

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at the Lawrence Village Hall, 196 Central Avenue, Lawrence, New York 11559.

Those members present were: Mayor Alex H. Edelman

Deputy Mayor Jeff Landy

Trustee Paris C. Popack

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

Absent were:

Trustee Michael A. Fragin

Trustee Eliezer Kutner

WORK SESSION – Mayor Edelman called the work session to order at 7:30 p.m. (There was a prior session regarding the LY&CC Golf Course which started at 6:30 p.m.)

Board Action: No Board action was taken.

Work Session ended at 8:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Edelman called the regular meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Approval of minutes: BOT October 14, 2021

Board Action: Deputy Mayor Landy moved the approval of the October 14, 2021 BOT meeting minutes. Trustee Popack seconded the motion. All in favor.

GOOD & WELFARE

- 1) Mayor Edelman noted that Trustees Michael Fragin and Eli Kutner were away, and not able to attend.
- 2) Mayor Edelman reported that the dike issues in the Isle of Wight were repaired.
- 3) Mayor Edelman reported that the New York Rising (GOSR) project is on schedule to start construction mid-December.

- 4) Mayor Edelman stated that speed humps were ordered and being installed in a few locations throughout the Village on a trial/experimental basis.
- 5) Mayor Edelman reported that the water run off on Briarwood Avenue was repaired.
- 6) Mayor Edelman stated that the Village received the \$200,000.00 reimbursement for the LCFD Fire Pumper Truck.
- 7) Mayor Edelman reported that he has contacted the NYC DOT (Department of Transportation) and NYS DOT regarding the traffic and coordinating the traffic lights on Rockaway Turnpike (from Brookville Blvd. to Burnside Avenue). A Zoom call is being arranged and coordinated between all parties to further address the situation, after Thanksgiving.
- 8) Mayor Edelman reported that The New York Independent Redistricting Commission public hearings are underway, which affect the Village of Lawrence. The next meeting is set for Monday, November 22nd at 4:00 p.m., where people are able to voice their opinions. Village Administrator Ronald Goldman will be attending on behalf of the Village and report back with any relevant information.
- 9) Mayor Edelman announced that tomorrow, November 19th, is designated Judge Buchalter Day and added that the Courtroom where tonight's BOT meeting was being held was also named in his honor. The Mayor went on to say that Judge Buchalter deserved to be recognized/honored for his many years of service to the community and noted that Judge Buchalter's family would be notified, in recognition of this special day.
- 10) Ms. Perri Cheshin, who lives at the corner of Cedarlawn Avenue and Virginia Street, in Far Rockaway, came to discuss "two dangerous locations"; partially within of the Village of Lawrence and the other part in Far Rockaway. The first location is the crosswalk on the way to the Atlantic Beach Bridge, at the last exit by Seagirt Blvd. where her son was hit by a car about two months ago, "and was almost killed". Ms. Cheshin went on to describe her perspective of the issue(s) and what she would like done. She then stated: "The second location is between Route 878 and Shor Yoshuv, which is in Lawrence; it's causing terrible traffic on the corner of Cedarlawn and Virginia Street, which is Far Rockaway. There are cars parked there every day especially in the morning; blocking the crosswalks, buses trucks, etc. I can't get out of my driveway. There are car accidents and near car accidents there every day. Sometimes people report them to the police, sometimes they don't, if they don't want their insurance to go up." She went on to describe further incidents and that if they're not reported, the NYS DOT won't do anything; without sufficient volume of traffic and/or accidents. Ms. Cheshin stated that she has reached out to the NYS DOT, Assemblywoman Amato, Senator Adabo, Councilwoman Miller, every politician she could reach – she tried; for both

locations. She stated: "Nobody does anything". She was very passionate, stating that "no one cares about safety", etc., and requested that there be "no parking signage" installed and the lighting issues addressed.

