

VILLAGE OF POMONA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2003

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 August 18, 2003.

Present

Mayor: Herb Marshall
Trustees: Ian Banks
Alma Roman

Doris Ulman, Village Attorney
P. J. Corless, Village Engineer
Michael Zrelak, Jr., Building Inspector

Village Clerk: Susan Glantz

Absent

Deputy Mayor: Nick Sanderson
Trustee: Alan Lamer

Summary of Motions:

Trustee Roman moved to adopt the Amendment to the Code of the Village of Pomona in Relation to Residency of Village Officers. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Banks moved to adopt the Amendment of the Code of the Village of Pomona to Establish the Office of Village Engineer. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Banks moved to adopt the Minutes of July 28, 2003 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Banks moved to return the escrow amount of \$2500.00 to Mark Mankoff for a driveway completion. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Roman moved to return the escrow amount of \$5500.00 to JWL Construction on Lot C-55. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Roman moved to return the escrow amount of \$3000.00 to JWL Construction on Lot H-15. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Roman moved to return the escrow amount of \$762.00 to Menna Building for street maintenance on Lot G-34. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Banks moved the resolution, that the payment of General Fund Claims totaling \$39,918.47 set forth on page 1 of the Monthly Abstract Listing dated August 18, 2003 as submitted by the Village Clerk-Treasurer are hereby approved subject to individual audits by the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Roman moved to adopt the resolution allowing the Planning Board to use the Board Room on August 25, 2003 for their rescheduled meeting. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Banks moved to have a “No Through Traffic” sign posted on Klingher Court. Seconded by Mayor Marshall. Motion failed 0-3.

1. Salute the Flag

2. Open Period

Bill Stein, Consulting Engineer for JWL Construction inquired about escrow returns on three lots. Mayor Marshall responded they would be discussed during the Engineering Period. Mr. Stein then complimented the Village Engineer for his part in the settlement of the lawsuit which was settled today.

Mark Mankoff, 4 Valley View Drive, Pomona: inquired about the escrow from the electric company? Mayor Marshall responded it is a work in process, but the Village is moving toward having the work completed. Mr. Corless commented that the builder has built the transformer pad but O&R still has not installed the transformer. The matter is now in the hands of O&R. Also, the pump station has to be upgraded before the escrow can be returned to the homeowners. All building permits are restricted on Halley Drive until the work is completed.

The removal of abandoned autos from property near Mr. Mankoff was discussed. One auto was removed and another remains. Mr. Corless will follow up on the matter.

Trustee Roman moved to close the Open Period. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Public Hearings

A. Local Law Amendment – Village Officer Residency

Mayor Marshall explained the amendment relates changes residency requirement from Village of Pomona to County of Rockland for appointed officers. A copy of the Local Law is attached to the Minutes. Mayor Marshall then opened the Public Hearing. No one appeared to speak.

Trustee Roman moved to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Roman moved to adopt the Amendment to the Code of the Village of Pomona in Relation to Residency of Village Officers. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 3-0.

B. Local Law Amendment – Establishing the Office of Village Engineer

A copy of the Amendment of the Code is attached to the Minutes. Mayor Marshall opened the Public Hearing. No one appeared to speak.

Trustee Banks moved to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Banks moved to adopt the Amendment of the Code of the Village of Pomona to Establish the Office of Village Engineer. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Adoption of Minutes

A. July 28, 2003

Trustee Banks moved to adopt the Minutes of July 28, 2003 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Cultural Center

A copy of the Director's Report is attached to the Minutes. Trustee Banks reported he has received pamphlets for a shed for the backyard of the Center. He will research the matter against funds remaining in the Cultural Center's budget. Mr. Gde's computer request is under consideration by Deputy Mayor Sanderson and they will work with Trustee Roman to resolve the matter. Both of these issues will be discussed at the next Workshop.

6. Building Department

A. Engineering

Mr. Corless recommended the return of escrow on the following lots.

Trustee Banks moved to return the escrow amount of \$2500.00 to Mark Mankoff for a driveway completion. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Roman moved to return the escrow amount of \$5500.00 to JWL Construction on Lot C-55. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 3-0.

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Trustee Roman moved to return the escrow amount of \$762.00 to Menna Building for street maintenance on Lot G-34. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Stein, Consulting Engineer for JWL Construction inquired about the return of escrow for Lot G-33, JWL Construction. Mr. Corless commented that this matter should be returned to the Planning Board for their approval of the items on the site plan waived by the homeowner. The matter will go back to the Planning Board for their recommendation. Mayor Marshall stated that, as a special accommodation, the Village Board will consider the escrow return at its next Workshop meeting.

Mr. Corless reported that he expects the berms completed this week.

The matter regarding hydrants was tabled to the Workshop meeting.

