

VILLAGE OF POMONA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
NOVEMBER 24, 2014

ADOPTED FEBRUARY 9, 2015

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 November 24, 2014.

Present

Mayor: Brett Yagel
Deputy Mayor: Leon Harris
Trustees: Alma Roman
Nicholas Wilson

Village Attorney: Doris Ulman
Vlg. Engineer: J. Corless
Bldg. Inspector: Louis Zummo
Dep.Vlg.Clerk: Carol LaChiana

Absent

Trustee: Ian Banks

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

Resolution No. 100 – 2014

Trustee Roman moved the resolution that the payment of General Funds Claims totaling \$140,001.61 set forth in page 3 in the Monthly Abstract Listing dated October 23, 2014 through November 22, 2014 as submitted are hereby approved subject to individual audits by the Board of Trustees.

The Payroll of November 15, 2014 as set forth in the payroll in the amount of \$19,660.88 is hereby submitted for approval, subject to the individual audits by the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Harris. On the vote, 0 – 4. The motion was defeated.

Resolution No. 101 – 2014

Trustee Roman moved the resolution that the payment of General Funds Claims totaling \$139,201.61 set forth in page 3 in the Monthly Abstract Listing dated October 23, 2014 through November 22, 2014 as submitted are hereby approved subject to individual audits by the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion carried 4-0.

The Payroll of November 15, 2014 as set forth in the payroll in the amount of \$19,660.88 is hereby submitted for approval, subject to the individual audits by the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Harris.

Resolution No. 102 – 2014

Trustee Roman moved to approve an additional \$200.00, for an additional musician, for the Winter Concert scheduled for January 17, 2014. The approved amount for the Concert was \$675.00 for musicians and \$75.00 for refreshments. The \$200.00 would increase the musicians total cost to \$875.00 for a final total of \$950.00. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Harris. Motion carried 3 – 1 (Deputy Mayor Harris voting No)

Resolution No. 103 – 2014

Deputy Mayor Harris moved to approve an expenditure of \$700.00 (\$400.00 for hospitality and \$300.00 for entertainment) for the Winter 2015 Exhibition to open on February 8, 2015. Seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution No. 104 – 2014

Trustee Wilson moved to approve rescheduling the December 8, 2014 meeting to Tuesday, December 16, 2014. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Harris. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution No. 105 – 2014

Deputy Mayor Harris moved to approve an expenditure of \$812.50 to replace the locks to the doors at Village Hall. Seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution No. 106 – 2014

Deputy Mayor Harris moved to approve an expenditure of \$777.50 to replace the locks to the inside/office doors in Village Hall. Seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution No. 107 – 2014

Deputy Mayor Harris moved to approve an expenditure of \$635.00 to reconnect the closed circuit TV system as it was before it was dismantled. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 4-0.

1. Salute the Flag.
2. Open Period

Stuart Iselin, 17 Tamarack Road addressed the Board on multiple issues. The first issue was the matter of bears in his neighborhood. There appears to be a bear den in the

dedicated Village park next to his property and asked what can be done about removing it. Mayor Yagel suggested to call not only Village Hall when bears are sighted, but also call the police department, DEC and animal control as well and report it to them. Mr. Iselin's then asked about leaves that are piled at the curb and would the Village consider leaf pick-up. Mayor Yagel commented that leaf pick up is not in the current sanitation removal contract and it is very expensive. Mr. Iselin's last commented was about the abandoned house on Chestnut. There is garbage strewn about the property and it is very unsightly. Mayor Yagel recommended that Mr. Iselin e-mail the Code Enforcement Officer and cc the Board and action will be taken on the matter. The matter has been ongoing for quite some time and needs to be resolved. Ms. Ulman, Village Attorney, commented that if the house is 9 Chestnut the Code Enforcement Officer is recommending that the Board hold a hearing on the matter.

