

**VILLAGE OF POMONA  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
MAY 22, 2023 – 7:30pm**

PRESENT: Mayor Fuchs  
Deputy Mayor Lasker  
Trustee Grunwald  
Trustee Greenberg

ABSENT: Trustee Zidile

ALSO PRESENT: Village Attorney Brian Nugent  
Village Clerk Tamara Epstein

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At 7:34pm Mayor Fuchs called the meeting to order and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Deputy Mayor Lasker made a motion to open the meeting to public comments. The motion was seconded by Trustee Greenberg. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present.

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Members of the public were afforded the opportunity to speak.

Elinor Silver made comments regarding speeding on Village roads, dog excrement, an abandoned car, and a pile of brush that has been on the road for two years.

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Mayor Fuchs made a motion to close the meeting to public comments. The motion was seconded by Trustee Greenberg. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present.

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**RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF TREASURY ABSTRACTS**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lasker, Seconded by Trustee Grunwald

WHEREAS, Mayor Fuchs and the members of the Village of Pomona Board of Trustees have reviewed bills to be paid reflecting Village expenditures as submitted by the Village Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, payment of treasury abstracts requires the approval of the Village Board of Trustees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Village of Pomona Board of Trustees hereby approves the payment of bills of the Village of Pomona as set forth below and authorizes the Treasurer to pay such bills;

GENERAL ABSTRACT : Claims totaling \$147,198.21

PAYROLLS of May 5, 2023 and May 19, 2023 totaling \$8,756.13 and \$12,141.40 respectively.

Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present.

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Gde Arsa Artha presented a report on the Pomona Cultural Center and spoke of upcoming Spring and Summer concerts. Mr. Arsa Artha requested a sum of \$950.00 to pay for the summer concert on July 29<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.

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**RESOLUTION TO USE VILLAGE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE POMONA CULTURAL CENTER SUMMER CONCERT**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lasker, Seconded by Mayor Fuchs

WHEREAS, the Pomona Cultural Center has requested funds to support the planned summer concert on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 which will include live music and light refreshments; and

WHEREAS, such request for funds must be approved by the Village Board of Trustees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Pomona Cultural Center is authorized to make purchases in an amount not to exceed \$950.00 for the procurement of live music (\$800.00) and light refreshments (\$150.00) for the summer concert scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm.

Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present.

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Under the topic of New Business, the Board members discussed the appointment and re-appointment of Members of the Village Planning Board

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**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AND RE-APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE VILLAGE PLANNING BOARD**

Moved by Mayor Fuchs, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Lasker

WHEREAS, there exists vacancies and expired terms for various members of the Village Planning Board and;

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees wishes to fill any vacancies and renew terms for said Planning Board members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that:

Donna Poliseo shall be reappointed for a 5 year term beginning April of 2023

David Horowitz shall be reappointed for a 5 year term beginning April of 2023

Eli Norowitz shall be appointed to serve a 5 year term beginning April of 2023

Mitchell Belzer shall be reappointed as an alternate member for a two year term beginning April of 2023

Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present.

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Rhonda Smith from Civil Tec Engineering and Todd Rosenblum from Todd Rosenblum Architecture presented a plan for 130 Camp Hill Road on behalf of the applicant, a House of Worship. The Board members voiced their desire to require sprinklers in the building. The Board explained to the applicant that, in addition to a Special Permit application submitted to and review of said application by the Village Board, it would be necessary to set and notice a Public Hearing in order to proceed with the project.

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#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lasker, Seconded by Trustee Grunwald

A Meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Pomona, New York was convened on **May 22, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.**

The following Resolution was duly offered and seconded to wit:

#### **RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING AND DECLARING LEAD AGENCY REGARDING HOUSE OF WORSHIP APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Village of Pomona is in receipt of a Special Permit application from Daniel Kirschenbaum for a House of Worship at 130 Camp Hill Road ("Application"); and

WHEREAS, the Village Board also received a Part 1, Full Environmental Assessment Form ("FEAF") for said Application; and

WHEREAS, the approval of a Special Permit for a House of Worship under the Village's Code requires a Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Village’s Planning Board has consented to the Village Board being lead agency in this needed review; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to receive input from the Village Planning Board and the Village Planner with respect to such Application.

**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 declares itself lead agency in this coordinated review.

Section 3. The Village Board hereby refers the Special Permit Application to the Village Planning Board and the Village Planner for review and comment as provided for in the Village Code at Section 130-28.

Section 4. The Village Board hereby sets a Public Hearing on this Special Permit Application on June 26, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.. or soon thereafter as can be heard.

