

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at Village Hall, 196 Central Avenue, Lawrence New York 11559.

Those members present were: Mayor Martin Oliner
Deputy Mayor C. Simon Felder
Trustee Michael A. Fragin
Trustee Irving Langer
Trustee Alex H. Edelman

Also present were: Ronald Goldman, Village Administrator
Abraham Farber, Deputy Treasurer
Village Attorney, Peter Bee Esq.
Alison Cohen, Secretary to the BOT

The Board convened in Work Session at 7:30 p.m.

WORK SESSION

No Board Action was taken during the Work Session.

REGULAR MEETING - Mayor Oliner called the regular meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

GOOD & WELFARE

1. Trustee Fragin introduced, for the record, a letter of commendation (attached hereto as "Exhibit A") from St. John's Episcopal Hospital to Lawrence-Cedarhurst Fire Department's outgoing Chief McHugh, acknowledging superior pre-hospital care for several cardiac arrests and water rescue emergency responses.
2. In the same vein, Trustee Fragin noted that he visited the newly expanded Lawrence-Cedarhurst Fire Department's firehouse and commended them on doing an excellent job on the structure of the facility as well as the latest features for disaster recovery, a very significant self-contained diesel gas generator and communications equipment. It was also noted that the LCFD will make their command and communications center available to the village to better coordinate emergency response.
3. Trustee Fragin commented on receiving a number of complaints from residents regarding lack of street lights throughout the Village and requested a survey be done to ascertain where there are not enough street lights. Mayor Oliner confirmed that an inspection of the Village's 163 streets would be done by Highway Superintendent Robert Daniels and Building Superintendent Michael Ryder. Trustee Edelman added that the street lights that are on, do not provide enough illumination as well, which has been an ongoing issue that needs addressing. Mayor Oliner agreed and stated that he had received an anonymous

letter regarding grants given for lighting in neighboring villages, which should be researched by Administrator Goldman and Mr. Farber. In addition, Mayor Oliner requested that Mr. Farber and Administrator Goldman follow up on any grants the Village may have received, which were announced by the Governor yesterday. Administrator Goldman said that he would look into this.

4. J. Lawrence Kolodny of 10 Boxwood Lane, stated that his street was flooded, and that he had called the Village in this regard. He added that the neighbors on his street paid to purchase and use a portable pump in the drywell to help rectify the situation, which was not working. He requested that the Village pay for repairs to the infrastructure to correct this and prevent future flooding to the residents of Boxwood Lane. Per Mayor Oliner, Administrator Goldman is to follow up on whether or not the drywells on Boxwood Lane were cleaned with the vacator basin truck, as is periodically done, and to check the drainage conditions on the street as well.
5. Eugene Falik of Far Rockaway thought the Board might be interested (per Good & Welfare item #3) that New York City is installing new LED street lights which are brighter and use half (and the newer LED's use one third) the wattage of their current lights. Mayor Oliner thanked Mr. Falik for this information.
6. Jonathan Neuman, Esq., attorney for Shlomo Nahmais of 575 Chauncey Lane, raised the issue of possible miss-use of 580 Ocean Avenue owned by the Rockaway Hunt Club. Attorney Neuman asserted that in August of 2014, a disruptive late night party took place, which had been addressed with the attorney for the Rockaway Hunt Club. Attorney Neuman stated that there was a reoccurrence of late night activity in October of 2014 as well as subsequent activities after assurances had been received to the contrary. Discussion ensued in this regard. Mayor Oliner said that he would take the matter under advisement and Building Superintendent Mike Ryder and Administrator Goldman would look into it.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of minutes:

Special BOT November 7, 2014
BOT November 13, 2014

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved the approval of the November 7, 2014 Special BOT meeting minutes, with the following amendment(s):

Item 2 – Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved to approve the expansion of the Village of Lawrence's Park Commission to twelve (12) members plus the Chairman for a total of thirteen (13) members.

Trustee Langer seconded the motion. All in favor.

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved the approval of the November 13, 2014 BOT meeting minutes. Trustee Langer seconded the motion. All in favor except for Trustee Fragin who abstained because he was not there.

Item 1 – Approve Abstracts #'s

General Fund	#737, 738
Recreation Fund	#160, 161
Sewer Fund	#85
Payroll	#2383, 2384

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved the approval of General Fund Abstracts #737 and #738. Outstanding issues regarding specific invoices were raised, discussed and resolved. Trustee Fragin seconded the motion. All in favor.

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved the approval of Recreation Fund Abstracts #160 and #161. Trustee Fragin seconded the motion. All in favor.

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved the approval of Sewer Fund Abstract #85. Deputy Mayor Felder seconded the motion. All in favor. .

