

The Special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Friday, January 12, 2018 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 Uri Kaufman
Trustee Syma F. Diamond

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

Absent were: Trustee Daniel J. Goldstein
Village Attorney, Peter Bee, Esq.

REGULAR MEETING - Mayor Edelman called the Special meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 – Approve Ambulance bid

Mayor Edelman explained that the Village had received two Ambulance bids. The first was from VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists, in the amount of \$299,999.99, for one “new” 2018 Horton box model 453 Custom Type-1 modular ambulance on a 2016 Ford F-450 Super duty chassis equipped as specified; however it was missing a number of items. The fact that it was a 2016 chassis did not comply with the bid, and the remaining missing items were moot due to this. The second bid was from Specialty Vehicles in the amount of \$265,650.00, for a brand new 2018 ambulance, with a custom box on a Ford F-450 chassis, with all but a couple of items in the bid specifications.

The Mayor noted that the Village contemplated the purchase of the Ambulance in conjunction with a present intention to enter into an agreement with an Operator of area Ambulances (and to obtain reimbursement for the cost through an Inter-Municipal Agreement with Nassau County). The Mayor further noted that one potential Operator is “Hatzalah,” and that Hatzalah representatives were present in the audience.

Hatzalah representative and Coordinator, Scott Orlanski spoke on behalf of the many Hatzalah members present at the Board meeting. He stated that due to the fact that the lower bid (“less expensive ambulance”) was an American Emergency Vehicle (AEV) ambulance box (not Horton, which is what Hatzalah uses in their fleet) and the specifications did not match exactly due to this. He went on to say that the rear compartment did not have rear curtain airbags, which the Hatzalah ambulances do, and that this is a safety concern. Rear curtain airbags (in the rear compartment) were not in

the bid specifications, but Mr. Orlanski was insisting that they are needed for safety and are installed in all of their other ambulances. He also stated that the cabinetry in the "AEV" model was different than the Horton model ambulance, which creates certain muscle memory issues and could hinder the quickest response time in an emergency, for those Hatzalah members who are accustomed to the exact same cabinetry and item placement in all of the Horton ambulances they use. Hatzalah Director of Operations, Chezky Mandel, agreed with Mr. Orlanski's concerns and backed-up his assertions. Whether or not the airbags in the rear compartment could be retrofitted with the rear curtain airbags "after market" was not known. Discussion ensued in this regard.

Mayor Edelman and Village Administrator Ronald Goldman stated that they would follow up with Village Counsel regarding all of these issues. The Village is very intent on resolving this matter in a timely fashion.

Board Action: Deputy Mayor Fragin moved to hold open the ambulance bid process until the February 8, 2018 meeting. Trustee Kaufman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 2 – Approve Public Hearing regarding proposed Local Law #1 of 2018 Authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c

Board Action: Mayor Edelman moved to approve the Public Hearing regarding proposed Local Law #1 of 2018 Authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c, for the February 8, 2018 BOT meeting (attached hereto as Exhibit "A"). Trustee Kaufman seconded the motion. All in favor.

On motion by Deputy Mayor Fragin, seconded by Trustee Kaufman, and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned at 9:45 a.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.



Ronald Goldman, Administrator,
Clerk/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

Local Law No. 1 of the year 2018

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, 2018 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, 2018 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.