

VILLAGE OF POMONA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAY 23, 2005

ADOPTED AUGUST 15, 2005

A Board of Trustees meeting of the Village of Pomona was held at the Pomona Village Hall, 100 Ladentown Road, Pomona, New York at 7:30 p.m. on May 23, 2005.

Present

Mayor: Herbert Marshall

Deputy Mayor: Nick Sanderson

Trustees: Ian Banks
Alan Lamer
Alma Roman

Doris Ulman, Village Attorney
P. J. Corless, Village Engineer
Michael Zrelak, Jr., Building Inspector
Leslie Sanderson, Administrative Assistant

Summary of Motions

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to adopt the minutes of April 11, 2005, as corrected. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Banks moved to approve a maximum expenditure of \$650.00 for signs for the Parks. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Sanderson. Motion carried 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to approve an expenditure of \$1000.00 to Cornell Cooperative Extension to participate in public outreach programs for the SPDES requirement. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to hire one or two students to complete the mapping of the Village storm sewer system as a summer intern project at an hourly rate not to exceed \$10.00. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved the resolution that the payment of General Funds Claims totaling \$49,709.87 set forth on pages 1 through 5 in the Monthly Abstract Listing dated April 25, 2005 through May 20, 2005, as submitted by the Village Clerk/Treasurer are hereby approved subject to individual audits by the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 5-0.

1. Salute the Flag

2. Open Period

Robert Himler, 26 Old Pomona Road addressed the Board regarding property at 24 Old Pomona Road. Construction equipment, etc. in the backyard, illegal occupancy of a garage and other violations. Mr. Helfgott, Code Enforcement Officer reported that he has inspected the property, observed numerous violations on the property, and is in the process of taking appropriate action.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to close the Open Period. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Public Hearing – SPDES Storm Water Discharge Annual Report

Attached is a copy of the Village Engineer's report. Mayor Marshall brought up for discussion the five issues mentioned in the report; Public Education Requirement – Cornell Cooperative Education has a program that the Village could participate in for \$1000.00 to establish an education requirement. Mapping – it was suggested that a student or students be hired over the summer to complete a mapping program of the Village's storm drain system. Street Cleaning and Catch Basin Cleaning and Reporting – the Village needs to conduct a clean-up program of the catch basins and record the volume of material removed from the catch basins. Reporting – comments from the public, or lack of comments, must be reported to the NYS DEC. No one from the public appeared to speak during the Public Hearing.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Corless reported that this is the second reporting of a five year program by the NYS DEC to ensure that the streams and waters of the State would be cleaner. The series of requirements placed on all municipalities will most likely be expensive to institute. The Village has done some of the required work but it needs to be completed. Mr. Corless recommended that the Village join in the Cornell Cooperative Extension program on education and public outreach.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to approve an expenditure of \$1000.00 to Cornell Cooperative Extension to participate in public outreach programs for the SPDES requirement. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Corless suggested summer students be hired to complete the mapping requirement. They should have a valid driver's license, have a cell phone, an automobile and be reimbursed automobile expenses. Mayor Marshall

recommended that the summer student or students should preferably be a Village resident. The Towns are also conducting a mapping program and the Village will utilize their findings as it relates to the Village.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to hire one or two students to complete the mapping of the Village storm sewer system as a summer intern project at an hourly rate not to exceed \$10.00. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Corless commented on the Street Cleaning and Catch Basin Cleaning. He said that the Village has to schedule street sweeping and catch basin cleaning and account for the material removed. The Village's streets are swept partially by the Town of Ramapo and the Town of Haverstraw. Mr. Corless will meet with them to acquire the street cleaning schedule and materials retrieved.

The Village's reporting needs to be clarified. When there are no comments, that needs to be reported to the NYS DEC.

4. Adoption of Minutes

A. April 11, 2005

Deputy Mayor Sanderson commented that on page 3, Old Business regarding the fence to be installed on Halley Drive around the cable line box, should read "need to be" not "should be".

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to adopt the minutes of April 11, 2005, as corrected. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 5-0.

B. April 25, 2005

Tabled to the next meeting.

C. May 9, 2005

Tabled to the next meeting.

5. Cultural Center

A copy of the Director's report is attached to the minutes. Mayor Marshall asked Trustee Roman if she was familiar with or aware of the press release that Gde was planning to send out. Trustee Roman responded that she was not. Mayor Marshall stated that Gde is to be informed that nothing is to be sent out without Trustee Roman's approval. Expenditure requests from Gde also have not yet been discussed with Trustee Roman and are consequently not authorized. Attached is a memo to Gde stating that all opening expenditures must be pre-

approved before any money is expended. If there is no pre-approval, no payment will be made.

Trustee Banks raised the matter of the difficulty in reaching Gde. Messages are left on answering machines but he seldom, if ever, returns phone calls. There was much discussion by the Board regarding reaching Gde by phone. Ms. Sanderson will discuss with Gde the best way to reach him via telephone.

