

VILLAGE OF POMONA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 12, 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 12, 2007.

Present

Mayor: Nick Sanderson
Trustees: Rita Louie
Alma Roman
Brett Yagel

Doris Ulman, Village Attorney

Absent

Deputy Mayor: Ian Banks
Deputy Clerk: Carol LaChiana

Summary of Motions

Trustee Roman moved to close the Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget for 2007/2008. Seconded by Trustee Louie. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Yagel moved to adopt the proposed 2007/2008 Budget as presented to the Public with no changes. Seconded by Trustee Louie. Motion carried 4-0.

- 1. Salute the Flag.**
- 2. Public Hearing – Tentative Budget 2007/2008**

Mayor Sanderson gave a summary of the proposed changes in the Budget with an increase in spending by about 8.2%. The projected revenue has decreased by about 9%. The new tax rate will be \$5.42 per thousand which represents an increase over the last budget of 16.2%. The average Village tax on a home in the Village will be \$558.00 which represents an increase of about \$78.00 per household over last year. The Mayor and Trustees will not receive a salary increase or decrease. The other Village employees have increases between 3% and 3.8%. Among the changes made is an increase in the road paving from \$25,000 to \$50,000 to accelerate the repair of Village roads. A new category is 1990.4a, Tax Stabilization Fund in the amount of \$100,000. This category represents the increase in spending in the Budget for the year. This Tax Stabilization Fund is a method where the Village can prepare for unforeseen additional costs that could increase taxes in the future i.e. potential of increased garbage removal costs, also road maintenance costs, repair and snow removal, which are unpredictable, and possible litigation against the Village. The reduction in projected revenue came about because of the slowing of activity of building in the Village.

Susan Cooper, Nanuet addressed the Board regarding the tentative budget. Ms. Cooper had questions regarding the Contractual item under the Law category, the contractual in Code Enforcement, under Special Items, the contingency account and the Tax Stabilization Fund. Ms. Cooper reiterated her firms request to speak with the Village Board regarding their plans for the Rabbinical College property. They would like to meet with the Village and explain to the Village what it is they want to propose for the property and what they want to build. Ms. Ulman inquired of Ms. Cooper if they were proposing an application or a concept? Ms. Cooper replied, a concept.

Alan Lamer, 2 North Ridge Road inquired about the Parks maintenance and if it was being reduced. Mayor Sanderson explained that in the 2006/2007 budget has expenses mis-posted into Capital Projects instead of Maintenance which resulted in the reduced figure for 2007/2008. Mr. Lamer questioned the Clerk/Treasurer salary, in 2007/2008 it is shown as two positions. Mayor Sanderson explained that the Administrative Assistant position would be eliminated and the Clerk/Treasurer position will be split into two positions. The Clerk will no longer be handling the Treasurer duties and will have time to handle all the Clerk duties and will not require an Administrative Assistant. The previous Administrative Assistant salary will be used for the Treasurer position.

Alan Bernstein, 15 Parkside Court asked by the upcoming Budget was being compared to the 2006 Forecast but did not see any Actuals to Date. Mayor Sanderson explained that the Forecast was based on the Actuals to March 26, 2007 and extrapolated to 12 months.

Trustee Roman moved to close the Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget for 2007/2008. Seconded by Trustee Louie. Motion carried 4-0.

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3. Open Period

Donna Poliseo, 13 Secor Court requested the Board to update the Master Plan for the Village which was last done in 1997. Mayor Sanderson agreed it was a good recommendation and the Board will take up the matter in the next Workshop Meeting.

Ellen Newman, 121 Overlook Road inquired when the roads in her area would be dedicated to the Village so they could obtain mail service to the houses. Ms. Ulman responded that the Village has a Letter of Credit from the developer to cover the cost of the roads and other work that would have to be done in the event it was not done by the builder. The Village does not like to take dedication of the roads while heavy construction is still going on since it then becomes the taxpayer's responsibility to pay for repairs that are caused by the ongoing construction. Ms. Newman expressed a concern about the snowplowing of the road. Ms. Ulman explained that whoever owns the road is responsible for plowing the road. There is a separate bond to cover the cost of plowing if the owner fails to do it. Ms. Newman then reported on the debris, tires and equipment on the lots near her home and asked who is responsible to clean it up. Ms. Ulman responded that if the equipment is being used it can remain on the lots. As far as the tires and debris, she suggested Ms Newman call Village Hall and the Code Enforcement Officer will follow up on it. Ms. Newman then commented on the curbs in her area that were demolished by the snowplows and what could be done about it. Mayor Sanderson

explained that in the Town of Haverstraw area of the Village the repairs are done on a time and material basis and the Board is working to change that.

Trustee Yagel moved to close the Open Period. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Louie moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Malverne J. Toll