

VILLAGE OF POMONA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

August 18, 2025

7:30 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor Ilan Fuchs

Trustee Raanan Zidile

Trustee Joel Grunwald

ALSO PRESENT

Village Attorney Brian Nugent

ABSENT

Deputy Mayor Mendy Lasker

Trustee Marc Greenberg

At 7:33pm 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.

Trustee Mr. Grunwald made a motion to open the public comment period. The motion was seconded by Raanan Zidile. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2

Margaret Cruz of 129 Camp Hill Rd, expressed concerns about ongoing construction and its impact. Specifically, cars from members of the shul have been parking on their property, including on the roots of trees, despite a previous request for a “No Parking Anytime” sign made through the Code Enforcer about a month ago (with video evidence submitted). She noted that the shul’s website suggests using community parking if spaces are unavailable, but this has not been followed. They have so far refrained from towing vehicles, though it is within their rights, and tensions with drivers have already led to confrontations. She requested an update and action on installing a “No Parking Anytime” sign to prevent further issues.

Mr. Daniel Berger of 21 Ormian Dr raised two concerns: Tree Removal & Privacy – Despite prior planning discussions indicating some trees would remain, the remaining trees along the property line were recently removed with bulldozers. The resident is requesting reconsideration of installing a privacy barrier or gate to maintain separation between the properties. Construction Hours – Construction activity, including heavy equipment use, often begins as early as 6:45 a.m., which is disruptive. The resident is asking if work hours can be adjusted so that heavy equipment is operated later in the day.

John McDowell of 126 Camp Hill Rd. expressed frustration about repeated early construction activity at 130 Camp Hill. Despite efforts to cooperate with neighbors and avoid bringing small matters to the Village, they reported that: 1. On Sunday around 6:40–6:45 a.m., loud backhoe work began, waking them up. 2 .When they spoke to the driver at 7:10 a.m., he claimed he was allowed to start at 7:00 a.m., pointing to a posting on the shul. 3. The resident later contacted the Code Enforcer, who confirmed that the allowed start time is 8:00 a.m. on weekdays, and likely 9:00 or 10:00 a.m. on weekends, though this needs clarification. 4. The resident reports that work has regularly started before 8:00 a.m. on both weekdays and weekends. 4 . They also share the same concern as other neighbors regarding parking issues by shul attendees near their property.

Alexandra Spadea of 126 Camp Hill Rd. shared both concerns and hopes regarding the shul at 130 Camp Hill: that the Noise, speeding, and increased traffic have become a serious issue in recent years. Their dog was recently hit by a car, underscoring the concern. Also that they value quiet weekends, especially Sundays, and appreciates the peace on Shabbat. They stressed the importance of minimizing noise, traffic, and light pollution. They described meaningful exchanges with shul members, including children who helped clean the woods. These experiences reflect a willingness to work together as neighbors and expressed hope that the shul could be a model for integration and harmony, with thoughtful landscaping, green space, and safe areas for children rather than expanded parking.

Mayor Ilan Fuchs made a motion to close the public comments. The motion was seconded by Trustee Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2.

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 Art Exhibition, Pomona Eclectic, September, 28 2025 with the opening reception from 4-7 PM. Mr. Arsa Artha requested for the shadow puppet play scheduled Sunday October 19th 2025 at 3:00 pm \$800 for the

performers and \$150 for hospitality, for a total of \$950. Mayor Ilan Fuchs made a motion to approve the above. Seconded by Raanan Zidile. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2.

Meeting Minutes

Approval of Minutes from the Village Board meeting on 7/15/2025 & 7/28/2025. Mayor Ilan Fuchs made a motion to approve the above meeting minutes and was seconded Trustee Joel Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2.

Treasury Report

Trustee Joel Grunwald moved the resolution that the payment of General Funds Claims totaling \$64,693.38 set forth on page 4 in the Monthly Abstract Listing dated July 29, 2025 through August 15, 2025 as submitted is hereby approved subject to Individual audits by the Board of Trustees.

The Payroll(s) of August 8, 2025, as set forth in the payroll in the amount(s) \$10,938.63 respectively, are hereby submitted for approval, subject to the individual audits by the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Trustee Zidile, Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2.

Mayor Ilan Fuchs made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$99 for the subscription for Otter, seconded by Mr. Greenwald motion was carried by all present, passes 3-0-2.

Mayor Fuchs made a motion to adjourn the meeting Second by trustee Zidile motion passes 3-0-2

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