

VILLAGE OF POMONA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
OCTOBER 30, 2006

ADOPTED FEBRUARY 26, 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 October 30, 2006.

Present

Mayor: Herbert Marshall
Trustees: Ian Banks
Alan Lamer

Doris Ulman, Village Attorney
P. J. Corless, Village Engineer
Leslie Sanderson, Village Clerk/Treasurer

Absent

Deputy Mayor: Nick Sanderson
Trustee: Alma Roman

Summary of Motions

Trustee Lamer moved to adopt the Minutes of July 10, 2006 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Lamer moved to adopt the Minutes of July 24, 2006 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Lamer moved to adopt the Minutes of September 11, 2006 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Lamer moved to accept the recommendation of the Village Engineer to return escrow in the amount of \$4,646.00 to MCSP Developers, LLC. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Lamer moved to accept the recommendation of the Village Engineer to return escrow in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Southern Pomona Homes. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Banks moved to approve expenditure not to exceed \$1600.00 to clean and spray paint the bridge at Burgess Meredith and the walkway at Secor Parks. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Lamer moved to adopt a resolution that the salary of the Fire Inspector is hereby established at \$500.00 per month. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Lamer moved the resolution that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes participation in the Round 9 Grant Application in conjunction with the other

members of the Rockland County Stormwater Consortium, and be it further resolved, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Letter of Intent and to take all actions necessary to implement this resolution. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 3-0.

1. Salute the Flag

2. Open Period

Mayor Marshall read a brief statement regarding the conduct of the meeting and explained the meeting format.

Mayor Marshall brought those in attendance up to date on Village action regarding the problem of false alarms presented during the September 25, 2006 meeting by Gordon Wren and Kim Wepler representing the Hillcrest Fire Department during the Open Period.

Tim Wren, Chief, Hillcrest Fire Department addressed the Board regarding false alarms. A copy of Mr. Wren's comments is attached to the Minutes.

John Milhard, a resident of Pomona, addressed the Board regarding false alarms. A copy of his comments is attached to the Minutes.

Jeffrey Facinelli, 222 Quaker Road, a member of the Hillcrest Fire Co. #1 addressed the Board regarding false alarms. A copy of his comments is attached to the Minutes.

Henry Taber, a member of the Hillcrest Fire Department addressed the Board regarding false alarms.

Mike Kramer, a member of the Hillcrest Fire Department addressed the Board regarding false alarms and building inspections by a fire inspector.

Gordon Wren passed on his opportunity to speak to the next speaker.

Herb Silverstein, Commissioner of the Molson Fire District which is also part of the Hillcrest Fire Department. He addressed the Board regarding the danger of false alarms.

Chris Kear, Assistant Chief, Hillcrest Fire Department and former Fire Inspector for the Village of Pomona. Mr. Kear addressed the Board regarding his termination as Village Fire Inspector and asked who was now enforcing the laws enforcing false alarms in the Village.

Thomas Beards, President of Rockland County Fire Chiefs Association, Chief of Rockland Lake Fire Department and an Honorary Life Member of the Congers Fire Department addressed the Board regarding false alarms in the County. He agreed with the Village's position of obtaining compliance before resorting to fines to the homeowner.

Frank Bifulco, inquired as to why the previous Fire Inspector was let go. Mayor Marshall responded it was a Personnel matter and would not be discussed publicly.

Fred Viohl, addressed the Board and those in attendance regarding his approach as the new Village Fire Inspector.

Tim Wren, addressed the Board again, requesting responses to attendees comments. Mayor Marshall responded that their comments would be addressed when the open period was closed.

Trustee Banks inquired as to the number of false alarms in the Village in comparison to false alarms in other villages. Mr. Wren responded they were about average.

Shlomo Pomerantz, a member of the Hillcrest Fire Company, addressed the Board. He also expressed concern about the false alarms in the Village, and his position that the Board should respond to the comments.

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

Mayor Marshall then attempted to respond to the Open Period comments but those in attendance became loud and unruly and filed out of the meeting yelling and jeering at the Board and the Mayor.

Mr. Pomerantz and Mr. Facinelli commented that they would stay and listen to the Mayor's response to the comments raised.

Mayor Marshall then began to explain the steps being taken by the Board to mitigate the Village false alarm problems.

However he was again interrupted when Gordon Wren and Tim Wren reentered the meeting and began shouting and yelling at the Board ending any further comment on the issues.

3. Adoption of Minutes

A. July 10, 2006

Trustee Lamer moved to adopt the Minutes of July 10, 2006 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 3-0.