6. Building Department
A. Engineering and Building

Mr. Corless reported there were no requests for escrow returns. Specs have been completed for the drainage issues under review (Wavey Willow/ Tamarack catch basin - 120 Camp Hill culvert and Burgess Meredith Park) in the Village but have not been distributed to contractors. Mr. Corless and Code Enforcement Officer Helfgott have inspected 4 South Ridge and 2 Mountain View and found no problem at this time. Trustee Banks inquired about the drainage in front of the Sri Ranganatha Temple on Ladentown Road. Trustee Lamer questioned the excavation going on at Halley Drive and Overlook and inquired whether a building permit had been issued for the work being done. Mr. Corless will look into both items.

Ms.. Ulman reported on her Minisceongo Park Scoping comments which are attached to the minutes along with comments from the Planning Board Chairperson. The Board expressed added concern about the number of units planned for the Ramapo portion of the property, water and sewer management, and the tremendous increase in traffic the project will bring to the area. Ms.. Ulman will draft a letter incorporating the Board's comments, the Planning Board Chairperson's comments and her comments regarding the property. The letter will be distributed to the Board for their approval before forwarding it to the Town of Haverstraw by May 27th.

Trustee Banks inquired about specs for work still needing to be done at Burgess Meredith Park. Mr. Corless will prepare them as quickly as possible.

7. Committee Reports
A. Recreation

Trustee Roman reported she is waiting to hear from Ms.. Patty Griffio who she would like appointed as Chair for the Committee. She is also working toward establishing a day for the Fish-in at Fairty Pond and will have more definite information at the next workshop meeting.

B. Buildings and Parks

Trustee Banks reported on the price of the signs for the parks - five signs at \$120.00 for each sign installed.

Trustee Banks moved to approve a maximum expenditure of \$650.00 for signs for the Parks. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Sanderson. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Finance

A. Treasurer's Report

A copy of the Treasurer's Report is attached to the minutes.

B. Expenditure Abstract Resolution

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved the resolution that the payment of General Funds Claims totaling \$49,709.87 set forth on pages 1 through 5 in the Monthly Abstract Listing dated April 25, 2005 through May 20, 2005, as submitted by the Village Clerk/Treasurer are hereby approved subject to individual audits by the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Grants and Awards

Deputy Mayor Sanderson reported that the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant needs to be submitted by the end of next month, and he will work with the Village Clerk to draft a submission.

9. Code Enforcement

A copy of the Code Enforcement Officer's report is attached to the minutes. Mayor Marshall reported on a meeting with residents, and the police, regarding speeding on Tara Drive and Sherwood Ridge Road. Mr. Helfgott commented that this is an ongoing problem with a local resident operating his car in a reckless manner. There are also cars parking overnight on Tara Drive. Ms. Ulman will review the Village's local laws regarding overnight parking and report to the Board at the next workshop meeting.

10. Legal

Mayor Marshall commented on a revised Cheesecote Path resolution with the Town of Haverstraw. Ms. Ulman will discuss the project with the Town of Haverstraw attorney when he returns from vacation.

The Board had previously agreed to renew the Developer's Agreement. The dedication of the road will be accepted as a "whole" and not in part.

Ms.. Ulman reported on the new case of Friedman against the Village of Pomona, the Village of Wesley Hills and Kwilecki. She will be making a motion to dismiss prior to the June 24th deadline. NYMIR has refused to provide coverage because the Village is not being sued for damages.

11. Old Business

Deputy Mayor Sanderson reported there is nothing new on the utility fencing on Halley Drive.

Mayor Marshall reported that he and Ms. Ulman met with Ramesh Raghauan and Ms. Hodarkar of the Sri Ranganatha Temple regarding the landscaping on the Temple's property. Temple representatives will meet with the Planning Board to present a revised landscaping plan for the back of the property. Trustee Banks again brought up the matter of the driveway lighting which shines onto neighboring properties.

A joint workshop with the Planning and Zoning Boards has been scheduled for June 27, 2005 at 8 p.m. The Planning and Zoning Board members will be asked to submit agenda items in advance to the Mayor.

12. New Business

Mayor Marshall reported a situation in which trees were being illegally cut down in the Village because tree companies were unaware of our local laws. To improve the situation, Village Hall is in the process of notifying all area tree companies of our local laws regarding trees. A copy of the proposed letter is attached to the minutes.

13. Office Period

Nothing at this time.

14. Trustees Period

Trustee Roman brought up a complaint she received that adjoining homeowners were not notified when the actual building began at Southern Pomona Homes. Ms.. Ulman responded that notice is not sent out when the building begins. The adjoining residents were at the Planning Board meetings prior to the building permits being issued and were aware that building would be going on.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson brought up the matter of Cultural Center expenses and substitute artist-in-residence. Mayor Marshall stressed that these are the last vouchers that will be paid without Trustee Roman's approval.

Trustee Banks brought up the matter of Village mail and that previously it was delivered to the Board Members and he would like that done again. After discussion, it was decided that the Board Members would continue to pick up their mail at Village Hall.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Lamer moved to reopen the Public Meeting. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Sanderson. Motion carried 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Malverne J. Toll