

VILLAGE OF POMONA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MARCH 24, 2003

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 March 24, 2003.

Present

Mayor: Herb Marshall
Trustees: Ian Banks
Alma Roman
Nick Sanderson
Village Attorney: Reuben Ortenberg
Bldg. Inspector: Michael Zrelak, Jr.
Village Clerk: Susan Glantz

Absent

Village Engineer: Joe Corless

Summary of Motions:

Trustee Sanderson moved to adopt the minutes of February 18, 2003 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 3-0-1. Trustee Banks abstained since he was absent from the meeting.

Trustee Sanderson moved to adopt the minutes of February 24, 2003 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 3-0-1. Trustee Banks abstained since he was absent from the meeting.

Trustee Sanderson moved to renew the Cultural Center insurance with Huntington Block. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Banks moved for approval, up to \$1000.00, for painting of the front doors. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Sanderson moved to set a Public Hearing on the 2003/2004 Budget on April 14th at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Sanderson moved to approve expenditure of no more than \$3000.00 to share in the cost of hiring an independent planner to review the Town of Ramapo Comprehensive Plan and Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Banks moved to advertise for bids for landscaping at Village Hall, Cultural Center, Van den Hende, Secor and Burgess Meredith Parks. Seconded by Trustee Sanderson. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Sanderson moved a motion to promote a name be given to the Palisades Parkway access road at the end of Quaker Road. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 4-0.

1. Salute the Flag

Mayor Marshall invited Trustee-elect Alan Lamer to join the Board at the table.

2. Open Period

Joanne and Eric Singer, 2 White Birch Drive, Pomona: Expressed concern about a proposed 3-home subdivision that would back onto his property. Mr. Singer presented proposed plans of the site and told how he felt it would adversely affect his property. Mayor Marshall explained that his presentation and concerns should be addressed to the Planning Board and not the Village Board. The Village Board approved average density but the Planning Board reviews and approves any site or building plans.

David Herskowitz, 1 Litman Lane, Pomona: Asked the Board if something could be done about the constant trash that is being blown onto his property from Pomona Road and along Route 306 to Old Pomona Road. Clerk Glantz will request from the Town of Ramapo that their Litter Patrol canvass the area on a regular basis to keep it picked up. Clerk Glantz will have a No Littering sign posted in the area.

Trustee Roman moved to close the Open Period. Seconded by Trustee Sanderson. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Adoption of Minutes

A. February 18, 2003

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B. February 24, 2003

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4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report is attached to the minutes. Mayor Marshall reported that the Village's current banking institution will start to charge service fees. Therefore, he and the Clerk Glantz are meeting with Provident Bank and also Bank of New York regarding the possible transferring of the Village's accounts. A recommendation will be made to the Board at the Reorganization Meeting.

5. Committee Reports
A. Cultural Center

The Director of the Cultural Center's report is attached to the minutes. Gde inquired about having the building painted outside. Trustee Banks will look into the matter.

Mayor Marshall reported that the insurance renewal on the Cultural Center is due.

Trustee Sanderson moved to renew the Cultural Center insurance with Huntington Block. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Marshall reported on a meeting he had with Mayor Frankl of Wesley Hills regarding the Wesley Hills Senior Center and incorporating it with Pomona's Cultural Center. Mayor Marshall will pursue discussions with Mayor Frankl on the matter.

B. Recreation

Trustee Roman reported that the Recreation Committee will be meeting early next month. A proposed budget has been submitted to the Board.

C. Other

Nothing at this time.

6. Grants and Awards

Mayor Marshall reported the extension of a \$10,000 grant that was due to expire at the end of March. The money will be used for refurbishing the front doors and landscaping around the garbage containers and air conditioning units next to the front doors. Also, a sign, Village of Pomona, on the side of the building and a sign on the lawn at the corner of Camp Hill and Route 202. Clerk Glantz will be contacting Senator Morahan's office to see if a change can be made in how the funds, \$15,000, allocated for the Village Clock can be spent.

Trustee Banks moved for approval, up to \$1000.00, for painting of the front doors. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Building Department
A. Code Enforcement

Nothing at this time.

B. Engineering

There were no requests for return of escrow at this time.

C. Building Inspector

Mr. Zrelak reported that on Highgate, Lot H-14 has placed money in escrow and a C.O. was issued.

8. Legal

Mr. Ortenberg requested the Board go into Executive Session because the matters to be discussed are currently in litigation.

Mayor Marshall brought up the matter of licensing people who snow plow and landscape in the Village. A copy of the Town of Ramapo snow plow licensing was given to Mr. Ortenberg and he will research the matter.

9. Old Business

Mayor Marshall reported to the Board that they will have a copy of the 2003/2004 budget by the March 31, deadline. The budget will be discussed at the April 7th Reorganization/Workshop Meeting. A public hearing on the budget will be held on April 14th at 7:30 p.m.

Trustee Sanderson moved to set a Public Hearing on the 2003/2004 Budget on April 14th at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Marshall gave an update on the Patrick Farm property and announced a public hearing on April 7, 2003 by the Town of Ramapo on the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement of the Comprehensive Master Plan. The Patrick Farm property was changed from PRD to single acre residential. The Villages in the Town of Ramapo at a cost of \$3000.00 each, plan to hire an independent planner to review the revised Comprehensive Master Plan and the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement.

Trustee Sanderson moved to approve expenditure of no more than \$3000.00 to share in the cost of hiring an independent planner to review the Town of Ramapo Comprehensive Plan and Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 4-0.

10. New Business

Mayor Marshall distributed a proposed meeting schedule for the 2003/2004 year to be approved at the Reorganization Meeting on April 7th.

Mayor Marshall announced an opening on the Planning Board and asked for recommendations from the Board Members. Also, the Village Board will consider meeting with the Planning and Zoning Boards to discuss the selection of Chairpersons.

The current landscaping specifications will be used for the coming year. Bids will be advertised for and opened at the April 7th meeting.

Trustee Banks moved to advertise for bids for landscaping at Village Hall, Cultural Center, Van den Hende, Secor and Burgess Meredith Parks. Seconded by Trustee Sanderson. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Marshall announced a meeting with the Supervisor of Haverstraw on April 1st to go over common issues between the Town and the Village. A request has been e-mailed to the Village that the Palisades Parkway access road be named.

Trustee Sanderson moved a motion to promote a name be given to the Palisades Parkway access road at the end of Quaker Road. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 4-0.

11. Office Period

Nothing at this time.

12. Trustees Period

Trustee Sanderson brought up the matter that during the winter a huge amount of damage was done to the streets, curbs and berms in the Village and a budget item may be necessary to cover the repairs. Mayor Marshall responded there is a repair item in the budget and CHIPS money could also be used.

Trustee Roman suggested that the Village hold a Pomona Day of Caring sometime in early September but after Labor Day.

Mayor Marshall would like to form an Outreach Committee to organize things in the Village to reach out to all people in the Village to heal the gap that was created.

Trustee Sanderson moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss various items of litigation. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Roman moved to close the Executive Session and reopen the Public meeting. Seconded by Trustee Sanderson. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Sanderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Malverne J. Toll