B. July 24, 2006

Trustee Lamer moved to adopt the Minutes of July 24, 2006 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 3-0.

C. August 14, 2006

Tabled to the next meeting.

D. September 11, 2006

Trustee Lamer moved to adopt the Minutes of September 11, 2006 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 3-0.

E. September 25, 2006

Tabled to the next meeting.

4. Cultural Center

A copy of the Director's report is attached to the Minutes.

**5. Building Department
A. Engineering and Building**

Mr. Corless recommended the return of escrow on the following lots:
Lot No. C-2 (Halley Drive) MCSP Developers LLC in the amount of \$4,646.00. The work has been completed.
Lot #2, Southern Pomona Homes, in the amount of \$2,500.00. The work has been completed.

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Trustee Lamer moved to accept the recommendation of the Village Engineer to return escrow in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Southern Pomona Homes. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Corless reported that the Camp Hill Road drainage project has been completed. He is still waiting for the independent report regarding the Roman sewer connection. Work on the stone wall in front of Village Hall should begin next week. Mr. Corless reported that Mr. Arnold Friedman of Hidden Valley Drive has requested that the easement on his property be re-inspected. Trustee Banks again brought up that the drainage problem in front of the Temple on Ladentown Road needs to be looked at. The water puddles on the road and is dangerous. Mr. Corless reported that the MS4 Program is heating up and the Code Enforcement Officer has been doing the inspections.

**6. Committee Reports
A. Recreation**

Ms. Sanderson reported that the Halloween Party was successful. The Parade was cancelled due to the rain and wind but the party was held inside Village Hall and was well attended.

B. Buildings and Parks

Trustee Banks reported that Chris Meredith has submitted a quote to clean and spray paint the bridge at Burgess Meredith and deck at Secor Parks.

Trustee Banks moved to approve expenditure not to exceed \$1600.00 to clean and spray paint the bridge at Burgess Meredith and the walkway at Secor Parks. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Banks raised the matter of debris being dumped on the far side of the Cultural Center. The Village has cleaned up the lot on the near side of the Cultural Center belonging to the Village but it is unclear whether the other side is on Village property. Trustee Banks will check with Mr. Corless to determine if the property belongs to the Village and if so, have it cleaned up.

Mayor Marshall then reported that he would meet with the Town of Haverstraw Chief of Police on Friday, November 3rd to discuss vandalism and speeding issues in the Village. He has also had ongoing discussions with representatives from the Ramapo Police Department on the same issues.

- 7. Finance**
- A. Treasurer's Report**
- B. Expenditure Abstract Resolution**

The Village Clerk reported that the Report is not ready at this time. Tabled to the next meeting.

- C. Grants and Awards**

Mayor Marshall reported on SMSI (Shared Municipal Services and Incentives) grants that may be available. The Mayor will pursue the matter with other municipalities.

- 8. Code Enforcement**

A copy of the Code Enforcement Officer's report is attached to the Minutes. Also attached to the Minutes are two memos regarding the situation at the Hindu Temple.

- 9. Legal**

The local law revision on the wetlands was tabled to the next meeting.

- 10. Old Business**

Ms. Ulman reported that Verizon is not yet ready to submit their application for the tower off of Quaker Road at this time.

The requested signs for North Ridge are being handled by the Mayor.

The Village Clerk reported on the utility box fencing. The planned trees have been planted.

The Village Assessor will have a report on the assessment problems for the next workshop.

11. New Business

Mayor Marshall reported how pleased he was with the job Fred Viohl, the Village's Fire Inspector has been doing and expressed how pleased he was with Mr. Viohl's attitude and professionalism. Mayor Marshall then recommended to the Board a salary of \$500.00 a month for the Fire Inspector replacing the hourly rate now in effect.

Trustee Lamer moved to adopt a resolution that the salary of the Fire Inspector is hereby established at \$500.00 per month. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 3-0.

Ms. Ulman introduced a resolution regarding the Stormwater Consortium and the Village's participation in it.

Trustee Lamer moved the resolution that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes participation in the Round 9 Grant Application in conjunction with the other members of the Rockland County Stormwater Consortium, and be it further resolved, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Letter of Intent and to take all actions necessary to implement this resolution. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 3-0.

12. Office Period

Nothing at this time.

13. Trustee's Period

Nothing at this time.

14. Executive Session

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

Trustee Banks moved to close the Executive Session and reopen the Public Meeting. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Malverne J. Toll