

VILLAGE OF POMONA
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

July 27, 2026

7:30 P.M.

PRESENT

Deputy Mayor Mendy Lasker

Trustee Marc Greenberg

Trustee Raanan Zidile

Trustee Joel Grunwald

Village Attorney Brian Nugent

ALSO PRESENT

Moshe Orange Village Clerk

ABSENT

Mayor Ilan Fuchs

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.

David Levin, of 4 Trappers Way: Addressed the Board regarding several concerns about the park. He stated that while the asphalt work appears to have been completed satisfactorily, the remaining portion of the walkway that was not intended to be paved has not yet been finished and noted that additional work is required under the contract. Mr. Levin also requested information regarding the park bridge, including the date of its most recent inspection, which performed the inspection, the findings, and the schedule for the next inspection. He further commented that the bridge is in need of sanding and repainting. In addition, Mr. Levin asked when the deteriorated park rules and regulations

signs at both entrances would be replaced, noting that one sign is no longer legible. He recommended that the new signs include rules governing the use of electric bicycles to improve safety and suggested that the Village consider adopting regulations for their use. Finally, Mr. Levin expressed concerns about the overall maintenance of the park, stating that additional landscaping and cleanup are needed. He noted that the mowing contractor's agreement includes the removal of fallen branches and wood, but in his opinion, this work has not been completed to the extent necessary to maintain the park in a clean and aesthetically pleasing condition.

Stan Wanicky, 28 Tamarack Lane: Addressed the Board regarding the condition of the curbs throughout the Village. He stated that several years ago he reported the deterioration of the asphalt along the curbs near many homes and submitted photographs to the Mayor's Office via email. Mr. Wanicky commented that no action was taken in response to his report and expressed his concern that the curb repairs remain unaddressed.

Mr. Lasker asked the resident to reach out to the clerk and he will take care of the issue.

Deputy Lasker made a motion to close the public comments seconded by Trustee Greenberg, the motion carried 4-0-1

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 Summer Exhibition 2026, Quiet Beauty and Beyond*, opened June 14, 2026, with the Opening Reception on June 28, 2026 from 4 – 7 pm. Participating artists include Adele Grodstein, sculpture; Carol Wall, painting; and Rik Paul, photography. Light refreshments were served. There was a great turnout for the evening. The event was open for live attendance and was streamed live via YouTube. Thank you to Tjok Dalem Arsa Artha for his assistance with the live streaming. The exhibition will close on August 2, 2026. The summer 2026 Concert is scheduled for August 1, 2026, at 7:30 pm. The concert will feature the Jeremy Wall Quartet with Jeremy Wall on keyboards, Don Falzone on bass, John McDowell on African drums, and John Ragusa on silver flute. The event is open for live attendance and will be streamed live via UOhnit.com. Tjok Dalem will assist with the production and the live streaming. Light refreshments will be served. The Autumn Exhibition 2026 is scheduled to open Sunday, September 27, 2026, with the opening reception Sunday, October 4, 2026. Proposed budget for the event is \$350 for hospitality and \$400 for the musicians for a total of \$750. Trustee Lasker made a motion to approve the above, seconded by Trustee Grunwald. Upon vote, the motion was carried by all present, passes 4-0-1.

Trustee Lasker: Reported that the Village will arrange for a company to inspect and replace the expired fire extinguishers at the community center within the next week or two.

He also noted that an internet cable is currently running across the room and recommended that it be secured along the wall to eliminate a potential tripping hazard. He clarified that the cable is not an electrical extension cord, but it should still be properly fastened for safety. Finally, Deputy Mayor Lasker stated that the Village is continuing to pursue grant opportunities to fund additional improvements needed at the community center.

Meeting Minutes - Approval of Minutes from the Village Board meeting on 6/22/2026: Trustee Greenberg made a motion to approve the above meeting minutes and was seconded by Trustee Lasker. Upon vote, the motion was carried 3-1-1.