- 11) Rabbi Chill, the Rabbi of Congregation Young Israel of Far Rockaway and a resident on Virginia Street near the corner of Cedarlawn Avenue, along with neighbors asked to have a 4-way stop sign installed on the corner of Virginia Street and Cedarlawn Ave." He noted that they are affected by a lot of traffic coming off the highway from Route 878 and the many students, faculty members, cars and school buses from Shor Yeshuv Yeshiva and travelling through. Discussion ensued, after which, Mayor Edelman, Deputy Mayor Landy and Administrator Goldman, after noting that this was not within the Village of Lawrence, but in Far Rockaway, and thus, the Village had no authority to do this, offered that the Village would reach out to the NYS DOT and NYC DOT; as well as look into the situation at New MacNeil and the possible posting of "No Parking" signage.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 – Approve Abstracts #'s

General Fund	# 1085, 1086, 1087, 1088, 1089, 1090, 1091
Recreation Fund	# 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589
Sewer Fund	# 132
Payroll	# 102921, 111221

Board Action: Mayor Edelman moved the approval of General Fund Abstracts #1085, #1086, #1087, #1088, #1089, #1090 and #1091; Recreation Fund Abstracts #579, #580, #581, #582, #583, #584, #585, #586, #587, #588 and #589; Sewer Fund Abstract #132; and Payroll Fund Abstracts #102921 and #111221. Deputy Mayor Landy seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 2 – Approve Resolution acknowledging that the 2021 VOL Court Audit was conducted as required by the Uniform Justice Court Act

Board Action: Mayor Edelman moved to approve the Resolution acknowledging that the 2021 VOL Court Audit was conducted as required by the Uniform Justice Court Act, attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Trustee Popack seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 3 – Approve Free Holiday Parking

Board Action: Trustee Popack moved to approve the Free Holiday Parking attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Mayor Edelman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 4 – Report on LY&CC Snack Bar and new Tennis Pro

Trustee Popack reported that the Village plans to improve the Snack Bar for the membership and that it will remain non-Kosher; with new flooring, new countertops, fresh paint on the wood paneling, new lighting and possible equipment upgrades. Royaltan Caterers is leaving and a new caterer is being sought. Village Counsel Stephen Martir read the following information regarding the LY&CC Snack Bar:

"The Mayor and Board of Trustees, having listened to suggestions from a wide range of parties interested in the future disposition of snack bar services rendered at the LYCC, has concluded to take the following action:

1. The current snack bar will continue to offer its current menu with no change or diminution in service or product or hours.
2. The current snack bar will be refurbished, modernized and redecorated to better serve its users.
3. The Driving Range Facility will be enlarged to include two (2) year-round state-of-the-art Golf Simulators as well as a kosher Café/Snack Bar (furnished by its caterer) available to all.
4. Details of this plan will be provided at the next monthly meeting."

Village Administrator Ronald Goldman gave an update on the catering situation stating that "The Mayor and Board have made concerted efforts to retain the current caterer. He's made it apparent that it's in his best business interest to move on. We appreciate that and we're all being supportive of one another. In the interim efforts are being made to locate a caterer who will handle both the catering facility as well as the non-Kosher Snack Bar, as well as retaining and maintaining the restaurant in its current status. Interviews are going on and we hope to expedite things. We recognize the fact that this is a crucial component of the Country Club and we'll be interviewing and retaining." Some discussion ensued in this regard and a report will be given in December with any new information.

Mr. Goldman went on to announce that Strate Krstevski, was hired by KemperSports Management to be the LY&CC's new Tennis Pro; the membership has been informed that he is credentialed, experienced and understands what is required. Deputy Mayor Landy added that "we are very excited to have him and we're hoping that this is the beginning of a shining new era in the tennis program".

Board Action: No Board Action was taken.

Item 5 – LY&CC Status Report

Lawrence Yacht & Country Club (LY&CC) General Manager Cory Menking presented the LY&CC November 2021 GM status report (attached hereto as Exhibit "C"). Mr. Menking reiterated that Strate Krstevski, was hired by KemperSports Management to be

the LY&CC's new Tennis Pro; and he went on to say that interviews were being conducted for the potential new Golf Pro.

Board Action: No Board action was taken.

