

The Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at the Lawrence Village Hall, 196 Central Avenue, Lawrence, New York 11559.

Those members present were: Mayor Alex H. Edelman
Deputy Mayor Michael A. Fragin
Trustee Daniel J. Goldstein
Trustee Uri Kaufman
Trustee Syma F. Diamond

Also present were: Ronald Goldman, Village Administrator
Gerry Castro, Deputy Village Clerk
Lina Fusco, Deputy Village Treasurer
Village Attorney, Peter Bee, Esq.
Alison Cohen, Secretary to the BOT

WORK SESSION - Mayor Edelman called the work session to order at 7:00 p.m.

No Board action was taken.

REGULAR MEETING - Mayor Edelman called the regular meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law #1 of 2017 to amend Chapter 135 of the Village Code concerning parking in municipal parking fields/facilities.

Board Action: Deputy Mayor Fragin moved to open the Public Hearing regarding proposed Local Law #1 of 2017 to amend Chapter 135 of the Village Code concerning parking in municipal parking fields/facilities (attached hereto as "Exhibit A"). Trustee Goldstein seconded the motion. All in favor.

Deputy Mayor Fragin commented that he felt that this new Local Law would make parking significantly easier due to the tight widths of the parking spaces in Parking Field #3.

Board Action: Upon hearing no further comments or discussion, Deputy Mayor Fragin moved to close the Public Hearing regarding proposed Local Law #1 of 2017 to amend Chapter 135 of the Village Code concerning parking in municipal parking fields/facilities. Trustee Goldstein seconded the motion. All in favor.

Board Action: Deputy Mayor Fragin moved to adopt the proposed Local Law #1 of 2017 to amend Chapter 135 of the Village Code concerning parking in municipal parking fields/facilities (attached hereto as "Exhibit A"); including a finding that Local

Law #1 of 2017 is a type two (2) action. Trustee Goldstein seconded the motion. All in favor.

Approval of minutes:

BOT December 8, 2016

Board Action: Trustee Kaufman moved the approval of the December 8, 2016 BOT meeting minutes. Trustee Diamond seconded the motion. All in favor.

GOOD & WELFARE

1. Deputy Mayor Fragin stated that he would like the Village to write a letter to Nassau County regarding the significant number of potholes on Broadway, in the Village of Lawrence. He plans to "bring the matter up personally with the Village Legislators as well, hopefully as soon as tomorrow". However, it's a problem that the County is not properly maintaining the road, in Deputy Mayor Fragin's opinion.
2. Deputy Mayor Fragin stated that the Village did a nice "experiment in progress" restricting the parking on Central Avenue, going in the westbound direction, between the hours of 7 to 9 a.m. (in the morning) and 4 to 7 p.m. (in the afternoon), at the intersection of Rockaway Turnpike, by the long light. He added that unfortunately it's not being enforced and it's not effective in correcting the problem of traffic backing up every afternoon beyond Frost Lane, consistently for two hours. Deputy Mayor Fragin does not understand how the County Engineer feels that this (east/west issue) is acceptable or how they cannot come up with a solution. Administrator Goldman and Mayor Edelman responded that there would be additional Code Enforcement personnel better able to monitor and enforce the situation in the near future. Discussion ensued in this regard.
3. Dr. Allan Simon, of 284 Central Avenue, who has lived in Lawrence since 1982, noted a complete lack of compliance with traffic laws on Central Avenue and went on to list the many infractions. He went on to say that he has witnessed no patrol cars and no tickets issued for the violations he listed and witnessed and would like to see this matter addressed, especially for safety reasons. Mayor Edelman requested that he take this up with the Fourth Precinct's Commanding Officer, Inspector Lee Steinberg, who was due to arrive at any moment. Dr. Simon said that he would do so.

