

VILLAGE OF POMONA  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
APRIL 9, 2007

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 April 9, 2007.

Present

Mayor: Nick Sanderson  
Deputy Mayor: Ian Banks  
Trustees: Rita Louie  
Alma Roman  
Brett Yagel  
  
Doris Ulman, Village Attorney  
Carol LaChiana, Deputy Clerk

Summary of Motions

**Deputy Mayor Banks moved the resolution that the Mayor's appointments of Carol LaChiana as Deputy Village Clerk, Scott Shedler as Village Assessor and Eloise Litman as Village Historian for terms ending April 13, 2008, respectively, are hereby approved. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Trustee Louie moved the resolution that the contract with Fulton, Timmes, Frega and Straubinger as Village Auditor is hereby renewed for a period of one year upon the same terms and conditions as the expiring contract. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Banks. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Trustee Roman moved the resolution that the Rockland Journal News is hereby designated as the Official Newspaper for the Village of Pomona. Seconded by Trustee Yagel. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Trustee Yagel moved the resolution that the Provident Bank, M & T Bank and Chase Manhattan Bank are hereby designated as Official Depositories for the Village of Pomona, and be it further resolved, that Village funds not to exceed \$1.2 million are hereby authorized to be deposited in each of said Depositories. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Deputy Mayor Banks moved the resolution that all officers and employees who are authorized to use their personal vehicles for Village business shall be reimbursed at the prevailing IRS rate of 48.5 cents per mile. Seconded by Trustee Louie. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Deputy Mayor Banks moved the resolution that the appointment of Leslie Sanderson to the position of Administrative Assistant, part time, temporary, effective April 2, 2007 to April 23, 2007 for 15 hours a week, is hereby approved. Seconded by Trustee Louie. Motion carried 4-0-1. Mayor Sanderson abstained.**

Trustee Yagel moved the resolution that pursuant to Section 6-e of the General Municipal Law, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Pomona does hereby establish a Contingency and Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund, and be it further resolved, that the Village Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to deposit moneys of this reserve fund in a separate bank account to be known as the "Contingency and Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund", and be it further resolved, that the Village Treasurer is further authorized to invest, from time to time, the moneys in this reserve fund in accordance with the Village Investment Policy, and be it further resolved, that this resolution shall take effect forty-five (45) days after the adoption hereof unless a petition has been duly filed in the office of the Village Clerk within such forty-five (45) days period; in the event a petition for referendum is filed with the Village Clerk within such forty-five (45) day period, this resolution shall not take effect until approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon at a general or special election held for such purpose. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Banks. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Yagel moved to return the building permit fee of \$2865.00 for work not started to Benedita Oliveira Gemnodie. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Yagel moved to approve an expenditure of \$150.00 for an additional performer for the Cultural Center Spring Opening. Seconded by Trustee Louie. Motion carried 5-0.

1. Salute the Flag.
2. Re-organizational Items

Mayor Sanderson appoints Trustee Ian Banks as Deputy Mayor for a term ending April 13, 2008.

Mayor Sanderson re-appoints Carol LaChiana as Deputy Village Clerk for a term ending April 13, 2008.

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Trustee Roman asked about the salaries for these people. Mayor Sanderson responded that would be covered when the line-by-line budget discussion was held.

Trustee Louie suggested an alternative re-organization of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk's duties. Ms. Ulman responded the suggested change would be a burden on the current

Deputy Clerk and State Law has specific job requirements for both the Clerk and the Treasurer. Trustee Yagel recommended cross-training for the Clerk and Deputy Clerk they could trade off their work loads when necessary.

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Trustee Roman requested resumes for the auditors in the Fulton, Timmes, Frega and Straubinger firm. Mayor Sanderson will have the resumes obtained for the Board of Trustees.

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### **3. New Business**

Mayor Sanderson announced that he has been contacted by Supervisor Phillips of the Town of Haverstraw regarding the property on Route 202 adjacent to Barr Laboratories and the Palisades Parkway, commonly known as the "gravel pit". The owner of the property has renewed his project to build townhouses but has lowered the number of units to 225. Mayor Sanderson asked the Board their feelings on the matter and if they would like a presentation on the project be made to them by the property owner. After discussion by the Board, it was decided that Mayor Sanderson would request copies of the proposed plans for the property for the Board to review before making any comments.

Mayor Sanderson distributed to the Board the meeting calendar for the 2007/2008 year with the noted change of the February 12, 2008 meeting to February 13, 2008 and the insertion of the 6 p.m. meeting time for the February 25, 2008 meeting. A copy of the calendar is attached to the Minutes.

Mayor Sanderson announced the "Coffee with the Mayor" meetings he will be holding at Village Hall on alternating second Saturdays and second Sundays of the month beginning on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

Deputy Mayor Banks reported on the status of the inspection by the Fire Inspector of the Ladentown Church. The church is a dedicated historical building and Deputy Mayor Banks will work with the Fire Inspector to determine what fire codes need to be addressed.

Deputy Mayor Banks reported on a meeting he has had with the Pomona Post Master regarding the delivery of mail to those houses on undedicated roads in the Village. It was suggested that a common mail box holder be installed at the beginning of those roads with a box for each house until the roads are dedicated. This would alleviate having each homeowner make trips to the post office to pick up their mail. Deputy Clerk LaChiana will prepare a list of undedicated roads for Deputy Mayor Banks who will then meet with the Village Engineer to determine if a common mail box post would solve the problem.

Mayor Sanderson has received a request from Benedita Oliveira Gemnodie for the refund of a fee paid for a building permit in May 2004 in the amount of \$2865.00. The application was filed but the work never started. The project was dropped.

**Trustee Yagel moved to return the building permit fee of \$2865.00 for work not started to Benedita Oliveira Gemnodie. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 5-0.**

Mayor Sanderson inquired of Ms. Ulman the status of the landscape contract with Christopher Meredith. The existing contract has an option to renew for another year at the same rate and specifications. Ms. Ulman has sent the contract to Mr. Meredith and is waiting for his response.

### **4. Budget**

The Mayor and Board of Trustees reviewed the proposed 2007/2008 Budget line-by-line. The salaries for the Mayor and the Trustees will remain unchanged from 2006/2007. After review and discussion, Mayor Sanderson will revise the Budget and have it ready for the Public Hearing on Thursday, April 12, 2007 for public review.

On another matter, Deputy Mayor Banks requested an additional \$150.00 for the upcoming Cultural Center Spring Opening in order to have a fourth performer.

**Trustee Yagel moved to approve an expenditure of \$150.00 for an additional performer for the Cultural Center Spring Opening. Seconded by Trustee Louie. Motion carried 5-0.**

**5. Legal**

Ms. Ulman has nothing to report at this time.

**6. Office Period**

Ms. LaChiana has nothing to report at this time.

**7. Trustees Period**

Nothing at this time.

**8. Executive Session**

**Trustee Yagel moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation and Personnel. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Trustee Roman moved to close the Executive Session and reopen the Public Meeting. Seconded by Trustee Yagel.**

**Trustee Yagel moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 5-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Malverne J. Toll