Mayor Marshall brought up the matter of North Circle drainage and flooding. Because of the recent severe rain, residents living on North Circle should report it to Village Hall. There are Technical Assistance grants (TA Grants) available for eligible local communities to help prepare strategic plans for community development. Mr. Corless reported that the Schechter subdivision has caused several of the drains on Wolf Drive to be plugged and it has diverted water, inadvertently, onto North Circle. The homeowner on North Circle is scheduled to meet with Mr. Schechter or his representative to clear up the situation. Mr. Corless will remain involved.

Discussion was held concerning Old Pomona Road and who is responsible to repave it. The road is located between the Village of Wesley Hills and Pomona in the Town of Ramapo. Village Attorney Doris Ulman responded that after researching the matter, both Villages abut the edge of the road but not the road itself. Ramapo maintains control of the road and they own the road.

B. Planning and Zoning

Mayor Marshall asked the Board for recommendations in naming a Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

7. Committee Reports

A. Recreation

Trustee Roman reported the Recreation Committee is planning on doing something in Burgess Meredith Park in the spring. As plans progress, they will be reported to the Board.

B. Buildings and Parks

Trustee Banks distributed a proposed plan for the entrance walk and plantings around Village Hall. Mr. Corless will work with Trustee Banks in finalizing the plan and developing specifications for the walkway paving. He will have

something for the Workshop but needs suggestions on the type of plantings to be used.

Trustee Banks distributed proposed signage for Burgess Meredith and Secor Parks. Comment was made about the number of "No's" on the sign and suggestions were made that the rules could be done in a more positive manner. Trustee Banks asked for written suggestions for the next Workshop.

The above two items were tabled to the next Workshop for final discussion and decision.

The drainage work at Tamarack Park will begin next week. Trustee Banks reported that the culvert pipe is still in place at Burgess Meredith Park. Mr. Corless will contact Scaffidi to find out when it will be removed.

Trustee Banks reported that Pro Cut is not doing the job they are contracted to do. He has to make repeated telephone calls to them in order to have work done.

C. Beautification/Clean-Up

Trustee Banks will work with Trustee Roman to visit each cul de sac to record what needs to be done and if anything has been done to them. Mayor Marshall will also contact Pro Cut and let them know of the Village's dissatisfaction.

D. Other

Nothing at this time.

8. Finance

A. Treasurer's Report

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

B. Expenditure Resolution

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C. Grants and Awards

Nothing at this time.

9. Code Enforcement

A copy of the Code Enforcement Officer's Report is attached to the Minutes. Clerk Glantz will give the Code Enforcement Officer a copy of the Board meeting schedule so he can be in attendance. Mayor Marshall brought up an additional item regarding the Hindu Temple and camp bus parking. Discussions were held with the Temple and Camp Ramaquois, and everyone understands that the camp buses are not to be parked or stored on the Temple parking lot. The Code Enforcement Officer will monitor the situation.

10. Legal

The Village Attorney, Doris Ulman, will prepare a draft on Chapter 96 the Noise Abatement and Construction Equipment on Weekends in the Village. Mrs. Ulman will also draft a proposed law regarding bus and truck traffic restrictions.

Mayor Marshall, Mr. Corless and Mrs. Ulman are working on a full revision and restructuring of the Chapter in the Village Code that deals with fees.

11. Old Business

The Consumer Affairs Policy was tabled to the workshop meeting.

Mayor Marshall received a letter from the New York State Department of Transportation regarding the passing zone on Route 306 near Boar Court. The State reported it monitored the area in question and find it would be more dangerous to remove the passing zone and make it a no passing zone. Therefore, the area will remain as a passing zone.

12. New Business

Mayor Marshall will reorganize and activate the Emergency Management Committee to act during emergencies in the area. The matter was tabled to the next Workshop.

Mayor Marshall announced the requirement of a resolution for the Planning Board to meet on August 25, 2003 in the Board Room.

Trustee Roman moved to adopt the resolution allowing the Planning Board to use the Board Room on August 25, 2003 for their rescheduled meeting. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Marshall brought up a matter raised by a resident living on Klingher Court. He would like a "No Through Traffic" sign posted on the road.

Trustee Banks moved to have a "No Through Traffic" sign posted on Klingher Court. Seconded by Mayor Marshall. Motion failed 0-3.

13. Office Period

Trustee Banks brought up the matter of obtaining a maintenance contract on the air conditioning unit at Village Hall for next year.

Mayor Marshall announced that Village Hall will be wired for cable next week.

14. Trustees Period

Trustee Banks requested that the tree law be placed on the Workshop agenda for review.

Trustee Roman moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 3-0.

Public session was resumed.

Trustee Banks moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Malverne J. Toll