Treasury Report

Trustee Grunwald moved the resolution that the payment of General Funds Claims totaling \$94,594.44 set forth on page 5 in the Monthly Abstract Listing dated June 18 through July 22, 2026 as submitted is hereby approved subject to individual audits by the Board of Trustees. The Payroll(s) of June 26, 2026 and Jul 10, 2026 as set forth in the payroll in the amount(s) \$10,934.91 and \$10,968.27 respectively, are hereby submitted for approval, subject to the individual audits by the Board of Trustees

New Business:

85 Camp Hill, village clerk requested approval from the BOT to allow the Village to retain the funds in escrow for an additional quarter. Although the applicant has requested to be placed on the agenda, there are still outstanding bills that need to be paid. Deputy Lasker noted with that being the case no motion is needed.

84 Overlook Road – Escrow Refund Deputy Mayor Lasker discussed the escrow refund for 84 Overlook Road and confirmed that the Village Engineer, Martin Spence, had verified that all outstanding matters had been completed. Deputy Mayor Lasker made a motion to approve the refund of the remaining escrow balance of \$1,300.60 to the owner of 84 Overlook Road. The motion was seconded by Trustee Greenberg and approved by the Board 4-0-1.

10 Klinger Court – Escrow Refund The Board discussed the escrow refund for 10 Klinger Court, Pomona, New York, and confirmed that there were no additional outstanding fees or expenses. Deputy Mayor Lasker made a motion to approve the refund of \$389.14 to the property owners. The motion was seconded by Trustee Greenwald. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Verizon Cable Television Franchise Renewal

Deputy Mayor Lasker introduced the agenda item regarding the scheduling of a public hearing for the renewal of the Verizon cable television franchise agreement. Village Attorney Brian Nugent explained that cable franchise agreements are renewed periodically, typically every five to ten years. As part of the renewal process, the Village is required to hold a public hearing to provide residents with an opportunity to comment or raise any concerns regarding the franchise. Attorney Nugent stated that the updated franchise agreement will be provided to the Board in advance of the public hearing for review. Any questions or concerns raised by the Board can then be addressed with Verizon.

Deputy Mayor Lasker made a motion to schedule a public hearing for the renewal of the Verizon cable television franchise agreement for August 24, 2026, at 7:30 p.m., to be held at Village Hall. The motion was seconded by Trustee Zidile and carried 4-0-1. The Clerk was directed to arrange for the required public notice to be published in the newspaper.

Old Business: not at this time.

Trustee period: Trustee Greenberg informed the Board that a resident had recently listed their pool on Swimply for rental. A large gathering was held at the property, with the police estimating approximately 70 people in attendance, although the actual number may have been higher. Trustee Greenberg noted that the police subsequently issued a notice to the property owner advising that the property could not be operated in this manner.

Deputy Mayor Lasker explained that the property owner had been notified the previous year and had received a violation notice regarding the short-term rental of the pool. The listing was subsequently removed. This year, the pool was reportedly advertised through other platforms or by third parties rather than directly through Swimply. Although the advertisement may have been posted for only one day, an incident occurred at the property involving a large gathering and significant disturbances. Deputy Mayor Lasker stated that the Code Enforcement Officer issued violation notices, and the property owner was also addressed by the Ramapo Police Department due to the resulting disturbance and substantial mess at the property. He reiterated that the owner had previously been advised that short-term pool rentals are prohibited. The Village website and applicable code clearly outline the restrictions and prohibited activities.

Deputy Mayor Lasker explained that enforcement of the Village's prohibition on short-term pool rentals generally occurs after complaints are received. He noted that several complaints were received last year, and the Village issued violation notices in late August. The affected pool listings were removed shortly thereafter. He emphasized that the recent incident demonstrates the importance of enforcing the prohibition, as large gatherings can create significant safety and public nuisance concerns. The Ramapo Police Department responded to the recent incident, while the Village issued a violation notice to the property owner. Deputy Mayor Lasker also noted that the County Health Department may be

involved, as there are additional health regulations concerning the use of private pools by outside individuals and the rental of pools to the public.

Clerk period: The Clerk requested that the Board consider two budget items: \$200 to repair a leak in the upstairs restroom. A budget allocation for the Building Inspector to purchase a new office chair, as his current chair is no longer functioning properly.

Legal period: Not at this time.

Trustee 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