

VILLAGE OF POMONA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JULY 11, 2005

ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Pomona meeting/workshop was held at the Pomona Village Hall, 100 Ladentown Road, Pomona, New York at 7:30 p.m. on July 11, 2005.

Present

Mayor: Herbert Marshall
Deputy Mayor: Nick Sanderson
Trustees: Ian Banks
Alan Lamer
Alma Roman

Village Attorney: Doris Ulman
Village Engineer: J. Corless
Building Inspector: M. Zrelak
Code Enf. Officer: J. Helfgott
Village Clerk: Susan Glantz

Summary of Motions

Trustee Lamer moved to accept the maintenance proposal submitted by AAA Cooleration Service for the air conditioning unit at Village Hall in the amount of \$390.00. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Sanderson. Motion carried 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to approve the placement of two “Deer Crossing” Signs on Ladentown Road. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 3-2. Trustees Banks and Lamer voted in opposition.

- 1. Salute the Flag.**
- 2. Committee Reports**
 - A. Cultural Center**

Trustee Roman reported that she has not yet met with Mr. Gde. They are still trying to set up a date agreeable to both of them. She will ensure a meeting is held before the next Board meeting on July 25th. Mayor Marshall commented that after Trustee Roman meets with Mr. Gde, the Board will set up operational goals for the Cultural Center.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding communicating with Mr. Gde via telephone. Ms. Sanderson is working on setting up a voice mail system for Mr. Gde, and will contact the telephone company to find out what options are available for the telephone line at the Center.

B. Recreation

Trustee Roman reported the committee still does not have a new Chairperson but she is working on it.

C. Buildings and Parks

Trustee Banks reported that he is having a problem with the sign maker and the signs for the parks. The wording is wrong. He is working with the sign maker to ensure correct signs are made.

Trustee Banks reported the fountain for Fairty Pond has been delivered. The wiring to the electric box needs to be completed in order to hook up the fountain.

Trustee Banks is still waiting to hear from Chris Meredith regarding the additional work to be done at Burgess Meredith Park which includes cleaning out the stream.

3. Old Business

70-72 HALLEY RELATED PROBLEMS

Messrs. Corless, Zrelak and Helfgott were in attendance at the meeting to discuss the situation at 70-72 Halley Drive. Mr. Zrelak reported on the slope falling down at the back of the properties and rocks are falling into the back yards. The owners obtained building permits to clean up the fallen rocks. They also appeared before the Planning Board to let them know what work was done on their properties. Mayor Marshall then read from the Village Code regarding disturbing steep slopes in the Village (119.2(a) and 119.4). The Board members felt the owners went beyond what was required to clean up the site of the fallen stones. They disturbed the steep slopes behind their property and should have gone before the Planning Board first. The Planning Board is the approving authority and a plan should first be presented to them before work is started on the steep slopes. Trustee Banks suggested using construction netting or a fence and then go to the Planning Board with a plan for the steep slope before starting any work. Trustee Lamer commented that the Planning Board members were aware that the steep slope law was being ignored. Ms. Ulman agreed with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's interpretations that any steep slope disturbance should go to the Planning Board. Mr. Corless commented that both owners used the same contractor for the work and he knows what the requirements of the Village are. Mayor Marshall stated that any steep slope disturbances, going

forward, must go to the Planning Board before work is started. All inspections should be done by the Village Engineer, Mr. Corless. Ms. Ulman commented that not only steep slopes but requirements for retaining walls effecting steep slopes should also go before the Planning Board and a building permit required. Mr. Helfgott stated that the Code should include what the Code Enforcement officer can and cannot do. The Code Enforcement Officer can issue a stop work order on a site if the law is being violated. Ms. Ulman was asked to prepare an amendment to the Code for the next meeting. Trustee Lamer commented that the Code is very clear, steep slopes cannot be disturbed; any construction on steep slopes must go to the Planning Board. Mayor Marshall instructed the Code Enforcement Officer to be particularly vigilant on steep slopes and enforce the Village Code.

SUMMER HIRE

Mr. Corless reported that Dan Blackburn has been hired as the summer help for counting and recording the storm drains in the Village.

HIGHWAY DEPT. – BERMS

Discussion was then held about removing all berms in the Village.

PARKING VIOLATION PENALTIES

Mayor Marshall reported that there are parking violations on the books, but no penalties. Ms. Ulman will prepare a resolution regarding penalties for the next meeting. Fines suggested were \$25.00 for the first offense, \$50.00 for the second offense, and for the third offense, impound the car and a \$100.00 fine.

RAMAPO HYDRANTS

Ms. Ulman reported nothing new on this matter.

HALLEY DRIVE UTILITY FENCE

Deputy Mayor Sanderson reported nothing new at this time.

AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE AGREEMENT

Trustee Banks reported that a maintenance proposal was submitted by AAA Cooleration Service for the air conditioning unit at Village Hall in the amount of \$390.00 annually. A copy of the proposal is attached to the minutes.

Trustee Lamer moved to accept the maintenance proposal submitted by AAA Cooleration Service for the air conditioning unit at Village Hall in the amount of \$390.00. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Sanderson. Motion carried 5-0.

4. New Business

Clerk Glantz reported that Ms. Sanderson has ordered the “No Overnight Parking” signs for the Village. Mayor Marshall gave Clerk Glantz the list of where the signs are to be placed.

Mayor Marshall stated that he had a request for “Deer Crossing” signs to be placed on Ladentown Road.

Deputy Mayor Sanderson moved to approve the placement of two “Deer Crossing” Signs on Ladentown Road. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 3-2. Trustees Banks and Lamer voted in opposition.

5. Office Period

Clerk Glantz reported on a smell in the area where the air conditioner had leaked onto the carpet. Clerk Glantz will check with the Village’s insurance company regarding coverage for the flood damage and also what the deductible is. She will also obtain costs for having the carpet cleaned.

Trustee Roman inquired as to what are the two large buildings going up on Camp Hill Road on the Ramapo side. She is concerned about drainage problems already existing on the road and will the large new buildings exacerbate it. Ms. Ulman will send a letter to the Town of Ramapo expressing the Village’s concern of a drainage problem in the area.

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

Trustee Banks moved to reopen the public portion of the meeting. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Sanderson. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Malverne J. Toll