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved the approval of Payroll Abstracts #2383 and #2384. Trustee Langer seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 2 – Appointments for 2014 – 2015

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved the approval of the following two appointments:

- 1) Peter A. Bee would be appointed the Village Attorney for a term of one year at an annual salary of \$1.00 (with no benefits); and
- 2) The Law Firm of Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP would be appointed as "General Counsel" to the Village of Lawrence, with responsibility to advise and represent the Village (and any of its Boards, Commissions, or other entities, as directed by the Mayor) consistent with the terms of the firm's retainer agreement with the Village (as they have been doing at their hourly rates).

Trustee Edelman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 3 – Public Hearing to approve Local Law #5 of 2014 to lower the speed limit to 20 mph in the Village of Lawrence Business District

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved to open the Public Hearing regarding Local Law #5 of 2014 to lower the speed limit to 20 mph in the Village of Lawrence Business

District (attached hereto as Exhibit "B"). Deputy Mayor Felder seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Oliner asked if there were any comments from the public. Resident Ms. Rochelle Kevelson, stated that she thought it was a very good idea to implement the lowering of the speed limit in the Village's Business District, and inquired as to the exact streets this encompassed. Mayor Oliner responded that the Business District was Central Avenue between Washington Avenue and Rockaway Turnpike.

Mr. Gene Falik of Far Rockaway stated that he was not aware of any engineering studies that the Village has undertaken pursuant to the requirements of Section 1680 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law. According to Mr. Falik, the Vehicle and Traffic Law and the manual of uniform traffic control devices says that such traffic regulations shall only be undertaken after appropriate engineering studies. Secondly, Mr. Falik stated that he was unaware of the Village's jurisdiction to enact such a speed limit. Section 1643 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law says that no area speed limit shall be set at less than 30 mph and no linear speed limit shall be set at less than 25 mph. So if the Village were to enact such a speed limit it would be a violation of Vehicle and Traffic Law which is in and of itself a traffic violation.

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved to close the Public Hearing regarding Local Law #5 of 2014 to lower the speed limit to 20 mph in the Village of Lawrence Business District. Trustee Fragin seconded the motion. All in favor.

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved the adoption of Local Law #5 of 2014 to lower the speed limit to 20 mph in the Village of Lawrence Business District subject to further inquiry by Counsel. Trustee Fragin seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 4 – Park Commission Recommendations

Following discussion, since the Park Commission lacked a quorum, these recommendations were deemed to be "unofficial".

a) Business Partner Referral Program for LY&CC Marina

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved the approval of the Business Partner Referral Program for the LY&CC Marina. Trustee Langer seconded the motion. All in favor.

b) Recreation Pass Fee Increase for 2015

Mr. McMahon explained the rationale behind the proposed Recreation Pass fee increase from \$350 to \$400. Discussion ensued in this regard.

This item was tabled/deferred.

Mayor Oliner inquired of Mr. McMahon as to the progress of the exploration of marina management companies. Discussion ensued in this regard with specific contacts provided.

Discussion ensued regarding the Park Commission appointments, notification and timing of same.

Item 5 – Proposals for Refinancing of LCFD Construction Loan Mortgage

This item was discussed and it was decided that the Village would respond to the first part of the recommendation (Option 1) and study the second part/piece (Option 2) (attached hereto as Exhibit "C").

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Trustee Fragin requested an update regarding the new muni-meters. Administrator Goldman stated that the muni-meters were due to be delivered the beginning of January.
- 2) Trustee Fragin inquired as to the "long overdue and previously discussed improvements to the Village's website, as part of the overall IT improvements". Administrator Goldman stated that Mr. Hirth was undertaking this matter but was waiting to see if All Covered was remaining the Village's IT vendor, who would then join in that effort with the Village. Mayor Oliner empowered Administrator Goldman to move forward on this now, and present to the results to the Board at the January 5th, 2015 meeting.

On motion by Mayor Oliner, seconded by Trustee Langer and unanimously approved the Board convened in Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss matters of personnel, litigation and advice of counsel.

On motion by Mayor Oliner, seconded by Trustee Edelman and unanimously approved, the Board returned to public session at 9:40 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 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.



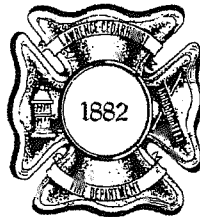
Ronald Goldman, Administrator,
Clerk/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

Lawrence - Cedarhurst Fire Department Inc.