Mayor Edelman introduced the Fourth Precinct's Commanding Officer, Inspector Lee Steinberg, and gave some background concerning his outstanding career. Inspector Steinberg thanked the Mayor for his beautiful introduction and he thanked the meeting's attendees for coming to the meeting tonight. He went on to introduce his Administrative Sergeant, Charles Sollin, the Village's liaison, and Problem Oriented Police Officer John Zanni, of the Fourth Precinct. Inspector Steinberg stated that he was in constant communication with Mayor Edelman and Administrator Ronald Goldman. The Inspector went on to inform everyone that Nassau County had another record low crime reduction

last year (from 2015 to 2016), and the Fourth Precinct saw a reduction of a little over 2% Precinct-wide; with an 11% reduction in major crime in the Village of Lawrence, of which they are very proud. Inspector Steinberg stated that things do happen and went on to discuss relevant events, issues and ways to assist the police in keeping the Village safe. He stated that the Fourth Precinct is service oriented and went on to give some background information.

Dr. Allan Simon repeated his concerns for Inspector Steinberg, who responded to his issues and made a note to have these items addressed as best as possible.

Mrs. Sharon Douglas, President of the Lawrence Association, inquired if there was anything the residents could do to assist the police. Inspector Steinberg addressed her inquiry and explained various strategies the Village residents could implement, such as locking all cars and not leaving any items in view. This is called "target hardening your assets", which would also apply to house windows, locks, etc. He did discuss the parameters regarding the limited number of officers he has to work with to implement patrols and traffic enforcement of Lawrence and the neighboring communities. Security video cameras and plate readers were discussed.

Deputy Mayor Fragin inquired regarding the matter of the evacuation of the JCC the day before, which Inspector Steinberg stated was due to a phoned in bomb threat; deemed to be a false alarm. Discussion ensued in this regard.

Inspector Steinberg stated that it is important to call 911 if a resident sees something that's not right.

Mayor Edelman mentioned that Inspector Steinberg was very helpful in sending out extra patrols over the Jewish Holidays/High Holy Days throughout the community and to the synagogues. Trustee Goldstein added that he has seen patrol cars near his home which are a wonderful deterrent, and requested that the Inspector keep the patrols up.

Resident Edward Gottlieb of 96 Chauncey Lane reiterated and "tacked on to" Dr. Simon's concerns and stated that the "bad driving" is not just along Central Avenue; to please spread the patrols around. Inspector Steinberg is aware of this and stated that indeed the "VTL enforcement" is very important and this would be addressed as a very integral part of police work.

Menachem Bornstein of 40 Doughty Blvd., across from the Inwood Train Station and next to Seasons Express, raised traffic concerns, illegal parking and safety issues. Inspector Steinberg affirmed that the police were aware and would address these matters as best as possible. Mr. Bornstein also raised the matter of the day laborers, a situation which has improved. Discussion ensued concerning these matters as well as the drug (and heroin) epidemic on Long Island.

Mayor Edelman, the Board and the audience thanked Inspector Steinberg, Sgt. Sollin and P.O.P. Officer Zanni for their time, their coming, addressing all of the concerns and their exemplary service.

4. Trustee Goldstein raised the issue of the beautification and clean-up of the business district along Central Avenue. Deputy Mayor Fragin added the matter of an unsightly empty lot and vacancies. Discussion ensued in this regard. Mayor Edelman invited Deputy Mayor Fragin to head the Village of Lawrence's Business District Committee, to which he responded affirmatively.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 – Approve Abstracts #'s

General Fund	#820, 821, 822, 823, 824
Recreation Fund	#239, 240, 241, 242
Sewer Fund	# 100
Trust Fund	#
Payroll	#121616, 123016, 011317, 0113172

Board Action: Trustee Goldstein moved the approval of General Fund Abstracts #820, #821, #822, #823 and #824. Trustee Kaufman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Board Action: Trustee Diamond moved the approval of Recreation Fund Abstracts #239, #240, #241 and #242. Deputy Mayor Fragin seconded the motion. All in favor.

