

**VILLAGE OF POMONA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

FEBRUARY 24, 2025

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. Trustee Joel Grunwald and Trustee Raanan Zidile will be a few minutes late to the meeting. We have a quorum, so the meeting can start now.

Mayor Ilan Fuchs made a motion to open the public comment period. The motion was seconded by mendy Lasker. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2. Trustee Raanan Zidile and Joel Grunwald arrived to the meeting.

Resident and business owner, Chester Rosenberg spoke about the Villages current contracts for landscaping and snow removal. He spoke about how he has been a resident for over 10 years and in that time he has noticed there is a lot of room for improvement with our current contracts. The current provider of these contracts currently seems to neglect certain items that are clearly in their contract with the village. For example the cul-de-sacs in the village need some serious sprucing up, many of them the trees and bushes are dead and many times there is garbage and other debris left in them. He explained that many of our residents have complained a lot over the years to him about how unhappy they

are with whoever we are currently using because they do not understand why the items in our contracts are not being fully fulfilled. Another item he spoke about is the trash cans in our parks not being emptied regularly and he also said we should have garbage cans in the entrances of each park.

Ilan Fuchs said the Board will discuss the contracts he submitted for landscaping and snow removal. The landscaping contracts will be discussed at the next Board meeting and that is when a decision will be made on what company to move forward with, as the contract for landscaping starts in April.

Mayor Ilan Fuchs closed the public comment period. The motion was seconded by Marc Greenberg. 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 Spring Exhibition that is scheduled for Sunday, April 27, 2025. Mr. Arsa Artha requested \$400 for the entertainment and \$350 for hospitality, for a total of \$750. 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.

Meeting Minutes

Approval of Minutes from the Village Board meeting on 1/27/2025. Mendy Lasker made a motion to approve the above meeting minutes and was seconded by Marc Greenberg. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0, 2 board members abstained from voting, Mayor Ilan Fuchs and Trustee Joel Grunwald because they were not present for the above meeting.

Treasury Report

Trustee Raanan Zidile moved the resolution that the payment of General Funds Claims totaling \$110,590.63 set forth on page 6 in the Monthly Abstract Listing dated January 28, 2025 through February 24, 2025 as submitted is hereby approved subject to individual audits by the Board of Trustees.

The Payroll(s) of February 4, 2025, and February 21, 2025 as set forth in the payroll in the amount(s) of \$13, 042.49 and \$12,919.63 respectively, are submitted for the approval, subject to the individual audits by the Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Trustee Joel Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 5-0.

Resolution approving the Mayor to sign the 2025 Ramapo Sewer Highway Agreement

Mendy Lasker made a motion for the Mayor to sign the above contract. The motion was seconded by Marc Greenberg. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 5-0.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on a 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: FEBRUARY 24, 2025

Election Update

The Village Clerk advised the Board that the official ballot and absentee ballots were done a few weeks ago and approved by the trustee members that are running. The legal notices were also posted in the Journal News a few weeks ago. An election notice was posted in Village Hall today and 6 legal notices will be posted throughout the Village. The permanently disabled list of voters, who legally have to have the ballots mailed to them, will be going out in the mail tomorrow. Everything has been done a few weeks before all of the legal deadlines that are in place for elections. Mayor Ilan Fuchs said very good to the Village Clerk and asked if she needed anything else from the Board regarding the election and the Village Clerk said no, nothing else is needed.

Buildings & Maintenance

Mendy Lasker explained how hard the Board has been working on a number of projects for the residents. We are hoping to get a more grants so that we can fix the drainage issues in Burgess Meredith Park, put in a path in that park where the big field is, fix up the tennis courts and maybe even get a pickle ball court at some point. The reason we always try to get grants for these types of projects is because we do not want the residents to have to pay for them, by increasing taxes. So we will continue to apply for whatever grants that we can.

Office Period

The Village Clerk said a number of things need to be resolved before the upcoming election in a few weeks. Some broken lights inside and outside. The Board acknowledged and said everything will be done soon before the election.

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.

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

Ilan Fuchs made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 8:46 pm. The motion was seconded by Joel Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jenna Antoine, Village Clerk