

VILLAGE OF POMONA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

January 26, 2026

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

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.

As no residents signed up in advance to address the Board, there was no motion to open the public comment period. .

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 New Year Concert 2026 scheduled for Saturday, January 10, 2026 at 7:30, featured David Frye and Friends. Musicians included David Frye, Michelle Solomon, Jai Salvatore, and Candyce Giacinto, performing original songs with progressive roots and Americana. There was an excellent turnout for the event. It was open

for live attendance and was live-streamed through Uohnit.com. Thank you to Tjok Dalem Arsa Artha for his assistance with the live streaming.

The Winter 2026 Exhibition, *What's Love Got To Do With It*, is scheduled to open February 8, 2026, with an opening reception the following Sunday, February 15, 2026. Exhibiting artists include Jon H. Davis, digital photography; Eric David Laxman, sculpture; and Edward Walsh, sculpture. The music performance will feature Enrique Lopez with a guest performer. The event will be open for live attendance and will be streamed live via YouTube.

The March Thaw Concert is scheduled for Saturday, March 21, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. and will feature Smitty's Strut. More details will follow in the next report.

The *Shadow Puppet Play* is scheduled for Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 3:00. Puppetry will be performed by Pomona resident, Barbara Pollitt and a guest performer. More details will follow in the next report.

The Spring 2026 Exhibition is scheduled to open Sunday, April 12, 2026, with an opening reception the following Sunday, April 19, 2026, from 3 pm – 6 pm. Proposed budget for the event is \$350 for hospitality and \$400 for the musician, for a total of \$750. Mayor Ilan Fuchs made a motion to approve the above, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lasker. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 4-0-1.

Meeting Minutes

Approval of Minutes from the Village Board meeting on 12/15/2026: Mayor Fuchs 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.

Treasury Report

Deputy Mayor Lasker moved the resolution that the payment of General Funds Claims totaling \$112,587.21 set forth on page 10 in the Monthly Abstract Listing dated December 9, 2025 through January 23, 2026 as submitted is hereby approved subject to individual audits by the Board of Trustees. The Payroll(s) of December 12, 2025, December 26, 2025, January 9, 2026 and January 23, 2026 as set forth in the payroll in the amount(s) \$11,978.89, \$11,908.21, \$15,517.56 and \$ 11,049.27 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. 4-0-1

New Business:

Mayor Fuchs made a motion to appoint a new ZBA member, Moshe Levy, to fill the remainder of the term, which will expire on April 3, 2028. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Lasker. The motion carried 4-0-1

Ttrustee period:

Trustee Lasker commented on the roads and noted that there were somewhat better this time, mainly due to improved communication with the Highway Department. Conditions were still far from ideal cul-de-sacs continue to struggle, and during the recent snowstorm two trucks got stuck in Pomona, leaving them out of service for about an hour or two.

He suggested to the fellow board members that if residents contact them especially on weekends they should direct people to call the Ramapo Police Department's main number. Once a call is logged, the police notify the Highway Department, and the assigned driver knows to prioritize those roads within the next couple of hours. During village office hours, the best approach is for residents to take a photo and send it to the village clerk, who will forward it to the Highway Department.

He went on saying that the service is not great and could be better, but at the moment the village doesn't have many alternatives. Deputy Lasker acknowledge that communication has improved compared to the past, the superintendent was more responsive and kept the village informed about department status and operations. Although not everything was resolved, the communication was noticeably better.

During the last snowstorm there was a significant issue; the Mayor tried to intervene, but progress was slow. In the end, the Highway Department apologized and indicated they are trying to improve.

Overall, things were better than in the past, though far from where they need to be.

Trustee Marc Greenberg noted that "No Parking" signs are not posted on Stag Court, and as a result, residents are having difficulty getting through. During school events, parents park on both sides of the street, causing congestion and limiting access for those who live there. Therefore, he is requesting that "No Parking" signs be installed on one side of the road.

Deputy Lasker suggested letting all the residents on that street sign a petition.

Mayor Fuchs addressed concerns about snow plowing. There are limited organizations available to handle plowing for the village, and the Town of Ramapo has declined to take on additional areas. The Village of Airmont is currently the only municipality known to have gone private in recent years initially with significant issues. The major concern with

exploring a private plowing option is that once the village leaves Ramapo's service, it cannot return—Ramapo will permanently fill the vacancy with another municipality or client. In addition, the village would need to secure a contractor not only for snow plowing but also for ongoing highway maintenance, including roads such as Pomona. This makes the transition particularly difficult and requires careful consideration.

Clerk period: We need to replace the lock on the Mayor's office door because it is not functioning properly. The entire locking mechanism needs to be updated. At the moment, the door cannot be opened from the outside, and it has been causing ongoing issues. We will also need a new key once the lock is replaced.

Legal period: No comments

Deputy Mayor Lasker made a motion to adjourn the meeting Second by Trustee Zidile motion passes 4-0-1

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