Board Action: Trustee Goldstein moved the approval of Sewer Abstract #100. Trustee Diamond seconded the motion. All in favor.

Board Action: Trustee Kaufman moved the approval of Payroll Abstracts #121616, #123016, #011317 and #0113172. Deputy Mayor Fragin seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 2 – Approve Park Commission recommendations

There were no Park Commission recommendations.

Board Action: No Board action was taken.

Item 3 – This item was removed from the agenda

Board Action: None

Item 4 – Approve Resolution to set a Public Hearing for proposed Local Law #2 of 2017 to amend the Village Code to comply with the final BZA Decision for Bais Medrash

Board Action: Trustee Goldstein moved the approval of a Resolution to set a Public Hearing for proposed Local Law #2 of 2017 to amend §200-53 Schedule XIV of the Village Code, entitled “Parking Prohibited Certain Hours” to comply with the final BZA Decision for Bais Medrash of Harborview (a copy of which is attached hereto as “Exhibit B”); for the next Board meeting on February 9, 2017. Trustee Diamond seconded the motion. All in favor.

Board Action: Trustee Diamond moved the approval of a Resolution to set a Public Hearing for proposed Local Law #4 of 2017 to amend §200-53 Schedule XIV of the Village Code, entitled “Parking Prohibited Certain Hours” to change/prohibit parking for certain hours on Lord Avenue (a copy of which is attached hereto as “Exhibit C”); for the next Board meeting on February 9, 2017. Trustee Goldstein seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 5 – Approve Resolution to set the Village Election date on June 20, 2017 and polling place

Board Action: Deputy Mayor Fragin moved the approval of the following Resolution designating the polling place and hours for the Village Election:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Election Law, the Board of Trustees is required, to designate the polling place for the village election to be held on June 20, 2017, and the hours of election,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the polling place for the village election to be held on June 20, 2017 shall be Village Hall, Village of Lawrence, 196 Central Avenue, Lawrence, New York, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the hours of the said village election shall be from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., inclusive.

Trustee Diamond seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 6 – Approve salary increase for Code Enforcement/Parking Meter Attendant Larry Bowers

Board Action: Mayor Edelman moved the approval of a salary increase for Code Enforcement/Parking Meter Attendant Larry Bowers (who works part-time) from \$10.00 per hour to \$12.00 per hour (an increase of \$2.00 per hour). Trustee Diamond seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 7 – Approve the hiring of Code Enforcement/Parking Meter Attendant Kenneth Pruitt

Board Action: Trustee Goldstein moved the approval of the hiring of Code Enforcement/Parking Meter Attendant Kenneth Pruitt, at a starting salary of \$10.00 per hours, for a trial period of 90 days; to be increased to \$11.00 per hour after a successful trial period (of 90 days). Trustee Kaufman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 8 – Approve Resolution to set a Public Hearing for proposed Local Law #3 of 2017 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c

Board Action: Mayor Edelman moved the approval of a Resolution to set a Public Hearing for proposed Local Law #3 of 2017 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c (a copy of which is attached hereto as “Exhibit D”), for the next Board meeting on February 9, 2017. Trustee Kaufman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 9 – Approve increase in salary for Highway Department staff members Oscar Silva and Orfeo Franzese

Board Action: Trustee Goldstein moved to approve the following Resolution:

Whereas, The Village desires to recognize the hard work of certain employees;

Now, Therefore, it is hereby RESOLVED that the Village authorizes the following salary/merit increases, for the Highway Department staff members below, effective immediately:

Oscar Silva - a \$2,000.00/year increase to \$44,395.16

Orfeo (Al) Franzese - a \$1,500.00/year increase to \$59,457.42

Trustee Diamond seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 10 – Approve Resolution to settle Edelstein v. VOL

Board Action: Trustee Kaufman moved to approve the below Resolution:

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT IN EDELSTEIN V. VILLAGE OF LAWRENCE, ET AL.

