

**VILLAGE OF POMONA  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**JUNE 24, 2024**

**7:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

**Mayor Ilan Fuchs**

**Deputy Mayor Mendy Lasker**

**Trustee Marc Greenberg**

**Trustee Joel Grunwald**

**Trustee Raanan Zidile**

**ALSO PRESENT**

**Village Attorney Brian Nugent**

**Village Clerk Jenna Antoine**

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At 7:31pm Mayor Ilan Fuchs called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Joel Grunwald and Village Attorney, Brian Nugent will be arriving late to the meeting, but will be in attendance to the meeting. We have a quorum, so we can begin.

No Public Comment

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## **Treasury Report**

Trustee Mendy Lasker moved the resolution that the payment of General Funds Claims totaling \$38,555.68 set forth on page 3 in the Monthly Abstract Listing dated May 21, 2024 through May 31, 2024 as submitted is hereby approved subject to individual audits by the Board of Trustees.

The Payroll(s) of May 31, 2024 as set forth in the payroll in the amounts(s) of \$11,733.76 is hereby submitted for approval, subject to the individual audits by the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Trustee Raanan Zidile. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 4-0-1

Trustee Raanan Zidile moved the resolution that the payment of General Funds Claims totaling \$62,330.16 set forth on page 4 in the Monthly Abstract Listing dated June 1, 2024 through June 24, 2024 as submitted is hereby approved subject to individual audits by the Board of Trustees.

The Payroll(s) of June 14, 2024 as set forth in the payroll in the amount(s) of \$15,015.21 is hereby submitted for approval, subject to the individual audits by the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Trustee Marc Greenberg. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 4-0-1

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## **Meeting Minutes**

Trustee Joel Grunwald and Village Attorney, Brian Nugent arrived to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes from the Village Board Meeting on 5/20/24. Mendy Lasker moved that the minutes be approved and was seconded by Marc Greenberg. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 5-0.

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## **Pomona Cultural Center**

Gde Arsa Artha submitted a report to the Village Board on the Pomona Cultural Center. In the report he wrote about an upcoming Summer Concert on August 3, 2024. Mr. Arsa Artha requested a sum of \$950: \$800 for the entertainment and \$150 for hospitality. Mendy Lasker made a motion to approve the above. Seconded by Joel Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 5-0.

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Mendy Lasker made a motion to approve the below resolution. The motion was seconded by Marc Greenberg.

**RESOLUTION**

A Meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Pomona, New York was convened on **June 24, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.**

The following Resolution was duly offered and seconded to wit:

**RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BID FOR THE SECOR PARK PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of the Village of Pomona, New York (“Village”) in the course of its municipal business requires time-to-time services to be contracted by third parties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village desires to receive bid proposals for the Secor Park project consisting of installation of playground equipment including a swingset, placing rubber surfacing, and installation of two (2) benches set in the rubber surfacing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village’s engineer, Spence Engineering reviewed bid proposals provided to the Village and recommend the lowest bid within the project funding; and

**WHEREAS**, Spence Engineering, after having reviewed the bid proposals, recommends Village award the bid to Z-Tech Contracting, LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village desires to award the project to the lowest bidder as recommended by Spence Engineering.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that:

Section 1. The above “WHEREAS” clauses are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Village Board hereby award the bid for the Secor Park project to Z-Tech Contracting, LLC, with an address of 1207 US Highway 22, Mountainside, NJ 07092.

Section 3. The total cost of the contract between the Village and Z-Tech Contracting, LLC shall be \$162,196.55 and an additional \$10,000.00 in the event of unanticipated construction costs.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Mayor Ilan Fuchs	YES
Trustee Mendy Lasker	YES
Trustee Marc Greenberg	YES
Trustee Joel Grunwald	YES
Trustee Raanan Zidile	YES

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

DATED: JUNE 24, 2024

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Mendy Lasker made a motion to approve the below resolution. The motion was seconded by Joel Grunwald.

### **RESOLUTION**

A Meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Pomona, New York was convened on **June 24, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.**

The following Resolution was duly offered and seconded to wit:

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF REVISIONS TO VILLAGE HANDBOOK**

WHEREAS, the Village of Pomona has an Employee Handbook which was last amended by the Village Board on April 12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to update the Employee Handbook to ensure compliance with Federal and State Law; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board, from time to time, amends its Handbook policies as necessary to carry out the best interests and practices of the Village government; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to amend the Village Handbook in the form presented to the Village Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that:

Section 1. The above “WHEREAS” clauses are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Village Board of the Village of Pomona hereby adopts the amended Village Handbook in the form provided to the Village Board.

Section 3. The Mayor, and any officer, employee or consultant, as directed by the Mayor is hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Mayor Ilan Fuchs	YES
Trustee Mendy Lasker	YES
Trustee Marc Greenberg	YES
Trustee Joel Grunwald	YES
Trustee Raanan Zidile	YES

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

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### **Road Safety**

The board discussed that a number of residents have brought up that there is a lot of speeding taking place coming down Halley Drive. The board discussed what some possible solutions may be, like putting in a three point stop sign or speed bumps possibly.

