

The Special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, October 30, 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
Alison Cohen, Secretary to the BOT

Absent were: Lina Fusco, Deputy Village Treasurer
Village Attorney, Peter Bee, Esq.

SPECIAL MEETING - Mayor Edelman called the special meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 – Approve contract/agreement with the Lawrence-Cedarhurst Fire Department (LCFD)

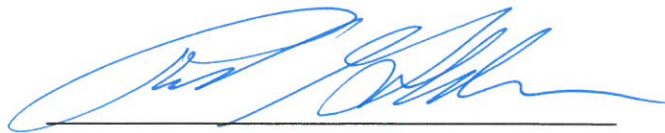
Discussion ensued regarding the approval of the contract/agreement with the Lawrence-Cedarhurst Fire Department (LCFD). Trustee Kaufman expressed concerns regarding the Village's liability due to only being listed as "additionally insured", and requested that wording be included to provide for the indemnification of the Village. He also raised the issue of a "termination clause".

Chief David S. Campbell introduced himself and proceeded to clarify that every five (5) years the Lawrence-Cedarhurst Fire Department (LCFD) negotiates a contract with the Village of Lawrence, to "provide fire protection, rescue and EMS services". The LCFD is a private corporation (not a "Village fire department") and this is a contract with the Village which "contracts" its services. When Trustee Goldstein inquired regarding the LCFD's monies and the buying and selling of apparatus, equipment and fire trucks, Chief Campbell briefly went on to explain how the LCFD buys and sells equipment, trucks and apparatus that need to be maintained and current; and how the monies of such transactions are managed. In response, to Trustee Goldstein's inquiry, Deputy Mayor Fragin stated that the Village is neither micro-managing the Fire Department nor managing their day-to-day finances. He added that to do so would not appropriate since they are a private entity, again, with whom the Village contracts and has never operated in that manner.

Board Action: Mayor Edelman moved the approval of the June 2016 and June 2017 contracts/agreements with the Lawrence-Cedarhurst Fire Department (LCFD), with the addendum to paragraph six (6) to include full indemnification the Village. Deputy Mayor Fragin seconded the motion. All in favor.

On motion by Mayor Edelman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fragin, and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned at 9:47 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