Section 5. 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 6. 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: May 22, 2023

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**RESOLUTION**

Moved by Trustee Greenberg, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Lasker

A Meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Pomona, New York was convened on **May 22, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.**

The following Resolution was duly offered and seconded to wit:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT FOR REFUSE AND RECYCLABLES COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL**

WHEREAS, the Village of Pomona (“Village”) previously entered into an Agreement with Interstate Waste Services, Inc. (“IWS”) for collection and disposal of garbage, trash and recyclables; and

WHEREAS, such Agreement was entered into following advertisement and submission of sealed bids; and

WHEREAS, such Agreement is set to expire on August 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to extend such services through the end of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ramapo had previously bid a substantially similar contract and utilizes IWS for such collection and disposal services; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement with the Town of Ramapo expires on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Village seeks to extend the terms of its Agreement on the same terms and conditions as set forth in the Town of Ramapo Agreement with IWS through December 31, 2023.

**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 any and all documents necessary to extend the Village’s collection and disposal services with IWS through December 31, 2023 as the rates presented by IWS in effect in the Town of Ramapo and annexed hereto.

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:

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Ilan Fuchs	X			
Trustee Mendy Lasker	X			
Trustee Marc Greenberg	X			
Trustee Joel Grunwald	X			
Trustee Raanan Zidile				X

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

DATED : May 22, 2023

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The Board discussed a request to use Burgess Meredith Park for a summer camp by a non-profit organization working on behalf of underprivileged children. The Board asked Attorney Nugent to add to the resolution specifying a \$1,000.00 fee to be held in escrow to ensure that the park is cleaned up after daily use and restored to its previous condition upon the end date of the camp program. The Board of Trustees will have the right to terminate use of the park at any time should any of the conditions go unheeded.

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**RESOLUTION**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lasker, Seconded by Trustee Greenberg

A Meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Pomona, New York was convened on **May 22, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.**

The following Resolution was duly offered and seconded to wit:

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF BURGESS MEREDITH PARK

WHEREAS, the Village has received a request from Congregation Ahavas Chesed of 10 Emerald Drive, Pomona, New York (“Applicant”) to utilize Burgess Meredith Park (“Park”) for recreational activities for underprivileged children; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has also offered to replace the current basketball backboards and hoops in the Park and to clean up overgrown areas around the courts; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant requests the use of the basketball courts and open field areas for the period of June 28, 2023 through August 17, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Fridays, with a final schedule to be provided to the Village which may include some variation as to the stated times.

**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 approves the use of the basketball court and open field area of Burgess Meredith Park for the non-profit organization, Congregation Ahavas Chesed subject to:

1. Submission of a Facility Use Application in a final form approved by the Village Board;
2. Submission of proof of insurance naming the Village as additional insured;
3. Submission of a final schedule confirming the dates and times of use which shall not include weekends;
4. Submission of proof of the applicant’s non-profit status.
5. Submission of \$1,000 to be held in escrow to ensure that the park is ceaned after daily use and restored to its pre-use condition by the end date of the camp program.

Section 3. Upon confirmation of the applicant’s non-profit status, the Village Board hereby waives any fees associated with the proposed use of Burgess Meredith Park.

Section 4. Prior to the replacement of any backboards or hoops at the Burgess Meredith Basketball Court, the Applicant will submit specifications with regard to such backboards and hoops prior to installation and same shall be approved by the Mayor.

Section 5. The Mayor and any official, employee or consultant as directed by the Mayor is hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to carry out of the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 6. The Board of Trustees retains the right to terminate use of the park at any time in the event that the Applicant fails to comply with the conditions set forth herein.

Section 7. 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:

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Ilan Fuchs	x			
Trustee Mendy Lasker	x			
Trustee Marc Greenberg	x			
Trustee Joel Grunwald	x			
Trustee Raanan Zidile				x

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

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During the Trustees period of the meeting, Deputy Mayor Lasker thanked Keep Rockland Beautiful and all of the volunteers who helped with the community cleanup.

Deputy Mayor Lasker brought up the subject of FOIL requests being used as violation searches by Title Search companies. The Village Attorney advised that the topic could be researched and brought up at a future meeting.

Deputy Mayor Lasker also noted that the six (6) roads that were milled and paved look great and was pleased that the work went quickly and efficiently. He thanked Martin Spence, Village Engineer, for his assistance in the project.

Trustee Greenberg discussed the state of the tennis courts which were recently resurfaced but required some clean-up of debris. The Board instructed the Village Clerk to contact Chris Meredith and request that he use a leaf blower to clear the courts and to empty any garbage accumulated in cans.

The Village Clerk was also instructed to obtain more leaf bags.

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At 8:21 Mayor Fuchs made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lasker to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing legal and personnel matters. Upon vote, the matter was carried by all present.

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At 8:58 Trustee Greenberg made a motion, Seconded by Mayor Fuchs to exit executive session. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present.

At 9:01pm, Deputy Mayor Lasker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Greenberg. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present.

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Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Tamara Epstein, Village Clerk  
5.23.23

