

The Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 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 Syma F. Diamond

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

Absent were: Trustee Uri Kaufman

WORK SESSION

No Board action was taken.

REGULAR MEETING - Mayor Edelman called the regular meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

GOOD & WELFARE

1. Mark Taub of 123 Harrison Street had previously stood before the Board at the June 2, 2016 BOT meeting, regarding the potential risks of the golf balls from the LY&CC driving range. Mr. Taub, had stated that due to the summer season increasing the outdoor activities (including the golfing) he had requested that the Board install a higher fence or netting for matters of safety, and was told that LY&CC General Manager Leo McMahon had submitted three (3) proposals for such netting/higher fencing, for review. Mayor Edelman responded that a decision had not yet been reached, and that indeed three (3) proposals for the netting/higher fencing were submitted so far. The Mayor stated that the price ranges were from \$56,000.00 up to \$78,000.00, which were extremely expensive and that other, possible in-house, options were being explored. Discussion ensued and Mayor Edelman explained that the Village was working on coming up with a solution, albeit a time sensitive matter. Deputy Mayor Fragin concurred with Mayor Edelman that indeed the Village was working on the issue, and requested additional time.
2. Mayor Edelman introduced a young man in the audience named Sammy Teichberg, The Mayor explained that Mr. Teichberg, a Rambam Mesivta High School student and graduate, has been interning at Village Hall intermittently the last couple of years; to learn about local government. Mayor Edelman

commended and congratulated Mr. Teicherg on the extraordinarily helpful, wonderful job he did. He was a great asset to the Village and of service to his community. He then presented a plaque to Mr. Teichberg in honor and appreciation of his dedication and service.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of minutes: BOT July 14, 2016

Board Action: Deputy Mayor Fragin moved the approval of the July 14, 2016 BOT meeting minutes. Trustee Goldstein seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 1 – Approve Abstracts #'s

General Fund	#797, 798, 799
Recreation Fund	#215, 216, 217, 218
Payroll	#071516

Board Action: Deputy Mayor Fragin moved the approval of General Fund Abstracts #797, #798 and #799. Trustee Diamond seconded the motion. All in favor.

Board Action: Deputy Mayor Fragin moved the approval of Recreation Fund Abstracts #215, #216, #217 and #218. Trustee Goldstein seconded the motion. All in favor.

Board Action: Trustee Diamond moved the approval of Payroll Abstract #071516. Trustee Goldstein seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 2 – Appointments 2016 - 2017

Mayor Edelman reappointed Marc Gelbtuch to the Park Commission for a one year term, ending July 2017.

Board Action: Deputy Mayor Fragin moved to approve the ratification of the reappointment of Marc Gelbtuch to the Park Commission for a term of one year, ending July 2017. Trustee Diamond seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Edelman made the following appointments to the Planning Board:

- 1) Geri Gindea, Chairwoman of the Planning Board for a five (5) year term, ending July 2021;
- 2) Mordy Sohn to the Planning Board for a five (5) year term, ending July 2020;
- 3) Noah Fleschner to the Planning Board for a five (5) year term, ending July 2019;
- 4) Benjamin Lopata to the Planning Board for a five (5) year term, ending July 2018;
- 5) Allen Dorkin to the Planning Board for a five (5) year term, ending July 2017.

Board Action: Deputy Mayor Fragin moved to approve the ratification of the above listed appointments. Trustee Goldstein seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Edelman made the following appointments:

- 1) Menachem (Michael Pinter) as an Alternate member of the Planning Board for a one (1) year term, ending July 2017;
- 2) Jacqueline Handel as an Alternate member of the Planning Board for a one (1) year term, ending July 2017;

Board Action: Deputy Mayor Fragin moved to approve the ratification of the above listed appointments. Trustee Goldstein seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 3 - Approve authorization to solicit bids for night lighting for Tennis Courts

Board Action: Trustee Goldstein moved the approval of the Village to go out to bid for night lighting at three (3) of the LY&CC tennis courts. Trustee Diamond seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 4 – Approve Resolution to approve advance approval of claims

Village Attorney Peter Bee explained that pursuant to Village Law § 5-524(6), the Board of Trustees may, by resolution, authorize claims for public utility services, postage, freight and express charges to be paid in advance of audit (so as to mitigate late fees/charges). An appropriate resolution authorizing advance payment of claims follows:

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has determined to authorize payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, postage, freight and express charges; and

WHEREAS all such claims must be presented at the next regular meeting for audit; and

WHEREAS the claimant and the officer incurring or approving the claim are jointly and severally liable for any amount the board of Trustees disallows.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the Board of Trustees authorizes payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, postage, freight and express charges. All such claims must be presented at the next regular meeting for audit and the claimant and the officer incurring or approving the claims are jointly and severally liable for any amount the Board of Trustees disallows.

Section 2. That this Resolution is effective immediately.

