

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at the Lawrence Yacht & Country Club, 101 Causeway, Lawrence, New York 11559.

Those members present were: Mayor Alex H. Edelman  
Deputy Mayor Michael A. Fragin  
Trustee Paris C. Popack  
Trustee Jeff Landy  
Trustee Eliezer Kutner

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

**WORK SESSION** – Mayor Edelman called the work session to order at 6:38 p.m.

**Board Action:** No board action was taken.

Work Session ended at 7:58 p.m.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

January 14, 2021, 8:00 p.m.

**Public Hearing regarding the proposed New Local Law #1 of 2021 – authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c**

**Board Action:** Trustee Kutner moved to open the Public Hearing regarding proposed Local Law #1 of 2021 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c (attached hereto as Exhibit “A”). Trustee Popack seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Board Action:** Upon no further comments, Trustee Kutner moved to close the Public Hearing regarding proposed Local Law #1 of 2021 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c. Trustee Landy seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Board Action:** Mayor Edelman moved to approve proposed Local Law #1 of 2021 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c (attached hereto as Exhibit “A”). Trustee Kutner seconded the motion. All in favor. Local Law #1 of 2021 was adopted and passed unanimously.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Edelman called the Regular meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. Village Attorney Stephen Martir hosted the virtual and phone attendees via Webex for those who did not want to attend in person due to Covid-19.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Approval of minutes:** BOT December 3, 2020

**Board Action:** Trustee Landy moved the approval of the December 3, 2020 BOT meeting minutes. Mayor Edelman seconded the motion. All in favor.

## **GOOD & WELFARE**

- 1) Park Commission Vice Chairperson and Lawrence Civic Association President Jacqueline Handel stated that the Israeli flag in front of Stefan's Florist on Central Avenue (at the corner of Rockaway Turnpike) is in shreds. Mayor Edelman responded that the Village would call Stefan's to address this matter first thing in the morning. Ms. Handel added that the American flag was twisted around and needed to be either weighted or somehow fixed.
- 2) Mayor Edelman congratulated former Mayor Martin Oliner on his appointment by President Trump to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council; "a very prestigious organization".
- 3) Mayor Edelman congratulated newly sworn in Lawrence-Cedarhurst Fire Department (LCFD) Chief, Thomas Foy as well as all the other newly elected Fire Department Chiefs and Commissioners.
- 4) Mayor Edelman explained that he and the Village have made numerous attempts to reach out to the appropriate authorities in Nassau County and New York State to procure Covid-19 vaccinations for a local vaccination site at the Lawrence Yacht & Country Club (LY&CC); in conjunction with Dr. Marc Sicklick, who has arranged numerous volunteers and an EMS force to help with the inoculations. It is an ongoing effort and the Mayor is hopeful that the Village will be able to move forward with a possible vaccination site at the LY&CC in the near future.
- 5) Trustee Landy stated that he has recently received a number of telephone calls complaining with regard to special sanitation pick-up. After speaking with Sanitation Commissioner George Pappas and the foreman, he noted that due to

a Covid-19 spike in its employees, Sanitary District #1 is short staffed. Trustee Landy went on to say that if residents need a special pick-up to please call or e-mail him and he will try to assist in arranging this. In addition, it was agreed that the Village would send out an e-mail blast in this regard, requesting Village residents delay their special pick-up requests, if possible.

- 6) Village Administrator Ronald Goldman advised the Board that the Village received a request regarding the possibility of a food truck (also known as a mobile kitchen). He went on to explain that the Village ordinance does not allow for push carts or food carts, however, this is not deemed to be a food/push cart; and therefore, the Village cannot permanently ban a food truck from functioning within the Village. Mr. Goldman went on to state that on the other hand, the Village is allowed to place restrictions on such an operation, such as not within the Commercial/Business District, at parking meters, the hours of operation, music/noise, etc. Discussion ensued in this regard.
- 7) Deputy Mayor Fragin noted that the Lawrence School District Food Distribution has ended this week. He went on to say that it caused an inconvenience along Broadway on Wednesday nights for many months; many thousands of people availed themselves of the program and it was clearly something that was needed for many, many months. Deputy Mayor Fragin stated that he knows there is an effort to continue it and thinks that would be great. He went on to thank the Federal Government, Representative Kathleen Rice, Senator Todd Kaminsky, Assemblywoman Missy Miller and the School Board, noting that many of the Village residents benefited from it.
- 8) Deputy Mayor Fragin stated that the continued e-mails from Dr. Sicklick are wonderful and everyone should be encouraged to get vaccinated.
- 9) Deputy Mayor Fragin stated that he received a request from a gentleman to put an Urgent Care in the Commercial/Business District. He said that he told him to come to the Board meeting with his request. Village Administrator Ronald Goldman responded that the matter had already been resolved; they are going to relocate to an adjoining Village.
- 10) Trustee Kutner requested advancing the conversation regarding the installation of security cameras already on the Agenda as Item #4.
- 11) Trustee Kutner raised the issue of lighting in the Village. Mayor Edelman requested that he be more specific, due to the fact that he, Deputy Village

