

VILLAGE OF POMONA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

JULY 29, 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

At 7:35pm Mayor Ilan Fuchs called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ilan Fuchs made a motion to open the public comment period. The motion was seconded by Joel Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 5-0.

Sender Kohl

10 Emerald Drive Pomona NY 10970

The resident spoke about residents having to follow certain laws to remove trees but O & R can remove as many trees as they want and can also go on your property with no notice and remove privacy bushes. The board and the village attorney asked the resident to send the board and the clerk as many photos and details about what he is talking about, so it can be looked into.

Ilan Fuchs made a motion to close the public comment period. The motion was seconded by Mendy Lasker. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 5-0.

Comprehensive Plan Presentation

Max Stock from Nelson Pope Voorhis got up to speak about the above plan and why a zoning, well considered plan is the best approach because it is proactive, rather than a reactive approach. With this type of plan you are telling the public what the government plans for the village are.

- Gradual approach to anticipate your needs
 - With this approach you are involving the public from day one
 - The public will be more accepting of a plan if they are included in the process
 - Everything is taken into account and then the board would make a decision
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Treasury Report

Trustee Raanan Zidile moved the resolution that the payment of General Funds Claims totaling \$279,865.17 set forth on page 7 in the Monthly Abstract Listing dated June 25, 2024 through July 29, 2024 as submitted is hereby approved subject to individual audits by the Board of Trustees.

The Payroll(s) of June 28, 2024, July 12, 2024, and July 26, 2024 as set forth in the payroll in the amount(s) of \$12,811.85, \$13,020.72, and \$12,992.50, respectively, are hereby submitted for approval, subject to the individual audits by the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Trustee Joel Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 5-0.

Meeting Minutes

Approval of Minutes from the Village Board Meeting on 6/24/24. Mendy Lasker moved that the minutes be approved and was seconded by Joel Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 5-0.

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 Autumn Exhibition on September 22, 2024. Mr. Arsa Artha requested a sum of \$750: \$400 for the entertainment and \$350 for hospitality. Mendy Lasker made a motion to approve the above. Seconded by Marc Greenberg. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 5-0.

Road Safety

Deputy Mayor, Mendy Lasker said that we take road safety very serious. The board is aware that Trustee, Raanan Zidile and the Village Clerk were contacted by several residents about road safety because there have been a few really tragic accidents in the village recently.

Ilan Fuchs made a motion to approve the below resolution. The motion was seconded by Raanan Zidile.

RESOLUTION

A Meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Pomona, New York was convened on **July 29, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.**

The following Resolution was duly offered and seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE RETURN OF SECURITY FUNDS TO CHABAD OF THE HEIGHTS

WHEREAS, the Village previously issued a Special Permit application from Chabad of the Heights (“Congregation”) (S/B/L 25.05-2-13) pursuant to the Village’s House of Worship Local Law; and

WHEREAS, provisions of the Village Code require the posting of security in connection with site plan approval for such projects to insure site restoration; and

WHEREAS, the Congregation had previously posted \$75,000 in security in lieu of a Letter of Credit concerning such property and special permit; and

WHEREAS, the Congregation building was damaged by fire and subsequently demolished due to said fire and the Congregation has since substantially restored the property to its pre-construction condition; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to now return the \$75,000 previously posted by the Congregation along with any interest accrued during such time that the money was on deposit with the Village.

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 Mayor, Treasurer and any other employee or official as directed by the Mayor is hereby authorized to take any necessary steps to facilitate the return of \$75,000 previously posted by Chabad of the Heights, along with any interest accrued during the time such funds were held by the Village.

Section 3. This Resolution and the return the posted funds shall be subject to the approval of the Village Building Department as to removal of foundation/concrete on the site.

Section 4. 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 5. 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: JULY 29, 2024

Ilan Fuchs made a motion to approve the below resolution. The motion was seconded by Mendy Lasker.

RESOLUTION

A Meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Pomona, New York was convened on **July 29, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.**

The following Resolution was duly offered and seconded to wit:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT CONCERNING
COMPUTER SOFTWARE FOR VILLAGE USE**

WHEREAS, the Village desires to implement Building, Code Enforcement and Land Use software in order to best facilitate such processes in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village has solicited quotes and has reviewed the proposed software for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to contract with Cloudpermit, Inc. to provide such services.

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 the Mayor, or his designee, to execute an agreement with Cloudpermit, Inc., in a final form approved by Village legal counsel.

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.

DATED: JULY 29, 2024

Mendy Lasker made a motion to approve the below resolution. The motion was seconded by Raanan Zidile.