Board Action: Deputy Mayor Fragin moved to approve the aforementioned

Resolution to approve advance approval of claims. Trustee Goldstein seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 5 – Approve authorization to solicit bids for roadwork improvements

Village Attorney Peter Bee explained that the following is a list of roads the Village Administrator is looking to solicit roadwork improvement bids for:

- 1) Sutton Place South (south of Lakeside Drive West)
- 2) Lakeside Drive East
- 3) Lakeside Drive South

Board Action: Deputy Mayor Fragin moved to approve the authorization of the Village Administrator to solicit bids for the above listed roadwork improvements. Trustee Goldstein seconded the motion. All in favor.

Deputy Mayor Fragin noted that of concern to many Village residents is the issue of standing water in some of the roadways due to poor drainage, potholes, etc., especially with regard to mosquitoes and the Zika and West Nile viruses. He suggested that perhaps the Highway Department could provide a report to prioritize particularly bad roadways with poor drainage; noting the problem areas. Trustee Diamond noted that the repairing/replacing of the tidal gate valve, per Item #7 on tonight's agenda, should also address this issue and lessen flooding on certain problem roadways (not Sutton Park however).

Item 6 – Approve salary increase for selected employees

To authorize Mayor Edelman to reset the salaries for the following specific employees:

- 1) Alison Cohen – an annual salary of \$60,750.00
- 2) Mario Longo – an annual salary of \$43,768.00
- 3) Giuseppe Romanello – an annual salary of \$31,500.00
- 4) Raffaele Russo – an annual salary of \$74,000.00
- 5) Patricia Coco – an annual salary of \$55,454.00
- 6) Karen Sarnelli – an annual salary of \$36,367.00

Board Action: Deputy Mayor Fragin moved to approve the ratification of the above listed salaries for Alison Cohen, Mario Longo, Giuseppe Romanello, Raffaele Russo, Patricia Coco and Karen Sarnelli. Trustee Goldstein seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 7 – Approve repair/replace tidal gate valve

Mayor Edelman explained that this tidal gate valve will control the flow of the water to help mitigate the flooding of certain areas in the Village. The Mayor went on to explain that some of the particular streets that would be improved/impacted are Meadow Lane, Marbridge Road, Muriel Avenue, Margaret Avenue, Kenridge Road and the end of

Washington Avenue. These roads flood heavily and with the moving and reinstallation of the tidal gate valve, the Village hopes to alleviate a great deal of the drainage issues in this particular area. All Island Plumbing originally submitted a proposal in the amount of \$12,000.00 to perform this tidal gate valve work; however, Mayor Edelman noted that Trustee Goldstein was able to negotiate with All Island Plumbing to lower their price/proposal to \$10,000.00 for this project.

Mayor Edelman added that Trustee Goldstein, in his capacity as an authority in electrical work, has been able to negotiate additional cost savings to the Village on various electrical items. The Mayor thanked Trustee Goldstein for all of his efforts.

Board Action: Trustee Goldstein moved the approval of All Island Plumbing to repair/replace and move the tidal gate valve, pertaining to the above mentioned locations, for a cost of \$10,000.00. Trustee Diamond seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 8 – Approve Village Policies for 2016 – 2017

Board Action: Mayor Edelman moved the approval of the Village's Electronic Communications Policy. Trustee Goldstein seconded the motion. All in favor.

Board Action: Deputy Mayor Fragin moved the approval of the Village's Investment Policy. Trustee Diamond seconded the motion. All in favor.

Board Action: Deputy Mayor Fragin moved the approval of the Village's Procurement Policy. Trustee Diamond seconded the motion. All in favor.

Board Action: Mayor Edelman moved the approval of the Village's Vehicle Use Policy. Trustee Goldstein seconded the motion. All in favor.

Board Action: Trustee Diamond moved the approval of the Village's Workplace Violence Policy. Deputy Mayor Fragin seconded the motion. All in favor.

Village Attorney Peter Bee explained that New York State Law and State Comptroller Policy require all villages to have specific policies. Mr. Bee went on to briefly explain their scope.

Item 9 – Bais Medrash of Harborview traffic study recommendations

Board Action: Deputy Mayor Fragin moved to approve to table this item. Trustee Goldstein seconded the motion. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Mayor Edelman gave an update with regard to the Village's parking meter situation. The Village is replacing old, broken meters (using the same housing) in an ongoing process, with new digital/electronic meters, which will then be able

to use the new mobile "App" when it is implemented, around the end of September; as well as a quarter.

- 2) Mayor Edelman stated that the Village is moving its bank accounts and signatories to Signature Bank to consolidate and get a better rate.
- 3) Deputy Mayor Fragin inquired as to the status of the "long missing" street light pole at the corner of Wentworth Ave. and Broadway. Village Administrator Goldman responded that he had assurances that said street light pole would be delivered this week, and that there was a "foul up" and that it would take another two weeks, albeit hard to believe. In response to this quagmire, Mayor Edelman has insisted that the procurement of electronic supplies be obtained in a more timely, economic and efficient fashion, going forward. This will hopefully resolve the issue in a broader sense.

There being no further business, on motion by Mayor Edelman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fragin and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 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.



Ronald Goldman, Administrator,
Clerk/Treasurer