The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at Peninsula Public Library, 280 Central Avenue, Lawrence New York 11559.

Those members present were: Mayor Martin Oliner

Deputy Mayor C. Simon Felder

Trustee Irving Langer

Trustee Michael A. Fragin (arrived at 8:10 pm)

Also present were: David E. Smollett, Administrator

Abraham Farber, Deputy Treasurer

A. Thomas Levin, Village Attorney

Alison Cohen, Secretary to the BOT

Absent was: Trustee Joel A. Mael

Mayor Oliner opened the public work session at 7:25 PM. The Board began discussion of public items, without taking action on them.

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved to convene in Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the hiring or firing of one or more particular persons. Deputy Mayor Felder seconded. All in favor.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:30PM.

# 1. Hire part time employee

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner appointed William Reinhart as a part time employee at the Department of Public Works on a "when and as needed" basis, and moved that the appointment be approved at the rate of \$20.00 per hour, not to exceed \$30,000.00 in the calendar year. Trustee Felder seconded. All in favor.

**Board Action**: Mayor Oliner moved to expand the scope of the Executive Session to discuss matters concerning pending litigation. Trustee Felder seconded. All in favor.

## 2. Mobile Fleet collection claim for payment.

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved to settle the claim with Mobile Fleet pertaining to invoice #2074 dated November 16, 2011 in the amount of \$1,727.46, subject to Mobile Fleet replacing the lighting system they had installed in a Village vehicle with a lighting system that conforms to legal requirements. Trustee Felder seconded. All in favor.

Mayor Oliner asked that the payment in settlement of the Mobile Fleet claim be processed through an abstract for Board approval.

# 3. Gloria K Personnel Fee Agreement

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved to resolve the dispute with Gloria K Personnel regarding its claim for payment, by ratifying the placement fee agreement with Gloria K Personnel dated June 28, 2012. Trustee Felder seconded. All in favor.

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved to adjourn the Executive Session and return to Public Session. Trustee Langer seconded. All in favor.

#### The Board returned to Public Session at 8:00PM.

### **GOOD & WELFARE**

- 1. Jeffrey Lederman, Vice Chairman of the Park Commission, commended Mayor Oliner, the Trustees and the Village staff for the wonderful job they did during and after Hurricane Sandy.
- 2. Free municipal lot parking during holiday season. Mayor Oliner addressed Jackie Handel's point regarding setting the dates for free parking in the municipal lots for the holidays

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved to authorize Village Administrator Smollett to set the dates for waiver of parking fees in the Village's Municipal parking lots in accordance with dates set last year and to notify the public of same. Trustee Langer seconded. All in favor.

- 3. Deputy Mayor Felder noted that due to Hurricane Sandy, many homes have dumpsters in their driveways for debris removal, necessitating parking on the street overnight. Many cars have been ticketed for violating the 3am-5am no parking restriction. Mayor Oliner responded that the Village is issuing overnight permits to homeowners requesting them and will deal administratively with summonses that have been issued.
- 4. Resident Mrs. Kevelson said that the traffic light at the intersection of Rosalind and Broadway is not operating properly. Village Administrator Smollett said he would look into it.
- 5. Ronald Goldman, President of the Lawrence Association, commended the Mayor, Village Administration, and the Building and Highway Departments for all their care and extraordinary efforts during and after Hurricane Sandy. He noted that the Lawrence Association's next meeting is on December 26<sup>th</sup> and that Trustee Langer will address the Association regarding prospective plans for the LY&CC. He thanked the Peninsula Public Library for allowing them to hold the meeting at the Library.
- 6. Deputy Mayor Felder noted that the Town of Hempstead passed a zoning ordinance allowing for construction of third stories on homes located in flood zone "AE" since many basements were flooded and restoring them would not be practical. He recommended that the Village consider adopting similar measures.

Deputy Mayor Felder asked that the Village Administration research companies that audit utility bills and present recommendations to the Board regarding hiring a company to audit the Village's utility bills to ensure accuracy of bills and determine if cost savings are available.

