

VILLAGE OF POMONA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

June 22, 2026

7:30 P.M.

PRESENT

Mayor Ilan Fuchs

Deputy Mayor Mendy Lasker

Trustee Marc Greenberg

Trustee Raanan Zidile

Village Attorney Brian Nugent

ALSO PRESENT

Moshe Orange Village Clerk

ABSENT

Trustee Joel Grunwald

At 7:30 pm Deputy Mayor Mendy Lasker 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 seconded by Trustee Greenberg, the motion carried 3-0-2.

Terry of 31 Halley Dr. addressed ongoing vandalism at Van Hande Park, noting that the fence adjacent to the front gate of the tennis courts had been cut for the second time. The resident observed that the village had installed a security camera at one end of the courts and recommended repositioning it to face the tennis courts to better capture anyone damaging the fence. They also suggested installing a second camera at the opposite end of the courts, facing the parking lot entrance, to improve surveillance. The resident further recommended installing a park rules sign listing prohibited activities, such as dog walking, scooter and bicycle riding, climbing or hanging on the tennis nets, and other forms of property abuse. The sign should also state that violations may result in a \$500 fine, that the

courts are for village residents only, and that the premises are under 24-hour video surveillance. Once the vandalism issue has been addressed, the resident recommended resurfacing the tennis courts, installing new nets, adding benches inside the courts for players, attaching small garbage receptacles to the fencing, and replacing the old wooden bench outside the courts with a new one.

Trustee Greenberg noted that the nets were recently replaced.

The resident further recommended adjusting the existing security cameras rather than installing entirely new ones. Specifically, he suggested rotating the camera currently facing the playground so that it monitors the second tennis court, where the fence has repeatedly been damaged. He also recommended installing another camera on the opposite side of the courts, aimed toward the front parking lot, to improve surveillance of the entrance and help deter vandalism.

Jordan Worth of 7 Trappers Ln. thanked the BOT for the many improvements made to the parks over the past year but expressed concerns about the quality and durability of some of the work. The resident noted that the basketball court surface showed significant wear only a few months after completion and suggested that the contractor be contacted to address the issue and use a more durable, commercial-grade coating. They also expressed concern that the glass backboard has remained broken for approximately nine months and questioned the use of glass on a public outdoor basketball court, stating that more durable materials are commonly used. The resident further suggested reviewing security camera footage to identify whoever damaged the backboard and hold them responsible for the cost of replacement. In addition, the resident questioned why a frequently used pedestrian path near the park was not included in the paving improvements, noting that many residents with strollers and walkers use that area and expected it to connect to the surrounding paved walkways.

Lastly, the resident raised concerns about excessive speeding and frequent stop sign violations throughout the community, particularly on Halley Drive. They described witnessing vehicles traveling well above the speed limit and failing to stop at intersections, creating unsafe conditions for pedestrians and young drivers. Referring to a recent fatal accident involving a child, the resident urged the village to explore additional traffic safety measures to improve safety for residents. They concluded by again thanking the village for securing grants and investing in community improvements.

Deputy Lasker made a motion to close the public comments seconded by Trustee Greenberg, the motion carried 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, The *Shadow Puppet Play* scheduled for Sunday, May 3, 2026

at 3:00 had a nice turnout Puppetry was performed by Pomona resident, Barbara Pollitt with, Adrian Hayman assisting, and narration by Allynn Gooen. The two shadow puppet folktales included a Polish folktale called it *Could be Worse* or *The House that was too Small* which teaches the lesson to be thankful for what we have. The second was a Native American folktale call the *Woman who fell from the Sky*, a creation story from the Iroquois Nation. The final performance was Peter and the Wolf. The Spring Concert scheduled for Saturday, May 23, 2026, at 7:30 pm featured the band *No Scotch for Tonto*. The concert had a great turnout. Musicians included Patrick Stanfield Jones, Al Hemberger, Dave Mcmillen, Adam Cabo, and special guest performer Laurie Siegel The event was open for live attendance and was streamed live through Uohnit.com. Light refreshments were served. Thank you to Tjok Dalem Arsa Artha for his assistance with the live streaming. The *Summer Exhibition 2026, Quiet Beauty and Beyond*, is scheduled to opened June 14, 2026, with the Opening Reception scheduled for June 28, 2026 from 4 – 7 pm (rescheduled from June 21, 2026 due to Father's Day). Participating artists include Adele Grodstein, sculpture; Carol Wall, painting; and Rik Paul, photography. The live music performance will feature Jeremy Wall, keyboards, and John Ragusa, silver flute. Light refreshments will be served. The event will be open for live attendance and will be streamed live via YouTube. The Summer Concert is scheduled for August 1, 2026; at 7:30 pm. proposed budget for the event is \$800 for the musicians and \$150 for refreshments. Trustee 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.

Meeting Minutes - Approval of Minutes from the Village Board meeting on 5/18/2026: Trustee Lasker made a motion to approve the above meeting minutes and was seconded by Trustee Zidile. Upon vote, the motion was carried 4-0-1.

Treasury Report

Trustee Zidile Trustee moved the resolution that the payment of General Funds Claims totaling \$61,580.76 set forth on page 5 in the Monthly Abstract Listing dated May 14 through May 31, 2026 as submitted is hereby approved subject to individual audits by the Board of Trustees. The Payroll(s) of May 15, 2026 and May 29, 2026 as set forth in the payroll in the amount(s) \$11,061.90 and \$11,035.30 respectively, are hereby submitted for approval, subject to the Individual audits by the Board of Trustees seconded by deputy Lasker, the motion carried. 4-0-1

Trustee Mark Greenberg, moved the resolution that the payment of general funds claims totaling \$51,000 energy \$12 set forth on page three in the monthly effort listing date of june 1 through june 17 2026 Estimate is hereby approved subject to individual audits by the Board of Trustees. The payrolls of June 12, 2026 as set forth in the payroll amount of \$12,676.61 hereby submitted for approval, separate to the individual audits by the board of trustees. Seconded by Trustee Zidile, the motion carried 4-0-1

*****Two Trustee Reports were presented due to the fiscal year-end, resulting in two separate motions being made.**

New Business:

The Mayor noted that the Board had been discussing updates to the Village fee schedule over several meetings and that all Board members had the opportunity to review the proposed revisions. Deputy Mayor Lasker explained that the proposed changes primarily increase escrow amounts to reflect rising professional review costs. He noted that the revisions were made based on the recommendation of the Village Attorney to ensure escrow accounts remain adequately funded throughout the application process. Deputy Mayor Lasker then made a motion to approve the updated fee schedule dated June 22, 2026, which was seconded by Trustee Greenberg. Prior to the vote, the Mayor clarified regarding the increase in the escrow amounts. It was explained that the increase was solely due to rising professional costs, as the previous escrow amounts were no longer sufficient to cover the initial review and processing expenses. The motion carried 4-0-1

Old Business: not at this time.

Trustee period: not at this time.

Clerk period: Not at this time.

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Legal period: Not at this time.

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

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