Martin Joffe, 14 Tamarack also addressed the Board regarding the abandoned house and something needs to be done about it. Mayor Yagel will review the previous reports on the home and see what can be done about it. Mr. Joffe reported overgrown brush at the north/west intersection of Chestnut and Tamarack and is creating a hazardous condition. Oncoming traffic cannot see around the corner and is an accident waiting to happen. Mayor Yagel instructed Ms. LaChiana, the Village Deputy Clerk, to contact the Ramapo Highway Department and have them trim back the brush. Ms. LaChiana previously contacted the Ramapo Highway Department and was told a "work order" had been issued and will be addressed. She will contact them again and reiterate the situation.

Police Chief Peter Brower of the Ramapo Police Department addressed the Board. He will bring the brush issue to the attention of the Ramapo Highway Department. Mayor Yagel asked for an update on the problem with a rental home on Route 306. The matter is being watched and if problems occur Chief Brower asked that the police department be contacted immediately. Ramapo College and the homeowner have been notified of the problems with the college students renting the home. Regarding the recent automobile thefts in the Town, two autos were recovered in Newark and returned to the owners.

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

3. Resolution to Approve Abstract of Audited Claims

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Ms. Ulman raised the issue of check number 8715 dated October 23, 2014 payable to Ian Banks, Inc. for the Flamenco Dancers in the amount of \$800.00. The event had been cancelled and the check should be withdrawn, deleted from the total amount.

On the vote, 0 – 4. The motion was defeated.

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4. Engineering & Building

Mr. Corless, Village Engineer, reported that the Zoroastrian Temple worksite was shut down by the NYS DEC for a storm water violation. The Temple had neglected to file a notice of intent with the DEC. The Temple had filed with the Village Planning Board but did not file a SPDES application with the DEC. The Village was notified that it was also in violation because the Village did not collect the paperwork that the applicant had to file with the State. The applicant filed on Tuesday and the State approved it on Friday and the Stop Work Order was removed. Mr. Corless gave a brief report on the status of Halley II the project is essentially shut down. A copy of the Building Inspector's report is attached to the Minutes. Mr. Zummo reported that the illegally parked truck at 6 France Drive has been removed by the owner.

5. Cultural Center & Recreation

A copy of the Director's report is attached to the Minutes. Mr. Gde explained that the Winter Concert scheduled for January 17, 2015, the musicians have requested an increase of \$200.00 for an additional musician. The approved amount for the Concert was \$675.00 for musicians and \$75.00 for refreshments. The \$200.00 would increase the musicians total cost to \$875.00 for a final total of \$950.00. Deputy Mayor Harris asked for an agreement is added to the original contract showing the additional \$200.00 for an additional musician.

Resolution No. 102 – 2014

Trustee Roman moved to approve an additional \$200.00, for an additional musician, for the Winter Concert scheduled for January 17, 2014. The approved amount for the

Concert was \$\$675.00 for musicians and \$75.00 for refreshments. The \$200.00 would increase the musicians total cost to \$875.00 for a final total of \$950.00. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Harris. Motion carried 3 – 1 (Deputy Mayor Harris voting No)

Mr. Gde then inquired as to the status of the \$18,000.00 grant from Senator Carlucci's office for repairs to the Cultural Center. Mayor Yagel responded that in trying to locate correspondence confirming the grant, it cannot be located. Mayor Yagel contacted Senator Carlucci's office to confirm the grant and they are looking into the matter. Until confirmation is received from Senator Carlucci's office the matter is on hold.

Mr. Gde then requested funding for the Winter 2015 Exhibition scheduled for February 8, 2015 in the amount of \$700.00 (\$400.00 for hospitality and \$300.00 for entertainment. Deputy Mayor Harris again raised the issue of the cost of hospitality being more than the cost of the entertainment.

Resolution No. 103 – 2014

Deputy Mayor Harris moved to approve an expenditure of \$700.00 (\$400.00 for hospitality and \$300.00 for entertainment) for the Winter 2015 Exhibition to open on February 8, 2015. Seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion carried 4-0.

A copy of the Recreation Committee report is attached to the Minutes. Mayor Yagel reported that 60 children attended the Halloween Party and it was a huge success.

