# VILLAGE OF POMONA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AND GRIEVANCE DAY FEBRUARY 15, 2005

## **ADOPTED MARCH 28, 2005**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Pomona Meeting and Grievance Day Hearing was held at the Pomona Village Hall, 100 Ladentown Road, Pomona, New York at 6:00 p.m. on February 15, 2005.

<u>Present</u>

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

Alan Lamer

Alma Roman – arrived at 6:50 p.m.

Village Attorney: Doris Ulman Village Assessor: Scott Shedler Village Clerk/Treas.: Susan Glantz

## **Summary of Motions**

Trustee Lamer moved to approve the request for a Veterans Exemption for Tax Lot No. 25.13-2-43, 10 Chestnut Drive. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Sanderson. Motion carried 4-0.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to approve the request for a Veterans Exemption for Tax Lot No. 25.14-1-44, 5 Woodfield Road. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 4-0.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to deny the request of Pomona Point, LLC, Tax Lot No. 25-05.1.22 at 6 France Drive, for a reduction in assessment. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 4-0.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to grant the tax exemption request of Congregation Rabbinical College of Tartikov, Inc., Tax Lot No. 32.8-1-53 at 65-67 Routes 306 and 202. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 4-0.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Community Development Corporation Agreement for the years 2006 to 2009 and to take all actions necessary to implement the Agreement. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Lamer moved to set a Public Hearing on the proposed Local Law Amending the Code of the Village of Pomona in Relation to Bulk Requirements for Monday, February 28, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Sanderson. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Lamer moved to set a Public Hearing on the proposed Local Law Amending the Zoning Law of the Village of Pomona in Relation to Protected Trees for Monday, February 28, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Lamer moved that based upon the letter dated February 14, 2005, whereby the Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw accepted dedication and easement to the pump station in the subdivision known as Highgate Estates, any funds deposited with the Village of Pomona in escrow pending completion of the pump station and acceptance by the Town of Haverstraw are hereby authorized to be refunded. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 5-0.

## 1. Salute to the Flag.

#### 2. Tax Grievances

There were four assessment grievances filed and heard by the Board of Trustees and the Village Tax Assessor, Scott Shedler.

Bertram Singer & Thomas Gannon 10 Chestnut Drive Pomona, NY 10970 Tax Lot No.: 25.13-2-43

The owners of the property filed a request for Veterans Exemption on the property. The Village Assessor reported that documentation was submitted and is acceptable.

Trustee Lamer moved to approve the request for a Veterans Exemption for Tax Lot No. 25.13-2-43, 10 Chestnut Drive. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Sanderson. Motion carried 4-0.

Elliott L. & Elaine Cuff 5 Woodfield Road Pomona, NY 10970 Tax Lot No.: 25.14-1-44

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Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to approve the request for a Veterans Exemption for Tax Lot No. 25.14-1-44, 5 Woodfield Road. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 4-0.

Pomona Point, LLC c/o Rothschild & Pearl, LLP 245 Main Street, Suite 330 White Plains, NY 10601 Tax Lot No.: 25.05-1-22

Property Location: 6 France Drive, Pomona, NY

The property owner requested for a reduction of the property's assessment from \$631,000.00 to \$287,500.00. After discussion, the Board decided to leave the property assessment as it currently is.

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Congregation Rabbinical College of Tartikov, Inc.

P.O. Box 304

Monsey, NY 10952 Tax Lot No.: 32.8-1-53

Property Location: 65-67 Routes 306 and 202, SE Corner, Pomona, NY

The property owners requested full tax exemption for the property because the summer day camp is operated by and the funds are paid to the Congregation Rabbinical College of Tartikov, Inc. A copy of their attorney's letter is attached to the minutes.

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# 3. Committee Reports

#### A. Cultural Center

Nothing at this time.

# B. Buildings and Parks

Deputy Mayor Sanderson reported that he had received a telephone call from Pond Connection requesting that electrical service is needed for the pump to be installed at Fairty Pond. Deputy Mayor Sanderson and Trustee Banks will prepare a plan for the electrical work and then request pricing from contractors.

#### C. Other

Nothing at this time.

## 4. 2005 Budget

Mayor Marshall reminded those present to submit their budget requests to him prior to March 1, 2005.

## 5. Old Business

A copy of the Community Development Cooperation Agreement with the County is attached to the minutes.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Community Development Corporation Agreement for the years 2006 to 2009 and to take all

actions necessary to implement the Agreement. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Ulman explained the proposed changes made to the Local Law Amending the Code of the Village of Pomona in Relation to Bulk Requirements. A copy is attached to the minutes.

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Mayor Marshall reported on a meeting held with Verizon regarding fiber optic installation in the Village. Also present at the meeting were, Deputy Mayor Sanderson, Village Attorney Doris Ulman and Village Engineer Joe Corless. Verizon will send a draft franchise agreement for negotiation.

### 6. New Business

Eric Bergstol made a presentation to the Board regarding the property on Route 202 near the Palisades Parkway entrance/exit ramp. The property known as "the gravel pit" is being considered for townhouses, apartments, clubhouse, pool and playground. The presentation was in a preliminary stage and was made to the Board for their input.

The proposed 2005 Landscape Maintenance Specifications were distributed to the Board for discussion. It was decided to add a Section V to the Specifications providing for the cleaning of debris in the public right-of-way on the following roads: Old Section of Quaker Road, Camp Hill Road (on the Village Side), Call Hollow Road (on the Village Side), Ladentown Road, New Pomona Road (on the Village Side). The clean-up maintenance would be done once a month. Trustee Banks recommended that the landscape contract begin on April 1<sup>st</sup> instead of April 15<sup>th</sup> and end on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Ulman will review and revise the specifications for the March workshop.

Mayor Marshall distributed a letter from the County of Rockland regarding a presentation on bioterrorism.

Mayor Marshall announced that the Town of Haverstraw has accepted the pump station on Halley Drive. The money being held in escrow can now be returned to the respective homeowners/builders.

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## 7. Office Period

Nothing at this time.

## 8. Trustees Period

Nothing at this time.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matter of litigation and personnel. Seconded by Trustee Lamer. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Lamer moved to reopen the public session. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Sanderson. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Banks moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Malverne J. Toll