Item 6 – Approve retaining architect Richard Bienenfeld for LY&CC

Board Action: Deputy Mayor Landy moved the approval to retain architect Richard Bienenfeld to design the new planned addition and alteration to the existing Golf Practice Facility for the Lawrence Yacht & Country Club. The proposed scope of work will include a new 50 seat Café and two (2) Virtual Reality Golf Simulator booths, Outdoor Garden Seating and related improvements; for an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00. Trustee Popack seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 7 – Award bid for 2116C – 2021 Concrete Improvements Contract (Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corp.)

Board Action: Mayor Edelman moved to award the bid for the 2116C – 2021 Concrete Improvements Contract to Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corp., the lowest responsible bid, for the amount of \$63,090.00; declared Type II under SEQRA. Deputy Mayor Landy seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item #8 - Security Update

Deputy Village Administrator Castro stated that ten (10) of the twelve (12) cameras were currently installed and he scheduled to meet with the vendor next week to go through the accessing of those units.

Village Administrator Ronald Goldman explained that the current vendor being used for additional Village security has been continuing and will be reducing their hours due to their success and to cut back in cost. An alternative is being considered, however, their viability is unclear at this time.

Board Action: No Board action was taken.

Item #9 – Approve vendor/proposal recommended for the purchase of Village street sweeper

Board Action: Mayor Edelman moved to approve the purchase of a new Elgin Broom Badger street sweeper (under NYS OGS contract) for the Village, paid out under a five (5) year financing agreement with Key Government Finance, Inc., for a total amount of \$222,511.00. Trustee Popack seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item #10 – Approve vendor/proposal to replace the LY&CC Golf Course Irrigation Pump Panel

Board Action: Trustee Popack moved to approve the change order for the Pump Panel for the original LY&CC Golf Course Irrigation System, which was already voted on, approved and installed. Mayor Edelman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item #11 - Zion Park Update/Report

Trustee Popack stated that the equipment is being delayed due to Covid, supply chain issues, etc. She added that she will know more tomorrow. Deputy Mayor Landy noted that the demolition and tree work has started, which is exciting.

Board Action: No Board action was taken.

Item #12 – Approve Public Hearing regarding a proposed Local Law to amend the Village Zoning Code

Board Action: Mayor Edelman moved to approve a Public Hearing date of December 9th, the next BOT meeting, regarding a proposed Local Law to amend the Village Zoning Code. Deputy Mayor Landy seconded the motion. All in favor.

On motion by Trustee Popack, seconded by Deputy Mayor Landy and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned at 8:44 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

EXHIBIT A

Item #2 – Approve Resolution acknowledging the 2021 VOL Court Audit was conducted as required by the Uniform Justice Court Act

Board Action: Mayor Alex Edelman moved to approve the following Resolution:

Board of Trustees of the Village of Lawrence

**ACKNOWLEDGING THE 2021 AUDIT
OF THE VILLAGE OF LAWRENCE JUSTICE COURT RECORDS**

WHEREAS, Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act (UJCA) requires that village justices provide their court records and dockets to their respective village auditing boards annually, and that such records be reviewed and audited; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2019-a of the UJCA, the Village of Lawrence Justice Court provided the Village of Lawrence Board of Trustees with its records and dockets for the year ending May 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, an audit of the Court's 2021 records was performed by Satty, Levine & Ciacco, CPAs, P.C.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lawrence, in accordance with Section 2019-a of the UJCA, hereby acknowledges that the required examination and audit of the Court's 2021 records was conducted and completed.

Trustee Paris Popack seconded the motion. All in favor.