Administrator Gerry Castro and Village Administrator Ronald Goldman had driven around the Village one night, a few months back, and installed about twelve new street lights. Discussion ensued in this regard.

- 12) Trustee Kutner raised the issue of a possible boat rental (i.e. paddleboats and/or kayaks) at the LY&CC Marina. Discussion ensued in this regard. It was decided that this issue would be brought to the Park Commission for consideration and proposals, spearheaded by Park Commission Liaison Paris Popack.
- 13) Trustee Kutner stated that with regard to the bushes, he is still having issues when walking. Village Administrator Ronald Goldman responded that the Village has issued many tickets, but to alert him to the specific locations and they would proceed with further measures. First notices must be sent with potential violations; then summonses/tickets are issued; and finally, the Village steps in and cuts back the bushes/trees and the owner is then billed for reimbursement. Discussion ensued in this regard.
- 14) Trustee Kutner raised the issue of possibly holding a springtime fair (with crafts and food trucks) in the Lawrence LIRR train station parking lot, in light of the Rock Hall Museum Fair held in the Fall. Village Administrator Ronald Goldman responded that Trustee Popack already has a calendar including these types of events at the LY&CC.
- 15) Trustee Kutner noted that the facades of the buildings in the Business District on Central Avenue look “decrepit” and would like to see relevant legislation. It was mentioned that the Village is able to give summonses. Discussion ensued in this regard.
- 16) Trustee Kutner stated that he would like to see kosher food at the Lawrence Yacht & Country Club (LY&CC). Discussion ensued in this regard.
- 17) Trustee Kutner stated that he would like the removal of daytime parking restrictions (i.e., the two-hour parking restriction on Village streets) considered. Discussion ensued and it was decided to let the restrictions remain as they are.
- 18) Trustee Kutner noted that Spring is coming and raised the issue of potential bike lanes. The idea was dismissed at this time.
- 19) Trustee Popack stated that she would like to have a family bike lesson day (not the entire day), for safety reasons and a bike ride similar to a 3K. This item will be revisited at a later date.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Item 1 – Approve Abstracts #'s**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b># 1035, 1036, 1037</b>
<b>Recreation Fund</b>	<b># 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499</b>
<b>Sewer Fund</b>	<b># 131</b>
<b>Payroll</b>	<b># 121120, 122520, 010821</b>

**Board Action:** Trustee Landy moved the approval of General Fund Abstracts #1035, #1036 and #1037; Recreation Fund Abstracts #491, #492, #493, #494, #495, #496, #497, #498 and #499; Sewer Fund Abstract #131; and Payroll Fund Abstracts #121120, #122520 and #010821. Trustee Popack seconded the motion. All in favor.

### **Item 2 – Approve Resolution to set the Village election date to June 15, 2021 and polling place and notice designating the office(s) to be filled and the term(s) thereof – Notices to be published**

**Board Action:** Deputy Mayor Fragin moved to approve a Resolution to set the Village election date to June 15, 2021 and polling place and notice designating the office(s) to be filled and the term(s) thereof (attached hereto as Exhibit “B”) – Notices to be published. Trustee Landy seconded the motion. All in favor.

### **Item 3 – LY&CC Status Report**

Lawrence Yacht & Country Club (LY&CC) General Manager Cory Menking gave an overall status update on the LY&CC. A copy of the January 2021 GM Report is attached hereto as Exhibit “C”. The irrigation proposals were discussed and are still a work in progress.

**Board Action:** No Board action was required.

### **Item 4 – Update on Village Camera Project**

The scope of the Camera Project was discussed and the general consensus was to narrow the scope of the project to use the grant monies plus an additional minimal amount from the Village to start. The current bids are very extensive (and expensive) and as a result the areas/locations will need to be prioritized and discussed at further length.

**Board Action:** No Board action was required.

### **Item 5 – Update on Zion Park Renovation**

This item was discussed during Work Session. Trustee Popack stated that there are currently four (4) bids (from the vendor that did Cedarhurst Park many years ago; the

vendor that did HAFTR elementary school; the vendor that did the Lawrence public schools, etc.). She will also be researching available grant money.

