

VILLAGE OF POMONA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2006

ADOPTED MAY 22, 2006

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 January 23, 2006.

Present

Mayor: Herbert Marshall

Deputy Mayor: Nick Sanderson

Trustees: Ian Banks
Alan Lamer
Alma Roman

Doris Ulman, Village Attorney

P. J. Corless, Village Engineer

Leslie Sanderson. Village Clerk/Treasurer

Summary of Motions

Trustee Roman moved to adopt the Minutes of June 27, 2005, Joint Boards Meeting, as amended. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to adopt the Minutes of November 14, 2005 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to adopt the Minutes of November 28, 2005 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to adopt the Minutes of December 12, 2005 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Roman moved to approve the expenditures of items 9 and 10 on the Cultural Center spread sheet, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to approve the return of escrow in the amount of \$1000.00 for the paving of driveway at 88 Halley Drive to Barnaby Joyce. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to approve the return of escrow in the amount of \$2500.00 for the paving of driveway to Mr. and Ms. Orlioukova. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved the resolution that the payment of General Funds Claims totaling \$152,809.84 set forth of pages 1- 8 in the Monthly Abstract Listing dated December 15, 2005 through January 23, 2006, 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 5-0.

Trustee Roman moved to appoint Leslie Sanderson as Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Village of Pomona for a term expiring December 31, 2007. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 4-0-1. Deputy Mayor Sanderson abstained.

Trustee Lamer moved to install a second Children at Play sign across from 40 Halley Drive. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Sanderson. Motion carried 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to install a Deer Crossing sign on the back side of the two Children at Play signs. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to have the Village participate in the Great American Clean-up in April. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Peter Stiffel, 40 Halley Drive inquired about the removal of a “Children at Play” sign from Halley Drive after it had fallen down. He also requested that an additional sign be placed on the other side of the road which would read “Deer Crossing”. Mayor Marshall instructed Ms. Sanderson to follow up on the matter and order the “Deer Crossing” sign for the opposite side of the road.

David Herskowitz, 1 Litman Lane addressed the Board regarding the installation of street lights and sidewalks. He felt there were ‘blind spots’ at some intersections and street lights were needed. Mayor Marshall responded that it has been the policy of the Board not to require streets lights or sidewalks installed in the Village. Trustee Banks commented that in some instances street lights have made the intersections more dangerous.

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

3. Public Hearing – Community Development Projects

No one appeared to speak.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to close the Public Hearing on Community Development Projects. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed various projects that would possibly be eligible as a Community Development Project. Mayor Marshall suggested the creation of a Senior Citizen Center at the Cultural Center. Deputy Mayor Sanderson commented that the location could be at either the Cultural Center or Village Hall. Trustee Roman commented that parking might be a problem at the Cultural Center.

4. Adoption of Minutes

A. June 27, 2005 – Joint Boards Meeting

Trustee Banks raised the matter on page 3 of the Boards understanding the new tree law. Mayor Marshall explained that the Boards did discuss the new tree law regarding its understanding and meaning.

Trustee Roman moved to adopt the Minutes of June 27, 2005, Joint Boards Meeting, as amended. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 5-0.

B. November 14, 2005

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to adopt the Minutes of November 14, 2005 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 5-0.

C. November 28, 2005

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to adopt the Minutes of November 28, 2005 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 5-0.

D. December 12, 2005

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to adopt the Minutes of December 12, 2005 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Cultural Center

A copy of the Director's report and expenditure spread sheet is attached to the Minutes. The Board discussed the expenditure requests that are outstanding for the February 12th and March 5th (items 9 and 10 on the spread sheet).

Trustee Roman moved to approve the expenditures of items 9 and 10 on the Cultural Center spread sheet, as presented. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Gde commented that he is still unable to set up the internet connection at the Cultural Center. Mayor Marshall responded that Ms. Sanderson will set up an account with Net zero for internet service to the Cultural Center. Trustee Banks asked that Mr. Gde have the mold removed from the wall downstairs until the humidifier is re-installed. Mr. Gde responded he has been doing that but every time it rains, the mold returns. Mayor Marshall reminded Mr. Gde that every month when he submits his report it should have the expenditure spread sheet attached to it.

6. Building Department

A. Engineering and Building

The following return of escrow requests have been made:

C-6, 88 Halley Drive, paving of driveway, escrow being held in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to approve the return of escrow in the amount of \$1000.00 for the paving of driveway at 88 Halley Drive to Barnaby Joyce. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 5-0.

H-22, 23 High Mountain Road, paving of driveway, escrow being held in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to approve the return of escrow in the amount of \$2500.00 for the paving of driveway to Mr. and Ms. Orlioukova. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Marshall inquired of Ms. Ulman the status of her discussions with the builders regarding the road dedications on Highgate. Ms. Ulman responded there is nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Marshall announced that Patrick Brady, Engineer, will be providing the Village with back up engineering services while Mr. Corless is on vacation. Mr. Brady has served in this capacity in the past.

Trustee Banks inquired as to the status of a sign-off list for inspections of on-going building to be implemented that had been discussed in the past. The sign-off list would be helpful in knowing when inspections are being done. The sign-off list would cover each phase of construction. Mr. Corless will draw up a list for Trustee Banks to review.

