

VILLAGE OF POMONA  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
JULY 28, 2014

**ADOPTED FEBRUARY 9, 2014**

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 July 28, 2014.

Present

Mayor: Brett Yagel  
Deputy Mayor: Leon Harris  
Trustees: Ian Banks  
Rita Louie  
Alma Roman

Village Attorney: Doris Ulman  
Bldg. Inspector: Louis Zummo  
Village Clerk: Lisa Thorsen

Absent

Vlg. Engineer: J. Corless

**SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

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### **1. Salute the Flag.**

### **2. Open Period**

Craig Jackson, 66 Pomona Road brought three topics to the Board's attention. He asked if there was any feedback regarding the manhole cover on Pomona Road? Mayor Yagel responded that he has not heard back from the County on that matter. He had a conversation with the Highway Superintendent and also the Town and he is waiting for them to address that situation. The second point is the drainage shared between his property and his neighbor. There is debris and sediment built up in the creek area due to runoff from the road. Mayor Yagel responded that he will have the Ramapo Highway Department assess the situation. The third item was the firework noise from the ball park. Has the Board addressed, had a position or taken any action regarding the frequency of the fireworks? Mayor Yagel responded that he had a meeting with the Supervisor two years ago and advised him that the noise was in noncompliance of their own DEIS. They were to perform eight fireworks a year and there were in excess of 23 fireworks last year. The Supervisor indicated he would talk to the people who did the fireworks and putting lesser charges in the fireworks. Mr. Jackson replied the lesser is appreciated but the frequency is a bigger thing. Mayor Yagel also responded that the Town changed the allowable time for fireworks cutoff from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Bea Atkins, 1 Willow Court addressed the Board about the reoccurring flooding problem on her property. She spoke to the Board previously and to date no one has come to look at her problem. The problem has been going on for years and still has not been resolved. When it rains the runoff from the pipe off the road and floods her driveway. The Building Inspector will take a look at the problem.

Mary Pang, 6 Woodfield Road gave a Board a copy of the issues she spoke to the Board about. Ms. Pang expressed she could not access the Minutes from previous meetings and felt they should be available. Also, her taxes are rising and what is the community giving back to her in regard to the increase. Mayor Yagel responded that the roads in the Village are being repaved, the tennis courts have been resurfaced and the fence replaced. Ms. Pang also objected to the camera in the office and why was it necessary. Mayor Yagel responded it was recommended on assessment by our insurance NYS Workers Compensation Alliance for security and to enable those in the office to see who was entering the building. Ms. Pang asked about the budget

numbers and felt they were out of balance. Mayor Yagel explained the reasons for the numbers i.e., ongoing lawsuits, etc.

Chief Brewer of the Ramapo Police Department addressed the Board. He commented that the situation at Boar Court has been rectified and asked the Board if they had any more issues for him to look into. Mayor Yagel requested that the Chief look into a criminal mischief complaint at Village Hall in the March 2014 timeframe. Also, that the speed trailer be placed at Camp Hill and Pomona Roads to curb the speeding on those roads. Residents in the audience expressed to the Chief the cars turning onto Camp Hill Road when the traffic light is red by passing the stopped cars in front of them.

Susan Montemareno, 11 Galileo Court distributed to the Board pictures of Galileo and White Birch Courts with garbage cans that are left at the curb for the entire week and not returned to the houses. Some cans have been left at the curb for two weeks. She felt notices should be given to homeowners not to leave the cans at the curbs. Mayor Yagel responded that letters have been prepared to be sent to homeowners who leave their garbage cans out at the curb and need to be removed. If the matter continues, Ms. Montemareno should contact Village Hall and file a complaint and the Code Enforcement Officer will look into the matter.

Joan Forlini, 5 Galileo Court reported that her neighbor has a lot of dead ash trees and is concerned that some of them will fall onto her property. She needed to know how to handle the matter, should she write the neighbor a letter? Mayor Yagel asked if she had talked to the neighbor about it. He suggested she send a certified letter to the neighbor informing them of the dead trees and her concern of them falling onto and damaging her property. Her other concern was one of noise. Her neighbor's children play in the road and are noisy and not supervised. The noise Code refers to before 7 a.m. and after 10 p.m. and Ms. Forlini asked does she have to put up with the noise between those hours. Ms. Ulman suggested if she could talk to the neighbor to handle it that way.

Mayor Yagel thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting tonight and the issues raised will be addressed. It was very nice to see people from the Village in attendance.