Mendy Lasker made a motion for the Village Engineer, Martin Spence to review the area where Halley Drive, High Mountain Road and North Ridge Road are and to recommend what we can do to make the area safer. The motion was seconded by Joel Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 5-0.

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

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## **Burgess Meredith Park New Playground**

Mendy Lasker:

The new playground is finished. Gravel will be put in soon, at the edge of the new playground.

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## **Burgess Meredith Park, Basketball Court Update**

Mendy Lasker:

We opened the bid today for the above project. We are hoping by mid-summer to hopefully have an updated basketball court and also have a new playground at Secor Park.

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## **Van Den Hende Park**

Raanan Zidile:

Residents have come up with some ideas on how to improve the park. Residents are hoping we can pave an area near the tennis courts, so kids can safely ride bikes and scooters.

Mendy Lasker:

We are hoping to receive more grant money, so we can hopefully do something soon to improve the park.

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## **Tennis Court Power Wash Update**

Mendy Lasker:

We are waiting for a response from Veolia regarding a meter that is needed for the fire hydrant, so the power washing company can connect to the fire hydrant by the tennis courts.

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## **Village Roads Milling and Paving Update**

Mendy Lasker:

We just got an update from our Engineer, Martin Spence today saying that milling is continuing today and most likely by tomorrow all of the milling will be done. If everything is not done by tomorrow, it will be done by Wednesday. They are currently working on Wavey Willow, Footstep and Burning Brush. Paving is starting on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at Laura and Halley, which

will take about 2 days. After that, they will move to North Circle, Tamarack and then the three cul-de-sacs. Paving will take about five days, most likely ending next Monday, but will depend on production and weather.

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Mendy Lasker made a motion to approve the below resolution. The motion was seconded by Marc Greenberg.

### **RESOLUTION**

A Meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Pomona, New York was convened on **June 24, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.**

The following Resolution was duly offered and seconded to wit:

#### **RESOLUTION WAIVING EXTENSION FEE FOR HOUSE OF WORSHIP**

#### **(7 HIDDEN VALLEY DRIVE)**

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees is the entity in the Village that approves Special Permits for Houses of Worship; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Pomona (“Village”) previously approved a Special Permit Application for a House of Worship in August of 2022 for a Neighborhood House of Worship from Congregation Tilferes Tefillah (“Applicant”) at 7 Hidden Valley Drive in the Village, S/B/L 32.15-5-1 (“Subject Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant plans was a complete demolition of the existing house to construct the neighborhood house of worship with a total floor area of 9,993 square feet; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2024, the Applicant, a non-profit, religious organization which relies solely on donations for funding, advised the Village that construction was proceeding slower than expected and requested a waiver of an extension fee for the building permit fee for a period of six months; and



WHEREAS, construction of Houses of Worship typically requires compliance with additional regulations and codes beyond that of a single family or two family home, causing delays in completion of construction; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board, pursuant to its powers under NYS Village Law § 7-725- desires to waive such extension fee on the conditions set forth herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that:

Section 1. The above “WHEREAS” clauses are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Village Board hereby authorizes a waiver of the building permit extension fee for a period of six months, except that the Applicant shall be responsible for the payment of any actual costs incurred by the Village of Pomona during such six-month period.

Section 3. The Mayor and any officer, employee or consultant as directed by the Village Mayor is hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Mayor Ilan Fuchs	YES
Trustee Mendy Lasker	YES
Trustee Marc Greenberg	YES
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**RESOLUTION WAIVING EXTENSION FEE FOR HOUSE OF WORSHIP**

**(60 HALLEY DRIVE)**

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees is the entity in the Village that approves Special Permits for Houses of Worship; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Pomona (“Village”) previously approved a Special Permit Application for a House of Worship in October of 2022 for a Neighborhood House of Worship from Congregation Pomona Heights (“Applicant”) at 60 Halley Drive in the Village, S/B/L 25.09-1-33 (“Subject Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant plans included an addition to the existing building and to convert it to a neighborhood house of worship with a total floor area of 9,122 square feet; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2024, the Applicant, a non-profit, religious organization which relies solely on donations for funding, advised the Village that construction was proceeding slower than expected and requested a waiver of an extension fee for the building permit fee for a period of six months; and

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### **Executive Session**

Ilan Fuchs made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Mendy Lasker. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 5-0. Mendy Lasker invited the Village Clerk into the first portion of the executive session.

Ilan Fuchs made a motion to go from executive session back into regular session. The motion was seconded by Joel Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 5-0.

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Ilan Fuchs made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 9:32 pm. The motion was seconded by Mendy Lasker. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 5-0.

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**Minutes respectfully submitted by Jenna Antoine, Village Clerk**