

VILLAGE OF POMONA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
REORGANIZATION MEETING

APRIL 7, 2025

7:30 P.M.

PRESENT

Deputy Mayor Mendy Lasker

Trustee Raanan Zidile

Trustee Joel Grunwald

ALSO PRESENT

Village Attorney Matthew Toal

Village Clerk Jenna Antoine

ABSENT

Mayor Ilan Fuchs

Trustee Marc Greenberg

At 7:33pm Deputy Mayor, Mendy Lasker called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mendy Lasker made a motion to open the meeting. The motion was seconded by Joel Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2.

Open Remarks

Mendy Lasker:

Mayor Ilan Fuchs apologized that he wasn't able to be here tonight. He will give his remarks at our meeting at the end of the month. I do want to say that the Mayor has just

sent an email an hour ago, where he appointed me for another year for Deputy Mayor. I appreciate his trust. That is how I can continue the meeting, as Deputy Mayor.

Public Comment

Mendy Lasker 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 3-0-2.

Attorney Radhika Nagubandi:

She got up to speak about an application that was submitted by her client for the Sri Ranganatha Temple. On 12/12/24 my client submitted a special permit application. We received a response from the Village Clerk that per our last meeting, the Building Inspector and the attorneys would be reviewing the application and let us know of the next steps. We have reached out to Brian Nugent a number of times because we have not been added to a Board of Trustees agenda yet. We have also not been notified of any deficiencies in our application and we have requested that Brian Nugent to please let us know if there are any. Our office emailed him again on 4/4/25.

Mendy Lasker:

Advised the applicant's attorney that he will let Brian Nugent know and ask him to get back to you. Our attorney advises us when an applicant is ready to come to a Board of Trustees meeting. All I can say is send him another email because you just emailed him again on 4/4/24 and follow-up on your pending application.

Attorney Radhika Nagubandi:

Okay, thank you.

Mendy Lasker made a motion to close the public comment period. The motion was seconded by Raanan Zidile. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2.

RESOLUTIONS

1. RESOLVED, that Feerick Nugent MacCartney PLLC is appointed to serve as legal counsel to the Village per the agreement with such firm. Mendy Lasker made a motion to approve the above resolution. The motion was seconded by Joel Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2.

2. RESOLVED, that Martin Spence of Spence Engineering is appointed as Village engineer for a one-year term, expiring on April 6, 2026 per the agreement with such firm. Mendy Lasker made a motion to approve the above resolution. The motion was seconded by Raanan Zidile. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2.

3. RESOLVED, that Nelson, Pope Voorhees, LLC is appointed as Village Planner for a one-year term, expiring on April 6, 2026 per the agreement with such firm. Mendy Lasker made a motion to approve the above resolution. The motion was seconded by Joel Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2.

4. RESOLVED, that the Village's official newspaper shall be the Journal News/ Lohud. Mendy Lasker made a motion to approve the above resolution. The motion was seconded by Raanan Zidile. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2.

5. RESOLVED, that the Village depositories shall continue to be JP Morgan Chase Bank, M&T Bank and Sterling National Bank. Mendy Lasker made a motion to approve the above resolution. The motion was seconded by Joel Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2.

6. RESOLVED, that the mileage reimbursement rate shall be 70 cents per mile. Mendy Lasker made a motion to approve the above resolution. The motion was seconded by Joel Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2.

7. RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorize shall authorize that the undertakings required by New York State Village Law § 3-306 shall continue to be acquired through the Village's liability insurance coverage for all Village officers and employees in the amount of \$100,000. Mendy Lasker made a motion to approve the above resolution. The motion was seconded by Raanan Zidile. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2.

8. RESOLVED, that the Village Auditor shall be PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP per the agreement with such firm. Mendy Lasker made a motion to approve the above resolution.

The motion was seconded by Raanan Zidile. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2.

9. RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees' next meeting is set for April 28, 2025. Mendy Lasker made a motion to approve the above resolution. The motion was seconded by Joel Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2.

10. Announce: Mayor Fuchs has appointed Trustee Lasker as Deputy Mayor for a term beginning on April 7, 2025.

11. RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees' Meeting Schedule dated April 7, 2025 is hereby adopted for the Village year 2025-2026. The Village Board designates the 4th Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. as the general meeting time of the Village Board regular meetings, except as otherwise set forth in the adopted meeting schedule. Mendy Lasker made a motion to approve the above resolution. The motion was seconded by Joel Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2.

12. RESOLVED, that the following holidays shall be designated holidays on which the Village Hall shall be closed:

**Monday, May 26, 2025 (Memorial Day)
Thursday, Jun 19, 2025 (Juneteenth)
Friday, July 4, 2025 (Independence Day)
Monday, September 1, 2025 (Labor Day)
Monday, October 13, 2025 (Columbus Day)
Tuesday, November 11, 2025 (Veteran's Day)
Thursday, November 27, 2025 (Thanksgiving)
Friday, November 28, 2025 (Day after Thanksgiving)
Thursday, December 25, 2025 (Christmas)
Thursday, January 1, 2026 (New Year's Day)
Monday, January 19, 2026 (Martin Luther King Day)
Monday, February 16, 2026 (President's Day)**

Mendy Lasker made a motion to approve the above resolution. The motion was seconded by Raanan Zidile. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2.

13. RESOLVED, that the Village Board adopts the Village Employee Handbook in the form presented to the Village Board. Mendy Lasker made a motion to approve the above resolution. The motion was seconded by Joel Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2.

14. RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby adopts the Village Fee Schedule in the form presented to the Village Board. Mendy Lasker made a motion to approve the above

resolution. The motion was seconded by Raanan Zidile. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2.

15. Mendy Lasker made a motion to set a Public Hearing for April 28, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard to consider a local law amending Article VIII of Chapter 130(Zoning) regarding requirements for posting security relation to installation of swimming pools and impervious surfaces. The motion was seconded by Joel Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2.

16. Mendy Lasker made a motion to set a Public Hearing for April 28, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard to consider a local law amending Chapter 96 (Noise) regarding permissible hours for noise on weekends. The motion was seconded by Raanan Zidile. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2.

17. Mendy Lasker made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the Budget for 2025-2026. The motion was seconded by Joel Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2. Mendy Lasker made a motion to close the Public Hearing for the Budget for 2025-2026. The motion was seconded by Joel Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2.

Landscaping Maintenance Contract

Mendy Lasker: Our office has received four bids from different companies. This is the first time we received four. They all are offering the same service. Our attorney advised us to go with the lowest bid. Curti's was the lowest bid for the amount of \$15,632. Mendy advised the Village Clerk to get Curti's insurance and have them start right away.

18. Mendy Lasker made a motion to approve the 2025 Landscaping Maintenance Contract with Curti Group. Mendy Lasker made a motion to approve the above resolution. The motion was seconded by Raanan Zidile. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2.

Deputy Mayor, Mendy Lasker made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 7:55 pm. The motion was seconded by Joel Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Jenna Antoine, Village Clerk