Mr. Corless announced that Halley II has received preliminary subdivision approval and can now continue to other agencies for various water, sewer, storm sewer approval etc.

Mayor Marshall then brought up the matter of the Roman sewer problem. Mr. Corless will prepare a memo on the matter for the Board. Trustee Roman commented that a file has already been given to the Village office.

B. Planning and Zoning

Trustee Lamer raised the issue that the Planning Board has been meeting until 1 a.m. the past few months and are looking to limiting the agenda. It was suggested that the Planning Board meet an additional night in order to cover all the items required.

Mayor Marshall requested that Mr. Corless and Mr. Zrelak submit their budget estimates for the upcoming budget review for 2006/07.

7. Committee Reports

A. Recreation

Nothing at this time.

B. Buildings and Parks

Trustee Banks reported that the Village Hall fence removal will be done next week. The cleaning of the easement at Burgess Meredith Park will be done next spring.

Trustee Banks reported, after riding along with the truck, that the trash pick up at the parks has been completed along with the road side pick up, but indicated that the trash pick up should be done weekly.

A discussion of painting Village Hall will be on the agenda in February. Trustee Banks is working on a design for a new fence for Village Hall.

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 \$152,809.84 set forth of pages 1- 8 in the Monthly

Abstract Listing dated December 15, 2005 through January 23, 2006, 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 5-0.

Mayor Marshall inquired of the \$39,000 payment to Haverstraw, their last bill. Ms. Sanderson responded it had not been paid but was in the process to be paid.

C. Grants and Awards

Nothing at this time.

D. 2006 Budget Dates

A copy of the Budget Requirements is attached to the Minutes.

9. Code Enforcement

A copy of the Code Enforcement Officer's report is attached to the Minutes. Mr. Helfgott reported he is attempting to locate the owner of an excavator that is parked on South Ridge and part of it is in the public-right-of-way. He will send a letter to the lot owner to have it removed.

Mr. Helfgott and the Village's fire inspector visited the Sri Ranganatha Temple and found several issues that need to be resolved. The tarps covering the turrets are very noisy when the wind blows and there are six unregistered cars parked in the parking lot. The area around the dumpster is in very unsanitary condition.

The builder of a home being built on Route 306 has a large pile of dirt in the wetlands culvert for future building on the other side of the wetlands. Mr. Corless will take a look at it. Mr. Helfgott will send the builder a letter and inform him to remove it from the wetlands area.

Mr. Helfgott reported on the acquisition of a small generator for Village Hall. The State has recalled any surplus equipment in order to have it available for the troops in Iraq. He will pursue other avenues to obtain a generator for the Village.

Ms. Ulman reported that when on a site visit she noticed that some catch basins on High Mountain Road are filled with dirt and leaves, etc. and some of them are broken. Mr. Helfgott will follow through on this matter with the builders.

10. Legal

Ms. Ulman reported on two of the Village's lawsuits. The Ramapo Hydrant case was submitted on January 13th and it's before Judge Garvey. We do not have a decision yet. The Wesley Hills lawsuit against Pomona and Friedman against

Pomona, the two cases have been consolidated and depositions will start on Tuesday.

11. Old Business

The Roman sewer problem was addressed earlier with Mr. Corless.

Mayor Marshall recommended the appointment of Leslie Sanderson, Village Clerk/Treasurer as Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Village of Pomona for a term expiring December 31, 2007.

Trustee Roman moved to appoint Leslie Sanderson as Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Village of Pomona for a term expiring December 31, 2007. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 4-0-1. Deputy Mayor Sanderson abstained.

Ms. Ulman commented that according to State Law, the Registrar appoints the Deputy Registrar. Ms. Sanderson will meet with Mayor Marshall to discuss the matter.

Mayor Marshall reported that discussions of the Haverstraw Highway Contract are moving ahead. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor Sanderson and Ms. Ulman will be meeting with the Supervisor of the Town of Haverstraw to resolve the matter.

12. New Business

Discussion was held regarding placing a "Deer Crossing" sign on Halley Drive across from 40 Halley Drive. Ms. Sanderson will check on the sign that was removed and when it will be replaced. It was decided to place the "Deer Crossing" sign on the back of the "Children at Play" sign, half way up Halley Drive in front of and across from 40 Halley Drive.

Trustee Lamer moved to install a second Children at Play sign across from 40 Halley Drive. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Sanderson. Motion carried 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to install a Deer Crossing sign on the back side of the two Children at Play signs. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Marshall reported that he has received the NYMIR Loss Report showing expenses attributed to the Village. The report showed the expenses paid by the insurance company. A copy of the Report is attached to the Minutes.

13. Office Report

Ms. Sanderson asked the Board to consider the Village participating in the Great American Clean-up in April. It would involve residents who wish to participate, to meet at Village Hall where trash bags would be given to them to use in cleaning up the Village.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to have the Village participate in the Great American Clean-up in April. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Sanderson reported that Paychex has issued a free-offer invitation to participate in direct deposit for payroll. Ms. Sanderson was instructed to send a memo to village employees to see if they would like to participate in direct deposit of their pay checks.

14. Trustees Period

The Board discussed the current policy in reference to street lights in the Village. They all felt that they did not wish to change the policy, that the lack of street lights was not detrimental.

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 Banks. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Malverne J. Toll