**Board Action:** No Board action was required.

On motion by Trustee Landy seconded by Mayor Edelman and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned at 8:58 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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Ronald Goldman', is written over a horizontal line.

Ronald Goldman, Administrator,  
Clerk/Treasurer

**EXHIBIT A**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Proposed Local Law No. 1 of the year 2021

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, 2021 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, 2021 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 B**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING POLLING PLACE AND HOURS**

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 15, 2021, and the hours of election,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the polling place for the Village election to be held on June 15, 2021 shall be the Lawrence Yacht & Country Club, 101 Causeway, 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.

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the general Village election to be held in the Village of Lawrence on June 15, 2021, the following offices are to be filled for the terms indicated:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	Two (2) Years
Trustee	Two (2) Years

Eligible persons wishing to vote in the said election must be registered with the Nassau County Board of Elections at least ten days prior to the said election.

Ronald Goldman, Village Administrator  
Village of Lawrence



## **EXHIBIT C**

### Lawrence Yacht and Country Club – January 2021 GM Report



**To: Village of Lawrence Mayor Alex Edelman and Board of Trustees**  
**From: Cory Menking, General Manager**  
**Re: Lawrence Yacht and Country Club**  
**Date: January 14, 2020**

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#### 2021 Membership

- Early Membership final count:

Early Membership - Golf	
Platinum	4
Gold	22
Silver	19
Bronze	23
Total	68

- Membership renewals are on pace with numbers from this time last year
- We are currently reaching out to our entire membership roster to ensure their return; this is done through emails, social media, and personal phone calls
  - Total renewals as of January 13, 2021:

Golf			
Platinum	29	\$	134,727
Gold	16	\$	40,290
Silver	19	\$	74,390
Bronze	27	\$	84,050
Family	6	\$	46,115
Junior	1	\$	500
Total	98	\$	380,072

Tennis			
Platinum	6	\$	7,905
Gold	2	\$	980
Silver	0	\$	-
Bronze	1	\$	805
Family	1	\$	1,415
Total	10	\$	11,105

Marina			
Total	12	\$	58,120

## Lawrence Yacht and Country Club – January 2021 GM Report



### Advertising

Marketing tactics currently in play for all memberships:

- Engage with members and potential members via Facebook and Instagram; continue to grow a social media presence
- Digital winter newsletter will be sent in the next month, as well as new member handbooks to enhance the orientation process, yearbooks to enhance member recognition, and brochures to advertise in-house promotions
- Google AdWords
  - Paid Search – ads appearing to those searching for membership keywords
  - Remarketing – ads appearing to those that visited our website
  - Display – ads appearing to our targeted demographic and geographic parameters
- New Homeowners
  - Postcards are being sent monthly to new homeowners in the area; we are currently pricing oversized cards
- Partner with Dockwa and Snag-A-Slip to showcase the marina and maximize capacity
- Member survey results and the executive summary are being prepared and will be published

### Golf

- Driving Range net lining #8 has been repaired
- Over the last few weeks and next few weeks, the maintenance crew will clear out as much brush as possible left of #12 to open up air flow and the vista of the water
- The greens crew will also work on expanding the berm left of #5 and planting Sea Grass that will grow tall to further promote safety of players on #8 approach/green
- Finalization of irrigation proposals are also underway

### Tennis

- Damaged awnings have been ordered and will be installed by April 1
- Final quotes for court resurfacing are being submitted and work will be scheduled once approved
- Fence lining Causeway is scheduled for repair next week

### Marina

- Storage lot fence was repaired and extended through the parking lot; this will be complete following installation of the gates this week
- Clubhouse (rear, security) fence is being installed now
- Net lining #17 has been ordered and pending installation
- Material is being priced and ordered for two (2) docks that need to be rebuilt in the B-Section and a re-deck of six (6) rotted docks in the C-Section
- Material is also being priced for the roof of the guard (entrance) shed
- Ice eaters are being monitored and so are the boats that are stored for the winter

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### Club Maintenance

- Crown molding in the Ballroom is being repaired and paint has been ordered to re-paint the catering hall
- Boiler filters were replaced and pumps lubed
- Heating units controlling the golf shop and snack shop are scheduled to be replaced by OSI
- Golf carts
  - Detailing carts is underway; power wash, service, and wax
  - Brake rod and linkages, flat tires, tow assemblies, windshield support, and F&R switches are being repaired and/or replaced
  - Gear shifter was replaced on the range cart
- 56 sprinkler heads at tennis lubed and winterized