

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Friday, December 22, 2023 at Lawrence Village Hall, 196 Central Avenue, Lawrence, New York 11559.

Those members present were: Mayor Alex H. Edelman
Deputy Mayor Paris C. Popack
Trustee Eliezer Kutner

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

Absent were: Trustee Aaron M. Parnes
Trustee Tammy M. Roz
Lina Fusco, Deputy Village Treasurer
Stephen Martir, Esq.

SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Edelman called the special meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

Village Administrator Ronald Goldman stated: "This is a special Board meeting called for an emergency situation, to avoid the Village sustaining a significant financial loss. Notice was given to the newspaper who advised that they couldn't publish it in their printed copy, nor their electronic copy. The notice of the meeting was posted in all the usual places. This is a special emergency meeting called in order to address just one item which will also be put on the January 10th agenda as well, to be ratified in the presence of all the Trustees. Notwithstanding that, this is a Board meeting in which to resolve that the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Lawrence authorizes the Mayor or his designate, to enter into a contract with Kemper Sports Management, with the idea that they will continue their services, with certain provisions that have been made and amendments to the new contract, noting that they will be responsible for managing the Country Club operation as well as the maintenance of the golf course. Two separate contracts with the same entity, and a continuation and a renewal of the contracts. Does anyone want to make a motion on this issue?"

Item 1 – Approval to authorize the Mayor to enter into contracts with Kemper Sports Management as amended

Board Action: Trustee Kutner moved the approval to authorize the Mayor or his designate to enter into contracts with Kemper Sports Management to continue their services (with certain provisions that have been made and amendments to the new contracts); noting that they will be responsible for managing the LY&CC operation as well as the maintenance of the golf course. Deputy Mayor Popack seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued in this regard. Village Administrator Ronald Goldman restated a comment made by Mayor Edelman that this special meeting was called to address the emergency issue, that had it not been addressed this day, the Village would have sustained a \$50,000.00 loss; and that constitutes, reasonably, on behalf of the taxpayers, an emergency situation. Trustee Kutner stated that he wished the other Trustees could have made it to the special meeting today, and he's very "chagrined that they were not able to make it today; but we'll have to carry on, in their absence, nonetheless". Deputy Mayor Popack added that this was not done intentionally. Village Administrator Goldman noted, for the record, that there is a quorum. All in favor.

On motion by Mayor Edelman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Popack and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned at 10:41 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