

VILLAGE OF POMONA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
AUGUST 27, 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 August 27, 2001.

Present

Mayor: Herb Marshall
Deputy Mayor: Al Appel
Trustees: Ian Banks
Alma Roman
Village Attorney: Reuben Ortenberg
Village Clerk: Susan Glantz
Bldg. Inspector: Norman Becker

Absent

Trustee Nick Sanderson
Village Engineer Joe Corless

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

No one from the public chose to address the Board.

Trustee Banks moved to close the Open Period. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Appel. Motion carried 4-0.

3. **Adoption of Minutes**
 - A. **July 23, 2001**

Trustee Banks requested that the two escrow items be shown in separate paragraphs. The return of escrow funds to Lamond was discussed but no return was made at this time. Rolling Acres also requested a return of escrow funds in the amount of \$1000.00 which was approved by the Board.

Trustee Roman moved to accept the minutes of July 23, 2001 as amended. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Appel. Motion carried 4-0.

4. **Cultural Center**

A copy of the Director of the Cultural Center's report is attached. Deputy Mayor Appel and Trustee Roman will meet with the Director of the Cultural Center and

the Chairman of the Recreation Committee to work out an exhibit and program for Halloween. Trustee Banks will work with Gde on his request for additional lighting for the Center. Gde will obtain estimates for the lighting work that he feels needs to be done and meet with Trustee Banks about it.

5. Village Hall Repair Project

Trustee Banks reported the two open items are a replacement button for the elevator which has already been ordered, and the panic hardware for the doors. Panic hardware is required for both doors and will be ordered shortly.

6. Parks

A. Burgess Meredith

Mr. Corless gave a report to Mayor Marshall earlier in the day concerning additional work done at the park by Scaffidi. The additional work included two additional pipe crossings, plus stone channels. Surge stone was added to the drainage outlets and the stone path was widened and shaped in three areas. Also, a general clean-up of the jogging path was completed. The work required a machine and truck labor for three days at a cost of \$2000.00 a day. Mr. Corless recommended payment of the bill. Trustee Banks asked that payment be withheld until the clean up of the jagged drainage pipes is completed. He will visit the park tomorrow to make sure the pipes have been removed in order to proceed with payment to Scaffidi.

Mayor Marshall reported on a possible problem of chlorine being dumped into the Minisceongo Creek from the bridge in the park. The D.E.C. and the Department of Health have investigated the matter and should provide us with a report of their findings before our next Board meeting.

B. Secor

Two issues were brought up concerning Secor Park. One was the accumulation of trash at the park, which Pro Cut is not picking up when they cut the grass. Trustee Banks commented that the placing of extra trash cans in the park was not approved by him. He felt that because there were many trash cans people were not using them at all. He thought that just having the one original trash can by the deck was sufficient to keep the park clean. He will have the additional trash cans removed. Secondly, the pump used in the pond is broken and needs to be replaced. A new pump has been ordered and will cost \$1350.00 including installation.

Trustee Banks moved to approve the expenditure of \$1350.00 to replace and install the pump in the pond at Secor Park. The money for the pump replacement to be taken from the Stuart Homes escrow fund. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Appel. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Grants and Awards

A resolution for the Clean Water Clear Air Grant was presented for approval. A copy is attached.

Trustee Banks moved to adopt the resolution to file for funds from the Hudson River Valley Greenway Act in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Appel. Motion carried 4-0.

8. Building Department

A. Code Enforcement

A copy of the July/August Code Enforcement Officer's report is attached. Trustee Banks asked about the approximately 100 yards of wood chips that was dumped at the back of the Temple property. The wood chips will be used throughout the property. Mr. Becker will inquire of the Temple people when the landscaping will be finished.

Deputy Mayor Appel reported that Mrs. Simon's tenants have vacated the property and that she has already appeared before the Planning Board with an application to subdivide her property.

The ongoing problem with the real estate signs seems to have escalated. Deputy Mayor Appel took pictures of some of the signs and confiscated them. The signs are in violation of the Village's litter law. Mr. Ortenberg commented that the next step is that the Code Enforcement Officer serves papers on whoever is violating the law and take them to court.

B. Building Inspector

Mr. Becker reported that there is nothing new regarding CMU. Problems on the existing houses were supposed to be straightened out by August 1st and they haven't. Mr. Becker also reported that he has not heard from Jorge Ferreira of Ramsey Estates since the last meeting. A homeowner telephoned Mr. Becker today regarding a problem with Orange and Rockland Utilities. They are working in the Village's easement and did not inform the homeowner or the Village. Mayor Marshall will contact O&R to find out what can be done to improve communications. Everything seems to be going well with John Lynn's Highgate subdivision. There have been no complaints about the project.

C. Engineering

Yeshiva of Spring Valley has appeared before the Planning Board and have removed the dormitory from their plans They are currently dealing with the

subdivision of 25 homes planned for the property. The Board of Trustees will be required to approve a special permit for the school.

There was no return of escrow requests but the Lamond subdivision escrow return is still pending. The matter will be tabled to the next meeting.

The status of the Schulman donation of property is currently in a Phase 1 environmental investigation. A title report has also been requested from the title insurance company. When this process is complete, the property will be accepted for donation by the Village.

9. Legal

Mr. Ortenberg reported that since the last meeting he has talked with the attorney for Mickleberry Estates, Larry Schwartz. Mr. Schwartz is on vacation until after Labor Day. Mr. Ortenberg left word for Mr. Schwartz to call him when he returns.

The status of the repair to Mr. Friedman's Hidden Valley Drive property was updated. A letter that Mr. Friedman sent to the Village of Wesley Hills was recently forwarded for follow-up to their Village attorney Mr. Frank Brown.

Mr. Ortenberg has been in contact with Mr. Occhipinti regarding the discontinuance of the Highgate lawsuit and is awaiting action.

10. Old Business

Mayor Marshall reported on the status of the Quaker Road mulch site situation. He attended the August 8th Haverstraw Zoning Board of Appeals meeting and a decision should be issued during their September meeting.

11. New Business

The Town of Ramapo is holding a comprehensive plan meeting on Thursday, August 30th at 7:30 p.m.

Wesley Hills Day at Willow Tree Park will be held on September 23rd between noon and 4 p.m.

The Board discussed the need for a September workshop meeting. It was decided to cancel the workshop meeting for September.

12. Office Period

Clerk Glantz reported that the office files are currently being worked on.

13. Trustees Period

Trustee Roman has met with the Recreation Committee and they are looking for projects to pursue. Deputy Mayor Appel suggested the committee might do some kind of community work at the various group homes in the Village. Deputy Mayor Appel brought up the matter of the trucks collecting the recycling and dropping a lot of it on the roads and not picking it up.

Trustee Banks moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Appel. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Malverne J. Toll