WHEREAS, there is currently pending in the Supreme Court, Nassau County, a certain proceeding filed against the Village of Lawrence, The Building Department of the Village of Lawrence, Martin Oliner, Esq., in his capacity as Mayor of the Village of Lawrence, and Ronald Goldman, Esq., in his capacity as Administrator and Clerk-Treasurer of the Village of Lawrence, in connection with the Village’s response to a Freedom of Information Law request filed by Petitioner Ronald Edelstein, said proceeding having been filed under the caption Edelstein v. The Village of Lawrence, et. al., (Nassau Co. Index No. 16-002450); and

WHEREAS, Petitioner and Respondents recognizing, among other things, the expenses and costs of litigation, desire to settle and terminate the proceeding and its subject matter, without any findings of wrongdoing or of liability against any party hereto; and

WHEREAS, counsel for Petitioner and Respondents have negotiated the attached proposed Stipulation of Settlement and Discontinuance with Prejudice ("Stipulation"), which Stipulation sets forth the terms and conditions of settlement; and

WHEREAS, consent of the Village of Lawrence Board of Trustees is required for the approval of any settlement of an action or proceeding naming the Village, its departments or its officers as a party; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has consulted with legal counsel on the subject matter of this proceeding and the proposed settlement currently under review;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the proposed settlement of the above-referenced proceeding in accordance with the terms and conditions reciting in the attached Stipulation of Settlement and Discontinuance (attached hereto as "Exhibit E") ; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer are hereby directed to execute said Stipulation and to take such other and further actions as are necessary to effectuate the terms of settlement as described therein.

Trustee Goldstein seconded the motion. All in favor.

There being no further business, on motion by Trustee Kaufman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fragin and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

This is to certify that I, Ronald Goldman, read the preceding minutes, and they are in all respects a full and correct record of such proceedings.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ronald Goldman', is written over a horizontal line.

Ronald Goldman, Administrator,
Clerk/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

Bill No. 1 of 2017

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF LAWRENCE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Local Law No. 1 of 2017

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND
CHAPTER 135 OF THE VILLAGE
CODE CONCERNING PARKING
IN MUNICIPAL PARKING
FIELDS/FACILITIES

BE IT ENACTED, by the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Lawrence, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 135 of the Village Code, entitled “Off-Street Parking Fields, Municipal”, is hereby amended as follows:

§ 135-4 Parking head in; exceptions.

~~All parking shall be head in~~ All vehicles parked in spaces in Village parking fields shall be parked head in. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, vehicles parked in Parking Field No. 3 may be parked head in or head out.

Section 2. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of State.

EXHIBIT B

Bill No. 2 of 2017

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF LAWRENCE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Local Law No. 2 of 2017

**A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND
Section 200-53, OF THE VILLAGE
CODE CONCERNING PARKING
PROHIBITED CERTAIN HOURS**

BE IT ENACTED, by the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Lawrence, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 200, § 200-53 – Schedule XIV, of the Village Code, entitled “Parking Prohibited Certain Hours”, is hereby amended as follows:

§ 200-53 – Schedule XIV: Parking Prohibited Certain Hours.

In accordance with the provisions of § 200-22, no person shall park a vehicle between the hours listed upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets:

Name of Street	Side	Hours/Days	Location
Broadway	North	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m./school days	From Lawrence Avenue to Mann Place
Broadway	North	4:00 p.m. Friday to 9:00 p.m. Saturday	From Washington Avenue to Frost Lane
Broadway	South	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m./Monday through Friday	From Margaret Avenue to Muriel Avenue
Causeway	East	Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays	North of Rock Hall Road to Broadway
Causeway	West	Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays	South of Broadway to Rock Hall Road
Inwood Plaza	All	3:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m./All	Entire parking field
Lawrence Place	All	3:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m./All	Entire parking field
Lord Avenue	West	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m./All	From Central Avenue to Lismore Road
Rosalind	East	Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays,	Entire length

Name of Street	Side	Hours/Days	Location
Place		Fridays	
Rosalind Place	West	Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays	Entire length
Sealy Drive	East	Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays	Entire length
Sealy Drive	West	Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays	Entire length
<u>Harborview South</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>7:00 AM to 10:00 AM/ALL DAYS & 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM/ALL DAYS</u>	<u>From Lawrence Avenue to Harborview East</u>
<u>Harborview East</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>7:00 AM to 10:00 AM/ALL DAYS & 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM/ALL DAYS</u>	<u>From Harborview South to Harborview North</u>

Section 2. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of State.