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516-569-0042



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516-569-7874

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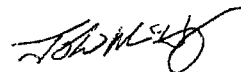
Incorporated Village of Lawrence

Village Administrator Ronald Goldman

Dear Ron:

Attached is a letter from St. John's Episcopal Hospital acknowledging the professional and lifesaving actions of the members of the Lawrence-Cedarhurst Fire Department. These actions were taken during three separate cardiac arrest emergency responses. One of these victims was a resident of the Village of Lawrence. Please advise the Mayor and Village Board of these actions. The combination of our paid and volunteer EMS program continues to save lives.

Thank You


Chief

A Volunteer Fire Department Serving Your Community
Since 1882

EPISCOPAL HEALTH SERVICES INC.



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL *SOUTH SHORE*

327 Beach 19th Street, Far Rockaway, New York 11691

(718) 869-7000

September 25, 2014

Lawrence Cedarhurst Fire Department
ATTN: Chief McHugh
75 Washington Avenue
Lawrence, NY 11559

Dear Chief,

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to write this letter of commendation for your ambulance crews. Your Emergency Medical Technicians have gone above and beyond their call of duty with recent care provided. We have received multiple cardiac arrest cases in the past few months where the patients have arrived ready for us to initiate the hypothermia protocol to salvage brain function. Their early and aggressive interventions with both BLS and ACLS have done these patients and the community a fine service.

I would like to add a special note of thanks to the following members of your fire department for their superb pre-hospital and transition care:

1 st Assistant Chief/EMT Anthony Rivelli	EMT-P Robert Warnken
FF/EMT Justin Caliguri	FF/C. R. N. A. Patrick Koehler
2 nd Assistant Chief David Campbell	Captain/EMT James McHugh
FF/EMT-P Shoshana Weiner	Captain/EMT Michael Beilinson
Lt./EMT Thomas Foy	Lt./EMT Jonathan Indig
Ex-Chief Michael Sperber	FF/EMT Modecai Eliyahu
FF Zachary Lang	

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns via email at iyarde@ehs.org, telephone at 718.869.7282 or regular mail at the aforementioned address.

Respectfully,

Ibis Yarde, M.D.
Director of Education, Emergency Medicine
Clerkship Director, Emergency Medicine
Attending Physician, Department of Emergency Medicine

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EXHIBIT B

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF LAWRENCE
LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF THE YEAR 2014**

A Local Law to Amend Chapter 200, Section 200-41 of the
Code of the Village of Lawrence

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Lawrence as follows:

1. Chapter 200, Section 200-41 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 200
VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**

§ 200-41. Schedule II: Speed Limits.

In accordance with the provisions of § 200-7, speed limits other than 30 miles per hour are established as indicated upon the following streets or parts of the street:

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Speed Limit (mph)</u>	<u>Location</u>
Central Avenue (east & west) (both directions)	20 mph	between Washington Ave. & Rockaway Turnpike* *(Business K District)
All Village Streets in the Business K District, as established pursuant to § 212-3 of the Village Code and as designated on the Building Zone Map.	20 mph	Business K District

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Section 2. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

EXHIBIT C

Dear Mr. Goldman,

This office represents the Lawrence-Cedarhurst Fire Department ("LCFD").

When LCFD borrowed \$2 million from Lawrence and a third party, it promised to look for refinancing of the \$2 million at a better rate.

LCFD has found such a source in Community Leasing Partners ("CLP") of Manhattan, Kansas. CLP is currently offering 4.04% financing over 15 years.

The Department is also facing replacement of a Pumper Truck which is 24 years old. The useful life of the Pumper is 20 years. CLP is offering the same interest rate with respect to financing the new Pumper Truck.

The prices of firefighting apparatus, for various reasons, has been escalating substantially for several years and the projections are that this pattern will continue.

LCFD believes that inasmuch as the replacement of the Pumper Truck is a necessity, its better to do it now rather than later, when the Truck and finance costs will increase substantially.

Below, we are outlining two proposals for refinancing.

Under Option 1, the Village would receive back its \$1.074 million loan.

Option 1

Principal \$2.5 million (Building and Truck)

Term 15 yrs., self-amortizing

Interest Rate 4.04%

Monthly payment \$18,542.35

Option 2 (Truck Only)

Principal \$500,000.00

Term 15 yrs., self-amortizing

Interest Rate 4.04%

Monthly payment \$3,708.47

In each case, the monthly payments would be allocated among our three Contract Vendees, with Lawrence's share being 53.7%.

Incorporated Village of Lawrence, December 11, 2014

Regarding the Pumper Truck, the actual total cost, when the truck is fully outfitted will be in excess of \$700,000.00.

The Department will fund the difference from its truck surplus account.

We believe that the interest rate is attractive, and doing the whole package (Option 1) resolves numerous issues in one transaction.

We request that the Village of Lawrence give consideration to these proposals.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Joseph V. Schettino

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