EXHIBIT B

VILLAGE OF
LAWRENCE

Free Holiday

Parking in

LOTS # 3 and #4

Saturdays and Sundays

Nov 27th and Nov 28th

Dec 4th and Dec 5th

Dec 11th thru Dec 12th

Dec 18th thru Dec 19th

Dec 25th thru Dec 26th

Jan 1st thru Jan 2nd

EXHIBIT C

Lawrence Yacht and Country Club November 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: November 18, 2021

Head Professional(s) Update

- Strate Krstevski has agreed to terms to become our new Tennis Professional
- Golf Professional interviews are ongoing; finalists should be determined by early December

2021 Membership - Final

- 2021 total memberships (936) outpaced those from last year (881)
 - Up 55 total members, or 6%

Golf							
Category	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Family	Junior	Total
YTD	99	104	95	113	38	39	488
YTD '20	93	40	58	111	37	68	407
Variance	6	64	37	2	1	-29	<u>81</u>

Tennis							
Category	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Family	Junior	Total
YTD	67	32	7	5	15	13	139
YTD '20	53	27	2	8	17	32	139
Variance	14	5	5	-3	-2	-19	<u>0</u>

Marina		Recreation	
YTD	99	YTD	210
YTD '20	93	YTD '20	242
Variance	<u>6</u>	Variance	<u>-32</u>

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November 2021 GM Report



2022 Membership

- Early membership comparisons in the table below:
 - Totals as of November 1, 2021
 - Renewal applications have been sent and the focus is now full member retention

Category	Golf						Total
	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Family	Junior	
YTD	2	4	5	12	4	0	27
YTD '20	4	22	16	21	0	0	63
Variance	-2	-18	-11	-9	4	0	<u>-36</u>

Advertising

Marketing tactics currently in play for all memberships:

- Winter newsletter will be published in the coming months
- Member survey results are being reviewed and will be presented once formatted
- 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

Couse Maintenance

- All core aerification has been completed; Greens are healthy and healing
- New seed that was put down in the rough on 12-14 is filling in very nicely
 - Irrigation coverage in the rough has dramatically improved and will result in thicker and thicker rough every year
- Sea Grass is now being cut on the course and around the clubhouse and will conclude in the coming weeks
- Crew has spent the past few weeks repairing some broken drain lines that resulted from the irrigation project; work will be complete this fall
- Leaf cleanup has begun and will continue for the next few weeks
- In addition to the usual tasks this time of year, we are still cutting grass due to the unseasonably warm temperatures over the past week
- Once mowing isn't required, we will be able to apply soil amendments such as Gypsum, Lime and Potash; these amendments are being applied based on soil test results
- The new irrigation system will be blown out the Monday before Thanksgiving (11/22)

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Golf

- Approximately 3,000 rounds (300 walking) played in October
- Cobblestones were repaired on holes #4, 9-10, and 16
- New merchandise has been ordered for next year from vendors including Puma, Ralph Lauren, Greg Norman, and Adidas, and more will be introduced
- The golf shop has started to send back demo clubs to our vendors while simultaneously scheduling demo days for early next season

Marina

- Land/water storage is being finalized now for the remaining yacht members here for the winter; all other vessels have sailed away to their winter homes
- Broken ice eaters have been dropped off for repair (Aeration Power); others are being tested and ropes secured for installation between docks
- Anodes are being installed on ice eaters that are not out for repair
- Water throughout the marina will be turned off and lines blown out on 11/15
 - Ice machines have also been winterized and covered
- Docks and parking lots are being kept clear of debris and shells
- Patio furniture has been put away for winter

Tennis

- Winterization is now in progress; ice machines turned off, pumps pulled and put in storage, clubhouse is being monitored, and irrigation lines are being blown out

Clubhouse Maintenance

- Early voting from 10/23-31 was a success; parking lot has been cleaned and catering hall sanitized by LYCC staff
- Post-banquet cleanup; dumpster area, touchup paint in ballroom, steam clean carpet
- Lighting repairs; parking lot, patio, entrance, cart barn, starter shed
- Snack bar pillars painted; damaged range pillars repaired and painted – approx. 16 holes
- Cart barn garage door (north, bottom panel) repaired
- Golf car R&M, by Frank Curcio, includes: service 504 batteries, flat tires, ball joints, tow assemblies, brakes and linkages, and F&R assemblies
- Range: service gang unit and adjust reels, replace front wheel; pillars repaired; building, garage, floor, and mats power washed