

**VILLAGE OF POMONA**  
**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**October 27, 2025**

**7:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

**Mayor Ilan Fuchs**

**Deputy Mayor Mendy Lasker**

**Trustee Marc Greenberg**

**Trustee Raanan Zidile**

**ALSO PRESENT**

**Village Attorney Brian Nugent**

**ABSENT**

**Trustee Joel Grunwald**

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**At 7:31 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 4-0-1**

**David Levin of 4 Trappers Way, was concerned about the ongoing work in the park, as there has been no clear communication regarding what is being done or the construction timeline. In addition, when residents raise questions during meetings or by email, he requested that the responses should be provided within two or three days both to the individual and, when relevant, to the broader public. He went on to say that he has reviewed the landscaping contract for the new contractor, which specifies the removal of fallen branches and trees. However, that work has not been completed. Regarding the park signage, he noted that he was informed that the signs which have not been repaired will be**

replaced once current work is completed. He continued to mention the bridge in the park that appears to be in disrepair.

Deputy Mayor Mendy Lasker made a motion to close the public comments. The motion was seconded by Trustee Greenberg. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 4-0-1

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### **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. 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. The musician performing is a local resident, Paul Guzzone and Friends, performing a collection of original songs by Paul Guzzone and Mary Elen Bernard. Jeremy Wall on keyboards, Mary Ellen Bernard, vocals, Richard Louie, bass, and special guest songwriter, Paul Warren Jacobs, guitar. 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. Details to follow in the next report.

The New Year concert is scheduled for Saturday January 10, 2026 at 7:30 proposed budget for the event is \$800 for the musicians and \$150 for hospitality, for a total of \$950.

Deputy Mayor Lasker made a motion to approve the above. Seconded by Trustee Zidile. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 4-0-1.

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### **Meeting Minutes**

Approval of Minutes from the Village Board meeting on 9/29/2025. Deputy Mayor Lasker made a motion to approve the above meeting minutes and was seconded by Trustee Zidile. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 4-0-1.

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### **Treasury Report**

Trustee Raanan Zidile moved the resolution that the payment of General Funds Claims totaling \$302,006.23 set forth on page 6 in the Monthly Abstract Listing dated September 26 through October 22, 2025 as submitted is hereby approved subject

to individual audits by the Board of Trustees.

The Payroll(s) of October 3, 2025, and October 17, 2025 as set forth in the payroll in the amount(s) \$10,568.63 and \$10,206.05 respectively, are hereby submitted for approval, subject to the individual audits by the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Trustee Greenberg, upon vote, the motion was carried by all present. 4-0-1.

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Deputy Mayor Lasker pointed out regarding the treasurer reported that this month's expenses are higher than usual due to three significant payments: the annual insurance premium, the final bond payment for the 2010 road project, and the first payment to the construction company for work at Burgess Meredith Park.

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A resident of Camp Hill Road sent a letter to the Mayor expressing concerns about increased speeding on Camp Hill Road, particularly at the intersection with Halley Drive. The resident is requesting a three-way stop sign be installed to address the issue.

The Mayor noted that speeding has become a problem on many roads, and similar concerns were discussed a couple of months ago. The request for the stop sign will be referred to the Village Engineer for review to determine whether it is appropriate and if it would effectively improve safety and traffic conditions in the area.

Deputy Mayor made a motion to ask village engineer to review the feasibility of a three point stop sign at the intersection of Camp Hill & Halley Dr., seconded by Trustee Zidile. The motion carries 4-0-1

The Board reiterated its strong support for first responders. Last year, Trustee Lasker led the effort to amend the local law to provide a property tax reduction for eligible first responders, based on years of service.

The Mayor also announced a new benefit created with the help of Assembly Member Wieder and County Legislator Paul Cleary. The program provides insurance coverage for volunteer first responders who are injured in the line of duty. This applies to volunteers in the local fire companies as well as recognized rescue teams, including Hatzalah and Chaveirim. The benefit covers incidents that occur while responding to calls.

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Trustee period: Trustee Greenberg made a comment to put up signs at the tennis court.

Deputy Mayor Lasker made a motion to spend \$250 for the signage at the Vande Hende Park. Seconded by Mr. Greenberg. The motion carries 4-0-1

Deputy Mayor Lasker made a motion to authorize the return of the remaining escrow funds to the property owner at 23 Klinger Court. With the balance of \$1,447.08 subject to final review by the Treasurer and Accountant to ensure all outstanding fees have been paid. Seconded by Trustee Zidile. The motion carried 4-0-1

**The Deputy Mayor provided an update on ongoing pool compliance issues. The Village is working through a number of pools with expired permits and no CO, which presents safety concerns. To improve compliance, the Village recently amended the local law to require a \$5,000 escrow for any new pool project not as a fee, but as a safeguard to ensure projects are properly completed and closed out.**

**While the process has been challenging, progress is being made. The number of non-compliant pools has decreased from 23 to about eight or nine, showing significant improvement.**

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**Clerk period: Clerk noted it would be more efficient for office operations if the Clerk had a master key to all Village Hall rooms. This would allow the Clerk to open and close the locked front-door area as needed.**

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**Deputy Mayor Lasker made a motion to adjourn the meeting Second by trustee Greenberg motion passes 4-0-1**

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