RESOLUTION

A Meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Pomona, New York was convened on July 29, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

The following Resolution was duly offered and seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION CONSTITUTING ORDER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS AND STOP BARS

WHEREAS, the Village of Pomona (“Village”) desires to have installed additional stop signs and stop bars within the Village territory at the intersection of Overlook Dr, Halley Dr and Valley View Ct and the intersection will become a 4-way stop.; and

WHEREAS, the Village Engineer, Spence Engineering, has recommended the same be done to ensure the safety of all Village residents in said area Overlook Dr, Halley Dr and Valley View Ct.; and

WHEREAS, the installation work of the stop signs and sign bars will be completed by the Town of Ramapo; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires such work to be done and authorizes the Town of Ramapo to complete said work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The above “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby incorporated by reference as though set forth in full herein.

Section 2. The Village of Pomona Village Board of Trustees (“Board”) hereby authorizes the Town of Ramapo to complete the work required for adding two stop signs/stop bars on Halley Dr and one stop sign, stop bar on Valley View Ct.

Section 3. The Village Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents, as approved by Village counsel, with the Town of Ramapo for the work to be completed.

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: JULY 29, 2024

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 July 29, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

The following Resolution was duly offered and seconded to wit:

RESOLUTION CONSTITUTING ORDER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS AND STOP BARS

WHEREAS, the Village of Pomona (“Village”) desires to have installed additional stop signs and stop bars within the Village territory at the intersection of Overlook Dr and Lakeview Ct and the intersection will become a 3-way stop.; and

WHEREAS, the Village Engineer, Spence Engineering, has recommended the same be done to ensure the safety of all Village residents in said area Overlook Dr, Lakeview Ct.; and

WHEREAS, the installation work of the stop signs and sign bars will be completed by the Town of Ramapo; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires such work to be done and authorizes the Town of Ramapo to complete said work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The above “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby incorporated by reference as though set forth in full herein.

Section 2. The Village of Pomona Village Board of Trustees (“Board”) hereby authorizes the Town of Ramapo to complete the work required for adding two stop signs/stop bars on Overlook Dr and one stop sign, stop bar on Lakeview Ct.

Section 3. The Village Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents, as approved by Village counsel, with the Town of Ramapo for the work to be completed.

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

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DATED: JULY 29, 2024

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 **July 29, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.**

The following Resolution was duly offered and seconded to wit:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE INSTALLATION OF A SPEED TABLE ON HALLEY DRIVE
BETWEEN ASPEN COURT AND LAURA LANE**

WHEREAS, the Village Board from time to time takes steps to facilitate safety measures on Village Roads; and

WHEREAS, the Village had previously installed speed tables on Halley Drive to enhance safety on Halley Drive; and

WHEREAS, the speed tables have been removed from Halley Drive due to winter plowing; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to authorize the installation of a speed table on Halley Drive at a cost not exceed the amount of \$7,000.

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 the Village Engineer to take steps necessary to obtain services to have a speed table installed on Halley Drive between Aspen Court and Laura Lane at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.

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

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RESOLUTION

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The following Resolution was duly offered and seconded to wit:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE LEGAL COUNSEL TO REVIEW DOCUMENTS FOR
DONATION OF PROPERTY TO THE VILLAGE OF POMONA**

WHEREAS, a resident has expressed interest in donating a parcel of vacant land to the Village, said parcel being Section 25.05, Block 1, Lot 32 on the tax maps of the Village of Pomona also known as 136 Call Hollow Road in the Village (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to accept such donation and initiate steps necessary to transfer such parcel to the Village.

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 Village legal counsel, Feerick Nugent MacCartney, PLLC, to take all actions necessary to facilitate the transfer of the Property to the Village of Pomona and prepare the necessary documents for execution by the Mayor and the property owner and/or the property owner’s representative.

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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Burgess Meredith Playground & Basketball Court Update

Mendy Lasker:

We closed the bid last week 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.

Tennis Court Power Wash Update

Mendy Lasker:

We are waiting for the company SportsTech to get back to us with the date they will be scheduling the power wash for the tennis courts. The Village Clerk was asked to contact the company and get this scheduled for as soon as possible.

Village Roads Milling and Paving Update

Village Clerk, Jenna Antoine:

We just got an update from our Engineer, Martin Spence today saying the resurfacing of the below indicated roads has recently been completed by Cavaliere Industries (milling) and Tilcon, NY (paving). 2024 Village of Pomona Road Resurfacing – Burning Brush Court, Footstep Lane, Halley Drive (partial), Laura Lane, North Circle, Tamarack Lane (partial), Wavey Willow Lane, VanDen Hende Park.

Executive Session

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

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

Ilan Fuchs made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 9:08 pm. The motion was seconded by Mendy Lasker. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jenna Antoine, Village Clerk