

VILLAGE OF POMONA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Sep 29, 2025

7:30 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor Ilan Fuchs

Deputy Mayor Mendy Lasker

Trustee Marc Greenberg

Trustee Raanan Zidile

Trustee Joel Grunwald

ALSO PRESENT

Village Attorney Brian Nugent

ABSENT

At 7:30 pm 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.

Deputy Mayor Mendy Lasker made a motion to open the public comment period. The motion was seconded by Trustee M. Greenberg. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 5-0

Margaret Cruz of 129 Camp Hill Rd, wanted to First, thank the Board for listening to her concerns at the last meeting. I especially want to thank Mr. Zidile for being very helpful and responsive. She expressed appreciation for the communication and everyone's willingness to address the issues raised.

She went on to follow up regarding the parking signs. Although five temporary paper signs were posted, three have already come down.

The Mayor requested that the Clerk contact Martin Spence (village engineer) to inform him that some of the temporary signs are missing so he can replace them.

It was noted that Raanan has reached out to the nearby house of worship, which is encouraging its members to park within their own property. While some issues may still arise, these efforts, along with the temporary signage, have already helped reduce parking along Camp Hill.

The deputy Mayor also mentioned that the house of worship was approved for 38 on-site parking spaces. Once completed, this should alleviate the need for anyone to park on the street. In the meantime, the non-permanent signs should remain in place as a preventive measure.

David Levin raised concerns about a pothole on Quaker Road near Mayor Lane, which was reported several months ago but has not yet been repaired. He noted that the area is hazardous and difficult to photograph safely due to traffic conditions.

He went on to ask whether the Village plans to involve residents more directly before major construction projects are approved in the coming year. He asked to have a more interactive format such as a town hall meeting rather than the typical one-way process of formal meetings.

In addition, the resident mentioned previously reporting that the basketball court is not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). He noted that this issue was later investigated by BRIDGES, which submitted a formal notice to the Village. He emphasized that earlier community input on such projects might help identify accessibility or design concerns before construction begins.

It was clarified that the town of Haverstraw maintains that part of Quaker Rd so he should reach out to the clerk of the town of Haverstraw for any Potholes there.

Mayor Ilan Fuchs made a motion to close the public comments. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mendy Lasker. 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 the picture artists from the village of Pomona. There was live music as well. The event was open for live attendance and streamed on YouTube by The Veteran World. It was a wonderful opening held yesterday on a beautiful day. The Center's puppet play has been postponed until late winter or early spring due to scheduling conflicts for Barbara, the puppeteer, who is unavailable this October.

The fourth concert of 2025 is scheduled for Saturday, November 8, at 7:30 PM (not November 1 as previously noted). The musician performing is a local resident, and more details will be provided in the next report. The Holiday Exhibition 5 is scheduled to open Sunday, November 30, with an open reception on Sunday, December 7, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. The total cost for the upcoming performance is \$750 (\$400 for the performance and \$350 for hospitality).

Additionally, the United States flag at the Center is damaged and needs to be replaced.

Trustee Joel Grunwald made a motion to approve the above. Seconded by Trustee Lasker. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 5-0.

Meeting Minutes

Approval of Minutes from the Village Board meeting on 8/18/2025. 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 Raanan Zidile moved the resolution that the payment of General Funds Claims totaling \$137,970.81 set forth on page 7 in the Monthly Abstract Listing dated August 16, 2025 through September 25, 2025 submitted is hereby approved subject to Individual audits by the Board of Trustees.

The Payroll(s) of August 22, 2025, September 5, and September 19, 2025 as set forth in the payroll in the amount(s) \$11,869.25, \$11,869.24 and \$10,935.78 respectively, are hereby submitted for approval, subject to the individual audits by the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Trustee Joel Grunwald, Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 5-0.

New business, Mayor Ilan Fuchs and deputy Mendy Lasker discussed the aerator for the Secor pond the Village has been experiencing ongoing maintenance issues with the aerator at Secor Park Pond, located near the new playground the village installed. The existing fountain-style aerator frequently malfunctions, requiring seasonal installation and removal as well as repeated service calls—costing approximately \$800–\$1,000 per year. It also tends to become damaged by fishing lines and debris, leading to additional repair expenses.

After consultation with Martin Spence, Lou Zummo and Jeff Rosen, it was recommended that the Village replace the current system with a submersible “bubbler” aerator. This type of unit operates underwater year-round, reducing maintenance needs and avoiding

seasonal removal. While it lacks the decorative fountain effect, it performs the same function at a lower long-term cost and is less likely to be damaged.

The estimated cost for the new system, including installation, is up to \$3,000. The proposal includes exploring the possibility of selling the existing aerator on the secondary market to recoup part of the expense.

A motion was made by Trustee Greenberg to approve up to \$3,000 for the purchase and installation of the new bubbler aerator at Secor Park Pond. Seconded by Trustee Greenwald, the motion carries 5-0

Trustee Greenberg asked to put signs at the Van den hende park stating the surveillance and requesting to not sit on the tennis nets.

Deputy mayor reported positive news regarding Orange & Rockland utility billing. For several years, the Village had been charged for approximately 35 streetlights, though only 14–15 are actually within Village limits. After a thorough review, including site visits, Orange & Rockland acknowledged the discrepancy and agreed to remove 17–18 lights from the Village's account.

In addition, the Mayor noted that the Town of Ramapo has submitted final drawings to the State DOT for the Camp Hill Road and Route 202 improvement project, which includes new turning lanes. Once the DOT provides its comments, the Town will proceed with the RFP process. He expressed appreciation to Congressman Mike Lawler, Supervisor Specht and Ms. Montal for their continued cooperation and support on this project.

Clerk period: the first mayor of Pomona Mr. Van De Hende reached out to the village requesting his ashes would be spread in the park that was named after him.

The Village Attorney responded that it is a local determination, noting that while it is not illegal, the State does not permit it in parks.

Mayor Fuchs made a motion to adjourn the meeting Second by trustee Lasker motion passes 5-0

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