Village Hall, Old Route 202 and Camp Hill Road, Pomona, New York at 7:30 p.m. on April 23, 2001.

Present

Mayor: Herb Marshall
Deputy Mayor: Al Appel
Trustees: Ian Banks
Alma Roman
Nick Sanderson
Village Attorney: Reuben Ortenberg
Village Engineer: Joe Corless
Village Clerk: Susan Glantz
Bldg. Insp. Norman Becker

- 1. Salute to the Flag**
- 2. Open Period**

Lisa Valow-Picarello of 10 Diltz Road, Ladentown, not a Village resident, addressed the Board on behalf of a group known as LARO, Ladentown Alternate Route Opposition. The following residents of the Ladentown area, not residents of the Village, all expressed their opposition to the possible alternate Mirant route. Amy Helck, 50 Mountain Road, Carla Rice, 51 Diltz Road, Claudia Mace, 21 Diltz Road, Larry Picarello, 10 Diltz Road, David Mace, 21 Diltz Road, Anthony Celini, 45, 51 and 59 Diltz Road, Bob Lieberman, 14 Diltz Road, Arlene Kahn, 10 Mountain Road, and Jacqueline Mace, 21 Diltz Road.

At this point, Mayor Marshall reiterated that the Board is taking no action tonight. The matter is still before the Public Service Commission for the line to be established from the Ladentown Substation to the Bowline Plant. If, it is approved, then Mirant has to apply to both the Town of Ramapo and the Village of Pomona for using an alternate route. The matter has not progressed to that stage. When it does, the Village of Pomona will hold a public meeting with Mirant in attendance to answer all questions from the area's residents. The Ladentown residents should be in touch with their representatives in the Town of Ramapo, since that is who represents them.

Kay Olive Kelly, 218 Old Route 202, Pomona questioned the need for an alternative route. There is an existing easement and that is the route they should use.

Noel Fernandez, 236 Old Route 202, Pomona asked how the Village could consider disrupting a neighborhood when there is already an existing right of way for them to use. She asked that the alternative route not be considered.

Mark Merritt, 3 Burning Brush Court, Pomona stated that he does not live near the site in question, but the proposed alternate route should not be considered.

Arnold Friedman, 27 Hidden Valley Road, Suffern brought up the problem he is still having with the work being done by a builder on his road but in the Village of Wesley Hills. Mr. Corless has visited the site and taken pictures. He feels the lawn has not been restored to what was agreed to with Mayor Frankl. Mayor Marshall will meet with Mayor Frankl to try and resolve this matter. Mr. Friedman then brought up two other issues. One was water that is running up the middle of Hidden Valley Road. It could be a broken pipe from the construction. Also, on the north side, the road is collapsing by the catch basin. Clerk Glantz will contact the Ramapo Highway Department and have them check both matters.

Constantine Gletsos, 56 Halley Drive, Pomona inquired about the littering signs for the Village. Mayor Marshall responded that they have been made and later in the meeting a list will be reviewed and approved by the Board and then the signs will be installed.

Trustee Banks moved to close the Open Period, seconded by Deputy Mayor Appel. Motion carried 5-0.

- 3. Adoption of Minutes**
- A. 3/26/01**
- B. 4/2/01**

Since both sets of minutes were just received by the Board, the matter was tabled to the next meeting.

4. Zoning Board Appointment

Mayor Marshall reappointed Penny Paiken to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The term runs from 2001 to 2006 and Mayor Marshall asked for the Board's approval of the appointment.

Trustee Sanderson moved the adoption of the appointment of Penny Paiken to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of 2001 to 2006. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Appel. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Cultural Center

The Director's report is attached to the minutes. Mr. Gde mentioned repairs that need to be made and will complete the form to be used when requesting repairs. The time capsule has not been buried yet, but will be by the next Board meeting.

6. Village Hall Refurbishment

Trustee Banks reported that the project is finished and is now down to a short punch list. Panic hardware is required for the doors to the elevator room but were not included in the original work to be done. Trustee Banks will check on prices for the hardware. Regular hardware will be installed on the doors until the panic hardware can be purchased.

Trustee Sanderson moved to approve up to \$2000.00 for the panic hardware for the doors to the elevator room, seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Banks will turn in a write up for the Newsletter on the refurbishment of Village Hall by the end of the week.