EXHIBIT C

Bill No. 4 of 2017

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF LAWRENCE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Local Law No. 4 of 2017

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Causeway	East	Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays	North of Rock Hall Road to Broadway
Causeway	West	Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays	South of Broadway to Rock Hall Road
Inwood Plaza	All	3:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m./All	Entire parking field
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Lord Avenue	West	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 <u>10:00</u> a.m./All	From Central Avenue to Lismore Road
Rosalind Place	East	Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays	Entire length
Rosalind Place	West	Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays	Entire length
Sealy Drive	East	Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays	Entire length
Sealy Drive	West	Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays	Entire length

Section 2. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of State.

EXHIBIT D

Local Law No. 3 of the year 2017

Inc. Village of Lawrence , County of Nassau

A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Lawrence to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2017 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government's governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Lawrence , County of Nassau , is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2017 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

EXHIBIT E

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF NASSAU

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RONALD EDELSTEIN,

Petitioner,

-against-

THE VILLAGE OF LAWRENCE; THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT
OF THE VILLAGE OF LAWRENCE,
and each of their members, agents, servants and employees, MARTIN
OLINER, ESQ., Mayor of the Village of Lawrence
and RONALD GOLDMAN, ESQ., Administrator and
Clerk/Treasurer of the Village of Lawrence,

Respondents,

**STIPULATION OF
SETTLEMENT AND
DISCONTINUANCE
WITH PREJUDICE**

Index No. 16-002450

For Review Pursuant to Article 78 of the New York
Civil Practice Law and Rules.

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Assigned Justice:

Thomas Feinman, J.S.C.

WHEREAS, no party to this action is an infant, conservatee or an incompetent for whom a
committee has been appointed, and both sides being represented by their undersigned counsel;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the attorneys for the
respective parties hereto, as well as the respective parties hereto, that the above-entitled action is settled;
that the respective causes of action contained in the Petition in this proceeding are withdrawn, and that the
action is discontinued, with prejudice, subject to the following conditions:

1. Respondents shall, within ten (10) business days of the filing of this Stipulation with the Court, remit to Petitioner's undersigned counsel a check in the amount of Four Thousand and 00/100 (\$4,000.00) Dollars payable to "The Law Offices of E. Michael Rosenstock, P.C." in full satisfaction of all legal costs and expenses (including attorney's fees) incurred by Petitioner in connection with this matter.
2. The Respondent Building Department of the Village of Lawrence shall meet with Petitioner on a mutually acceptable date and time to hear Petitioner's concerns relating to real property located at 365 Longwood Crossing in the Village of Lawrence, New York.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED, that except as otherwise set forth herein, no costs shall be awarded to any party; and be it

FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED, that this Stipulation may be executed in counterparts, which taken together shall constitute a single agreement among the parties, and images of signatures shall be treated as original for purposes of filing.

Dated: January ____, 2017

Rockville Centre, New York

Dated: January ____, 2017

Mineola, New York

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Incorporated Village of Lawrence, January 19, 2017

(516) 766-7600

Dated: January ____, 2017
_____, New York

Dated: January ____, 2017
Lawrence, New York

RONALD EDELSTEIN, Petitioner

HON. ALEX H. EDELMAN, Mayor
Village of Lawrence

Dated: January ____, 2017
Lawrence, New York

RONALD GOLDMAN, Village Administrator
and Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Lawrence