**Trustee Louie moved to close the Open Period. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried**

### **3. Resolution to Approve Abstract of Audited Claims**

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#### **4. Engineering & Building**

A copy of the Building Inspector's report is attached to the Minutes. Mr. Zummo will follow up on the removal of the shot rock pile at Halley II. Also attached to the Minutes is a copy of the Town of Ramapo Highway Department road evaluations for the Village.

#### **5. Cultural Center**

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

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Deputy Mayor Harris reported that the next Movie Night will be August 16<sup>th</sup> and the movie will be Rio 2.

Trustee Louie reported that the Music Festival is on schedule for September 13<sup>th</sup> and events are coming along nicely.

#### **6. Village Maintenance**

The current electrical needs at Village Hall need to be corrected/updated. An electrical contractor will be contacted to review the current status and gave an estimate on what is needed for improvement. Bullet Security has inspected the motion detectors at Village Hall regarding them going off due to an in-house mouse. The mouse was not found and the situation seems to have corrected itself.

Trustee Banks raised the issue of the cameras in use in Village Hall and that they are returned to their original use that the Board approved months ago. He would like to eliminate the work place camera, eliminate use of a camera in the remote location and replace the large screen that kinds of dominates the main office area with smaller desk monitors. Having the workplace under surveillance, is in his opinion is not what was intended and he is recommending that it be eliminated and he is making a motion that this be changed.

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During discussion, Trustee Louie expressed concern that a resident felt uncomfortable with the camera on the workplace counter. Mayor Yagel commented that these recommendations were given by the security people who installed the cameras and were advised by our insurance carrier. Ms. Thorsen, Village Clerk, commented that the outside camera is needed to show who enters the building and then goes downstairs possibly to use the restroom, and then leaves the building without ever going to the office. Deputy Mayor Harris commented that he was not sure about removing the monitor is a good idea. The placement of the cameras is purely for the safety of the Village and the employees in the Village. With that in mind, he's not sure it's in the best interest to take down the monitor. Also, by having the monitor in place, it would give anyone who is thinking of doing something inappropriate it would deter them from doing it. For anyone to be uncomfortable, it's just the day and age we live in. Trustee Louie commented that the outside screen should be kept. Trustee Banks commented that the modifications were wrong and one, to remove the camera that photographs the workspace and the inside office, two, to eliminate the possibility to remotely access and view what is going on in the workspace from another location and three, to remove the large screen and replace it with a small desk top screen, it doesn't have to be three screens, which can go on a desk near the windows and be easy to be reviewed by the whole staff to see who's coming in. Trustee Louie asked if the Village owns the screen. The Village does own the screen. Mayor Yagel responded that the Village does not photograph. Trustee Banks commented it's a big screen and it dominates the office. Mayor Yagel responded it's for the safety of the staff when they said they couldn't determine who is coming in and out of the building. By having a larger screen, they are able to look up and see all the entrances at once as opposed to a smaller screen which couldn't discern appropriately, like on a desktop. As to the remote access, that would not allow the police department to log on and see what is happening. Mayor Yagel requested that that Ms. Thorsen obtain all documentation from our insurance carrier regarding cameras.

### **7. Code Enforcement Report**

A copy of the Code Enforcement Officer's report is attached to the Minutes.

### **8. Grants**

Ms. Thorsen gave an update on the status of the New York State Grant, Emergency Preparedness. Ms. Thorsen also commented that some of the material that is in the

archives may not be destroyed. Ms. Ulman responded that may only be done when the Board passes a resolution on specific items to be destroyed. The elevator was noted as an example where grant money was used by Ms. Ulman. Trustee Banks commented that since there has been issues of functionality of the elevator it should be removed. Ms. Ulman responded that the it should not be removed because it was purchased with grant money, it must be repaired. If the elevator is removed, the grant money must be returned to the State. Trustee Banks will assess the condition of the elevator and report back to the Board.

## **9. Legal**

Nothing at this time.

## **10. New Business**

Nothing at this time.

## **11. Old Business**

Attached to the Minutes is a list of possible sign locations in the Village for the Welcome to the Village of Pomona signs. A discussion was held on possible sign locations.

## **12. Trustees Period**

Trustee Louie reported that she is starting a new job at the World Trade Center in New York City and may be late for attending future Board Meetings but will make every effort to attend.

## **13. Office Period**

Reported on the contents of the Code Enforcement Officer's report.

## **14. Executive Session**

**Trustee Roman moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation and personnel. Seconded by Trustee Banks. Motion carried 5-0. Trustee Roman moved to close the Executive Session and reopen the Public Meeting. Seconded by Trustee Louie. Motion carried 5-0. Trustee Louie moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 5-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Malverne J. Toll