

VILLAGE OF POMONA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
APRIL 27, 2015

ADOPTED JULY 13, 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 April 27, 2015.

Present

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

Village Attorney: Doris Ulman
Vlg. Engineer: J. Corless
Bldg. Inspector: Louis Zummo
Vlg. Clerk/Treas.: Frances Arsa Artha

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

Resolution No. 55 – 2015

Trustee Wilson moved the resolution that the payment of General Funds Claims totaling \$71,738.52 set forth in page 3 in the Monthly Abstract Listing dated March 24, 2015 through April 27, 2015, as submitted, are hereby approved subject to individual audits by the Board of Trustees.

The Payroll of April 15, 2015 as set forth in the payroll in the amount of \$24,615.89 is hereby submitted for approval, subject to the individual audits by the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Trustee Roman. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 56 – 2015

Trustee Roman moved to approve an expenditure of \$700.00 (\$400.00 for hospitality and \$300.00 for entertainment) for the Summer 2015 Exhibition reception scheduled for June 14, 2015 from 5 to 8 p.m. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Harris. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 57 – 2015

Deputy Mayor Harris read the following resolution: **RESOLVED**, that the proposed local law entitled “A Local Law Amending the Code of the Village of Pomona to Permit an Override of the Tax Cap for Fiscal Year 2015/2016” is hereby adopted and enacted as Local Law No. 2 of 2015. Seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion carried 4-1. Trustee Banks voted no.

Resolution No. 58 – 2015

Trustee Wilson read the following resolution: **RESOLVED**, that the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016 is hereby adopted, as amended, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the salaries set forth on Schedule 4 of said Budget are hereby adopted effective June 1, 2015. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Harris. Motion carried 4-1. Trustee Banks voted no.

Resolution No. 59 – 2015

Trustee Wilson moved to approve an expenditure of \$107.00 for Ms. Frances Arsa Artha, Village Clerk/Treasurer, to take an online course in preparation to take the Notary Public test. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Harris. Motion carried 5-0.

1. Salute the Flag.

2. Open Period

No one from the public appeared to speak.

Trustee Roman moved to close the Open Period. Seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Resolution to Approve Abstract of Audited Claims

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4. Engineering & Building

Mayor Yagel asked for a report on the town roads. Mr. Corless responded that he has received a valuation from the Town of Ramapo DPW last month and he and Mayor Yagel are scheduled this Thursday, April 30th, to inspect all the roads. The public bids price for asphalt/concrete installed starts at \$90.00 a ton range. The possible range is \$150,000 to \$170,000 per mile. The only contractor that bid was Tilcon New Jersey. The price does not include milling or berms. Mr. Corless will obtain cost for the milling and berms and report back to the Board. Trustee Banks commented that the cul-de-sac on Chamberlain which has a drain across it has a large hole in it and needs to be taken care of as soon as possible. Mr. Corless advised the Village Attorney, Ms. Ulman that Algonquin Gas Transmission LLC will be increasing the size of the pipe to be installed in the Village from 26" to 42" at the north end of the Village. Mayor Yagel commented that the fence at Cheesecote Lane is down and the Town of Haverstraw has been notified. Attached to the Minutes is a report from the Town of Ramapo listing the roads swept in the Village and the catch basins cleaned and/or repaired.

The Village Building Inspector, Louis Zummo's report is attached to the Minutes. Mr. Zummo reported on Building Permits and Certificate of Occupancies and Violation Searches issued in the Village.

5. Cultural Center & Recreation

The Director's report is attached to the Minutes. Mr. Gde requested approval of \$700.00 for the Summer 2015 Exhibition scheduled to open on June 7, 2015 and an opening reception on June 14, 2015.

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Mayor Yagel commented that the Spring 2015 Exhibition was lovely and well attended.

6. Village Maintenance

Mayor Yagel reported that the front and back doors at the Cultural Center are in need of replacement and prices for the replacements are being obtained.

Deputy Mayor Harris reported that the elevator at Village Hall has been inspected and a quote is being prepared. As soon as the quote is received, the Board will be notified.

Mayor Yagel reported that on April 16th he received a telephone call from Ms. Novick that the latch at the tennis courts was not functioning properly. Mayor Yagel informed those present that the locks will be changed so that keys cannot be copied. The tennis courts are for Village residents use only.

7. Code Enforcement Report

A copy of the Code Enforcement Officer's report is attached to the Minutes. Trustee Banks questioned the Complaint/Suggestion Form dated April 13, 2015 by Mayor Yagel, which was not sent through certified mail as were the other violations. Trustee Banks asked Mayor Yagel to state for the record that he saw scaffolding being installed. Mayor Yagel responded he did not see scaffolding being installed; he saw scaffolding already installed around the building. Mayor Yagel stated that the Code Enforcement Officer told him he had contacted Trustee Banks and that Trustee Banks was repairing windows around the building. Trustee Banks said the Code Enforcement Officer had not contacted him. Trustee Banks said, for the record, no one's been repairing any windows on my property.

8. Grants

The Village Clerk, Ms. Arsa Artha, reported she has nothing new to report on grants but is still working on the \$50,000 grant previously awarded to the Village. The grant is awaiting the Governor's signature.

9. New Business

Mayor Yagel reported that some of the signs in the Village's parks, Burgess Meredith, Van de Hende, which were installed between 1999 and 2000 need repair/replacement. Mayor Yagel asked for volunteers to come up with some ideas for sign replacements. Gde will work with Deputy Mayor Harris to design new signs.

10. Old Business

Ms. Arsa Artha gave a brief report on her attendance at the NYS Seminar for Clerks & Treasurers. She found the seminar to be very helpful.

Mayor Yagel then reported there are three Village of Pomona signs that still need to be installed. Locations need to be re-marked so the signs may be installed within the next two weeks.

Mayor Yagel reported that the Great American Clean-up was held on Sunday, April 26th. Mayor Yagel thanked those who volunteered and also Leslie Sanderson for coordinating the event.

11. Legal

Ms. Ulman asked for a resolution adopting a local law overriding the tax cap for the fiscal year 2015/2016. A Public Hearing was held at the April 13, 2015 meeting on the matter, the Public Hearing closed and decision was reserved to tonight's meeting.

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Trustee Banks commented that the public did not get a chance to speak on this. Ms. Ulman responded the Public Hearing was published, advertised and held and the public was invited to speak and no one appeared to speak.

Ms. Ulman then asked for a resolution adopting the Village Budget for 2015-2016.

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Ms. Ulman commented that at the last meeting there was an alleged law, or statement of a law, read into the record and this document was received today and when she checked into it, she found that it has nothing to do with New York State, it is a State Law of the State of Texas which does not apply to the Village of Pomona and she would like the record corrected because it was read by Trustee Banks during the Budget Public Hearing. Mayor Yagel commented that it was read into the record at the April 13, 2015 Public Hearing on the Budget by Trustee Banks. Trustee Banks stated the law was given to him by a resident.

12. Trustees Period

Trustee Roman expressed pleasure that the snow is gone and good weather is here. Trustee Wilson reported that his mail box has been repaired and planted.

13. Office Period

Ms. Arsa Artha advised the Board that she has made a small revision to the financial report by eliminating one unnecessary column.

Ms. Arsa Artha asked the Board to approve an expenditure of \$77.00 to take an online course to become a Notary Public. Also, \$25.00 to \$30.00 to apply to take the Notary Public test for a total of \$107.00.

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14. Executive Session

Trustee Wilson moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation and personnel. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Harris. Motion carried 5-0

Deputy Mayor Harris moved to close the Executive Session and reopen the Public Meeting. Seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Harris. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Malverne J. Toll