

VILLAGE OF POMONA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

May 19, 2025

7:30 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor Ilan Fuchs

Deputy Mayor Mendy Lasker

Trustee Joel Grunwald

Trustee Marc Greenberg

Trustee Raanan Zidile

ALSO PRESENT

Village Attorney Matthew Toal

At 7:30pm Mayor Ilan Fuchs called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. 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

David Levin made comments on roads

Joshua Werth made comment on pavements

Trustee Lasker made a motion to close the public comments. The motion was seconded by Marc Greenberg. and approved unanimously (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 Summer art Exhibition, June 15, 2025 from 5-8pm. Mr. Arsa Artha requested \$800 for the musicians and \$150 for hospitality, for a total of \$950. Trustee Lasker made a motion to approve the above. Seconded by Joel Grunwald. and approved unanimously (5-0).

Meeting Minutes

Approval of Minutes from the Village Board meeting on 4/28/25. Mayor Fuchs made a motion to approve the above meeting minutes and was seconded by Joel Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-2-0.

Treasury Report

Trustee Zidile moved the resolution that the payment of General Funds Claims totaling, \$74,682.91 set forth on page 5 in the Monthly Abstract Listing dated April 29, 2025 through May 19, 2025 as submitted is hereby approved subject to individual audits by the Board of Trustees.

The Payroll(s) of May 2, 2025 and May 16, 2025 as set forth in the payroll in the amount(s) \$13,064.25 and \$10,937.32 respectively, are submitted for approval, subject to the individual audits by the Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Mendy Lasker and approved unanimously (5-0).

Mayor Ilan Fuchs made a motion to return the escrow remaining funds to Mr. Levitan the applicant, totaling, \$3,818.61 seconded by Joel Grunwald, and approved unanimously (5-0).

Trustee Lasker made a motion to approve the \$390 payment to John for the rental of the bathroom at Burgess Meredith Park for a period of 2 months Seconded by Raanan Zidile and approved unanimously (5-0).

HOW 8 Ladentown Rd.

The speaker, representing the applicant, explained that they had limited time to prepare due to the late confirmation that the application would be added to the agenda. Nevertheless, they wanted to present their client's position, especially in response to the building inspector's letter. They Disagreed with the Building Inspector's Determination and wanted the village board to act as lead agency instead of the zoning board

The attorney reiterated that, per prior communications, the board could not act on the special permit until the ZBA granted the variance, disagreeing with the applicant's interpretation of board authority. There was also a noted issue with the application not being properly completed.

Building and Maintenance Update:

- A fence at the park has been cut. A repair company has been contacted and will provide a quote for the necessary repairs.

Security Proposal:

Mendy Lasker proposed installing cameras at Burgess Meredith Park due to recent vandalism, including an incident at Van Den Hende Park. The cameras would be solar-powered and mounted on poles, costing approximately \$150 per year each.

Trustee Lasker made a motion to approve a budget of up to \$1,000 for two cameras at the 2 parks. Seconded by Marc Greenberg. and approved unanimously (5-0).

Trustee Grunwald – Safety Concern on Ladentown Road:

Joel Grunwald reported that Ladentown Road is currently unsafe for pedestrians due to heavy rain causing grass and bushes to overgrow onto the road. As a result, walkers are forced to walk in the roadway to avoid the vegetation. He requested that the clerk contact the road department to have the area cleared.

Tennis Court Fence Repair – Van Der Park:

Trustee Mendy Lasker made a motion to approve \$500 for repairs to the tennis court fence at Van Der Park in Pomona, NY. The motion was seconded by Marc Greenberg and approved unanimously (5-0).

Mayor Ilan Fuchs made a motion to approve a \$3,000 stipend for Deputy Mayor Mendy Lasker in recognition of his performance of additional duties. The stipend will take effect immediately, applying to the fiscal year beginning June 1, and may also be applied retroactively. The board reserves the right to reduce or revoke the stipend at any time should the Deputy Mayor not fulfill his responsibilities. The motion was seconded by Joel Grunwald and approved unanimously (5-0).

Mayor Fuchs made a motion to adjourn the meeting Second by Joel Grunwald motion passes 5-0

Minutes respectfully submitted by Moshe Orange, acted as Village Clerk for the meeting