7. Burgess Meredith Park Improvements

Mayor Marshall reported there was vandalism at the park and a chain was used to pull over one of the steel posts. A local private company paid for the repair to the post. Trustee Sanderson reported that the equipment has been ordered and the contract out for execution. Deputy Mayor Appel requested that all bills be submitted by the end of June in order to meet the grant deadline. Mr. Corless requested authorization to go out to bid for the bridge.

Trustee Sanderson moved that the Clerk advertise for bids for the new bridge at Burgess Meredith Park, seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Grants and Awards

Deputy Mayor Appel reported that the Village will be reapplying for a grant from Greenway to tie Burgess Meredith Park into Cheesecote Park. The Village did not receive any grant money from the Consortium.

9. Building Department

A. Code Enforcement

A report from the Code Enforcement Officer is attached. In order to enforce the court's decision, the owner of 172/175 Camp Hill Road was notified to have the house at the rear of the property vacated by the tenants by May 15th. Otherwise, a court appearance will be scheduled. Also, a house on Galileo that was refurbished has put out her construction debris for pick up. The carter refuses to take the construction debris. If the property is not cleared the owner will be

issued a court appearance. CMU has been notified twice to clean up his property and he has not complied. A court appearance will be scheduled.

B. Building Inspector

CMU has requested a building permit. Plans were submitted but no fee was paid. The plans were rejected, and will not be accepted again unless the plans are properly filed with the required fee. Mr. Becker reported that the Hindu Temple plans to have the driveway paved, the parking lots paved and the area regraded by May 15th. Trustee Banks raised the question of the lighting at the Temple. It is spilling over onto the neighbors at night and this was not supposed to happen. Mr. Corless will follow up on the matter.

C. Engineering

Mr. Corless reported that Scaffidi's will be coming into the Village to take a look at the Secor drainage project. Also, Calmart, the contractor for the Brookside project is scheduled to start on May 7th. The project at Overlook is moving along nicely. There was discussion regarding the Buchinger lots and drainage problems. Residents living in the houses are concerned about rocks falling onto their houses and children while they are out playing and drainage problems. A storm drain will be run down the center of the street. A cement wall has been proposed to stop the rocks from rolling down the slope, solutions are still being considered by the Planning Board. Trustee Roman commented that the area has a serious safety issue and it needs to be addressed. On the matter of the Ramsey subdivision road dedication, Mr. Ortenberg has sent to the Title Company a list of deficiencies in the paperwork. He is waiting to hear from them. Until the road dedication is completed, no more C.O.'s will be issued for the subdivision. The Klingher Court road dedication is moving along nicely and once an updated title report is received, the papers will be filed.

Trustee Sanderson moved to accept the dedication of the Klingher Court road, subject to the updating of the title report. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Roman brought up the matter of widening Pine Court. She was approached by residents in the area who felt because of the group home, the road should be widened. Mayor Marshall has met with the area residents and the group home residents and matters there seem to be resolved.

10. Legal

Mr. Ortenberg reported that the Ladentown Preservation Association suit against the Village regarding the Hindu Temple has been settled. The Village was correct in issuing a special permit for the Temple to be built.

Trustee Banks moved to go into Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation, seconded by Trustee Sanderson. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Banks moved to close the Executive Session and return to the regular Board meeting, seconded by Trustee Sanderson. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Ortenberg reported that he has received dedication papers from the John Lynn project on Overlook. Once he has reviewed the papers, he will either have them ready for the next Board meeting or questions for the builder's attorney to clear up.

11. Old Business

Mayor Marshall distributed a list of proposed placements for the new littering fine signs. The Board was in agreement and Clerk Glantz will contact the Highway Department to have them installed.

12. New Business

Mayor Marshall reported on a Little League meeting he attended in which the Town of Ramapo was requesting the Villages to contribute to the Little League in order to build more ballfields. Mayor Marshall responded that it was illegal to spend Village funds for parks that are not in the Village. The vandalism at the Burgess Meredith Park is still going on. Ways to curb or stop it were discussed. Trustee Banks will obtain the cost of hiring private security personnel for Friday and Saturday evenings at the park. Mayor Marshall will hold a meeting with the neighbors to come up with some possible solutions to the problem. Trustee Sanderson will prepare a mailing to the area residents.

13. Office Period

Clerk Glantz requested help in putting up the new flag. Trustee Sanderson will take care of the matter.

Trustee Sanderson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Appel. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Malverne J. Toll