6. Village Maintenance

Mayor Yagel reported that New York State is ensuring that contracts with municipalities are complied with as requested in the grant applications. The elevator in Village Hall hasn't been used in years but still needs to be serviced because it was installed with grant money. The company that installed the elevator will be contacted to inspect and service the elevator.

7. Code Enforcement Report

A copy of the Code Enforcement Officer's report is attached to the Minutes. Mayor Yagel reported that a violation notice has been sent to the homeowner of 9 Chestnut Drive on the condition of the property. A follow-up will be done on the property at 105 Halley Drive.

8. Grants

The grant for the Cultural Center has already been discussed.

9. Legal

Nothing for the public meeting at this time.

10. New Business

Mayor Yagel announced the appointment of Frances Arsa Artha as Village Clerk effective December 1, 2014 and expiring on April 6, 2015. Mayor Yagel also announced the appointment of Frances Arsa Artha as Village Treasurer effective December 1, 2014 and expiring on April 6, 2015. Board approval is not required due to position vacancy.

Attached to the Minutes is a list of dates for the 2015 Village Board Meetings. Workshops will be held on January 12th, February 9th, and March 9th. Regular Board Meetings will be held on January 26th, February 23rd, and March 23rd.

Mayor Yagel requested a change of date for the December 8, 2014 meeting. The agreed upon meeting date was changed to Tuesday, December 16, 2014.

Resolution No. 104 – 2014

Trustee Wilson moved to approve rescheduling the December 8, 2014 meeting to Tuesday, December 16, 2014. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Harris. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Yagel informed the Board that the locks to the doors at Village Hall have been replaced at a cost of \$812.50.

Resolution No. 105 – 2014

Deputy Mayor Harris moved to approve an expenditure of \$812.50 to replace the locks to the doors at Village Hall. Seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Yagel then informed the Board that the locks to the inside doors/offices in Village Hall have been replaced at a cost of \$777.50.

Resolution No. 106 – 2014

Deputy Mayor Harris moved to approve an expenditure of \$777.50 to replace the locks to the inside/office doors in Village Hall. Seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Yagel reported to the Board that there has been a problem with the lock on the Fairty Pond power box. The key could not be located to open the power box. The lock needs to be cut off so the power to the pump can be shut off and a new lock installed.

Mayor Yagel referred to a previous resolution on July 28, 2014, it was Resolution No. 66 – 2014 where there were issues of concerns, and these have been addressed. The cameras were placed there by the recommendation of the New York State Workers Compensation Alliance. They will be going back to where they were. Bullet Security has been contacted to reconnect the closed circuit TV system as it was before it was dismantled. There is an outstanding balance of \$125.00. A copy of the proposal is attached to the Minutes showing

a total cost of \$635.00. Ms. LaChiana was asked for her input regarding the cameras. Her comments were that she is alone quite often in the office and it has a safety value. She feels safer with the cameras in place. At times it can be very scary and she feels protected with the cameras in place.

Resolution No. 107 – 2014

Deputy Mayor Harris moved to approve an expenditure of \$635.00 to reconnect the closed circuit TV system as it was before it was dismantled. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Yagel announced that the 2015 Animal Control contract has not been received from the Town of Ramapo and Ms. LaChiana will contact the Town Attorney to let them know the contract has not been received.

11. Old Business

Mayor Yagel appointed Carol LaChiana, Deputy Village Clerk through April 6, 2015.

12. Trustees Period

Trustee Roman inquired as to the status of the Village of Pomona signs. Mayor Yagel responded the signs are finished. A work order has been place with Hudson Valley Signs and the Mayor will go over the placement list with the Vendor to where the signs will be installed.

13. Office Period

Ms. LaChiana thanked Malverne Toll and Doris Ulman and everybody else for their help and kindness to her in the office. Ms. LaChiana also thanked the Mayor for her appointment and made reference to the Mayor and his family collecting the many, many bags of groceries for the People to People fund.

14. Executive Session

Trustee Roman moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation and personnel. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Harris. Motion carried 4-0.

Deputy Mayor Harris moved to close the Executive Session and reopen the Public Meeting. Seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Malverne J. Toll