

VILLAGE OF POMONA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2004

CORRECTED MINUTES

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 February 23, 2004.

Present

Mayor: Herb Marshall
Deputy Mayor: Nick Sanderson
Trustees: Ian Banks
Alan Lamer

Doris Ulman, Village Attorney
Michael Zrelak, Jr., Building Inspector

Village Clerk: Susan Glantz

Absent

Trustee: Alma Roman
P. J. Corless, Village Engineer

Summary of Motions

Trustee Lamer moved to adopt the changes amending the Code of the Village of Pomona in Relation to Shade Trees on Single Lots. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Sanderson. Motion carried 4-0.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to continue the Public Hearing on a Local Law Amending the Code of the Village of Pomona in Relation to Driveway Gradients to the March 22, 2004 Village Board meeting. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 4-0.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to adopt the Minutes of January 12, 2004 as amended. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Lamer moved to adopt the Minutes of January 26, 2004 as amended. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Sanderson. Motion carried 4-0.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved the resolution that the payment of General Fund Claims totaling \$80,938.80 set forth on pages 1 through 6 in the Monthly Abstract Listing dated February 21, 2004 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 4-0.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved the resolution that Paragraph 6 of the Fee Schedule heretofore adopted by the Board of Trustees is hereby amended by adding thereto a new sub-paragraph, to be sub-paragraph 6f to read as follows:

- f. Renewal of Building Permit – 50% of the cost of the original Building Permit exclusive of Certificate of Occupancy and Sewer Hook-up fees.**

Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Malverne Toll, 308 Quaker Road addressed the Board about the speeding traffic on Quaker Road. The cars turn on to Quaker from Ladentown Road and speed up the hill, breezing through the stop signs at Chamberlain Court.

A representative of the Ramapo Police Department, Police Office Geoffrey Hawthorne, was in attendance and he took note of Mrs. Toll's complaint and will refer it to the traffic department.

Susan Mastrorocco, 12 White Birch Lane is a new resident and attended the Board meeting as an observer. She is pleased with the community and was happy with the snow removal during the winter months.

David Lieber, 5 Litman Lane addressed the Board about a barking dog problem his neighborhood is having with one of their neighbors. Mayor Marshall explained that a letter had been sent to the dog owners and informing them of the complaints regarding the barking and disturbing the neighbors. Mr. Lieber was advised to call the police department whenever the dogs bark for a period of time. Since the animals in question have a reported history as dangerous animals, Mayor Marshall will refer the matter to our Code Enforcement and Animal Control Officers to make certain that the dog owners are in full compliance with the law. Mr. Lieber also addressed the problem of speeding on Pomona Road and the matter was referred to Officer Hawthorne.

Chaim Eisenberg, 3 Litman Lane also addressed the problem of dog barking on Litman Lane.

David Hershkowitz, 1 Litman Lane reiterated the problems addressed by Mr. Lieber and Mr. Eisenberg.

Mrs. Mastrorocco suggested the neighbors use a video camera with sound to record incidents with the dogs.

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

3. Public Hearings

A. Local Law Amendment – Zoning Law Pertaining to Shade Trees on Single Lots

No one appeared to speak. A copy of the Local Law Amendment is attached to the Minutes.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Lamer moved to adopt the changes amending the Code of the Village of Pomona in Relation to Shade Trees on Single Lots. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Sanderson. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Driveway Gradients

After discussion it was decided to keep the public hearing open until Mr. Corless can make his comments on it.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to continue the Public Hearing on a Local Law Amending the Code of the Village of Pomona in Relation to Driveway Gradients to the March 22, 2004 Village Board meeting. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Adoption of Minutes

A. January 12, 2004

Deputy Mayor Sanderson made a correction on page 2 that Trustee Banks introduced the discussion about flooding on Ladentown Road not Mayor Marshall.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to adopt the Minutes of January 12, 2004 as amended. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 4-0.

B. January 26, 2004

Deputy Mayor Sanderson questioned the lack of identification for the third person to speak during the Open Period. Mrs. Toll explained she neglected to obtain the person's name and it would not happen again.

On page 4, item 5, Deputy Mayor Sanderson requested the following amendment to the Minutes that "according to the Village Attorney" only Village sponsored activities could be held in Village facilities.

Trustee Lamer moved to adopt the Minutes of January 26, 2004 as amended. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Sanderson. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Cultural Center

A copy of the Director's report is attached to the Minutes. A question was raised regarding workshops being held other than Friday evenings and Saturday. Mayor Marshall directed the Village Clerk to inform Mr. Gde, the Cultural Center Director, to schedule fewer activities on Friday nights and Saturdays and more on alternative times.

6. Building Department

A. Engineering

The return of escrow request by Avi Davi for curbs on Lot G-19 in the amount of \$4282.00 was tabled to the next Board Meeting when Mr. Corless will be available for questions.

7. Committee Reports

A. Recreation

Nothing at this time.

B. Buildings and Parks

Nothing at this time.

C. 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 Abstract Resolution

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C. Grants and Awards

Mayor Marshall announced that he has received a letter from Senator Morahan and Assemblyman Gromack stating that the Village has secured a \$15,000.00 grant to establish a Community Emergency Preparedness Center in Village Hall.

D. Budget

Mayor Marshall has requested budget review numbers from the department heads as part of the 2004/2005 Budget process.

9. Code Enforcement

A copy of the Code Enforcement Officer's report is attached to the Minutes.

10. Legal Period

Mr. Zrelak, the Village Building Inspector made a request concerning fee schedules. Presently, there is no provision for expired building permits to have a renewal fee. Mayor Marshall requested a resolution revising the Village's fee schedule to include a renewal fee of a building permit set at 50% of the cost of the original building permit exclusive of a Certificate of Occupancy and the sewer hook up fees.

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Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 4-0.

11. Old Business

Mayor Marshall explained a situation regarding the Camp Dora assessment. The change in status of the Camp Dora property from exempt to non-exempt has been left open until additional information is obtained from the property owner. When the information is received and reviewed, a recommendation will be made to the Board.

Trustee Banks will prepare the specifications for a landscaping maintenance bid for Village properties for the upcoming spring, summer and fall.

Mrs. Ulman, Village Attorney, reported that NYMIR is looking into providing the additional insurance coverage that the Villages are requesting.

12. New Business

Mayor Marshall distributed a proposed copy of the Village Meeting Schedule for 2004/2005 and requested comments regarding possible conflicts or errors from the Trustees.

13. Office Period

Nothing at this time.

14. Trustees Period

Nothing at this time.

15. Second Open Period

Chaim Eisenberg, 3 Litman Lane inquired when Litman Lane will be finished. Mrs. Ulman responded that escrow is still being held by the Village and the builder has provided a written commitment that the work will be done when the asphalt plants open at the end of March.

David Leiber, 5 Litman Lane stated that he has many problems with his house that should not have passed inspection. Mayor Marshall explained the difference between a building inspection and a home inspection. The Building Inspector ensures that the building meets State and Village Codes and is not responsible for workmanship.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Malverne J. Toll