Deputy Mayor Felder also asked Administrator Smollett to evaluate parking issues on Central Avenue between Andover Lane and Route 878 from a traffic and safety perspective and to consult with Village Attorney Levin regarding the legal considerations of placing signage in that location to restrict parking if deemed necessary to do so.

Approval of minutes: BOT October 18, 2012

BOT November 15, 2012

Board Action: Tabled

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Item 1 – Approve Abstracts #'s

General Fund #664, 665, 666, 667

Recreation Fund #73, 74, 75 Sewer Fund #59, 60 Trust Fund #247

Payroll #2329, 2330

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved the approval of General Fund Abstracts #664, 665, 666 and 667, with the exception of Voucher #817 for Salerno Brokerage Corp. in Abstract #665; Recreation Fund Abstracts #73, 74 and 75, with the exception of Voucher #817 for Salerno Brokerage Corp. in Abstract #73; Sewer Fund Abstracts #59 and 60, with the exception of Voucher #817 for Salerno Brokerage Corp. in Abstract #59; Trust Fund Abstract # 247, and Payroll Abstracts #2329 and #2330. Trustee Fragin seconded. All in favor.

Trustee Fragin inquired regarding the Gloria K Personnel agreement previously discussed at the November 15<sup>th</sup> BOT meeting. Administrator Smollett advised that the agreement had been ratified in Executive Session.

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved to approve the payment of previously excluded item, Voucher #678 on Abstract #663 for Gloria K Personnel. Trustee Langer seconded. The vote was as follows:

Mayor Oliner – Aye Deputy Mayor Felder – Aye Trustee Langer – Aye Trustee Fragin – Nay Motion passed.

## Item 2 – Approve LCFD Fire Protection Agreement

**Board Action:** Tabled

Item 3 – Approve LCFD firehouse construction and financing agreement

**Board Action:** Tabled

## Item 4 – Emergency plans and equipment for the future

Village Administrator Smollett discussed plans to procure, for Village inventory, emergency equipment including light towers and traffic control devices for use in possible future emergency situations. Mayor Oliner also advised that the Village is in the process of retrieving from Nassau County OEM a fully stocked emergency POD. These measures will help the Village effectively respond to possible future emergencies more independently, without having to wait for resources to be supplied by the County or State.

# Item 5 – a) Lawrence Yacht and Country Club (LY&CC) update

LY&CC Manager Leo McMahon provided an update on the clean-out and repairs at the LY&CC.

Trustee Fragin inquired regarding the late start of the tear-out and clean-up. Mayor Oliner said the Administration is evaluating all options regarding the clubhouse including restoration or possible raze and re-build. Additionally, it was necessary to solicit and carefully review proposals for cleanup since rampant price gouging ensued after the storm. In fact the first proposal received was for approximately \$350,000 and the job was awarded instead on an emergency basis to a contractor who bid approximately \$80,000. This is of particular importance since flood insurance policies are limited to \$500,000 for building damages and it is unclear at this point how much FEMA will reimburse for uncovered damages.

Trustee Langer provided an update on his discussions with architects, contractors and caterers regarding various options for rebuilding the clubhouse.

Village Attorney Levin advised that consideration of including hotel facilities in the reconstructed clubhouse would involve legal issues under New York State law requiring further legal counsel.

Jeffrey Lederman inquired regarding the timely rebuilding of the Marina. Mayor Oliner said that the bids and scope of work must be forthcoming before proceeding.

#### Item 5 – b) Dike repair update

Mayor Oliner advised that the Village is actively carrying out emergency repairs on the dike. Administrator Smollett said he had met with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Village is implementing their recommendations for emergency repairs. Mayor Oliner also reiterated that it remains unclear to what extent FEMA will provide funding for repairs throughout the Village including the dike and in the meantime the Village will work to the best of its ability to remediate the problems in an effective and responsible manner.

There being no further business, Mayor Oliner moved to convene in Executive Session to discuss matters leading to the hiring of one or more particular persons and legal advice. Trustee Langer seconded. All in favor.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 10:00 PM.

The Board returned to public session at 10:45 PM. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

This is to certify that I, David E. Smollett, read the preceding minutes, and they are in all respects a full and correct record of such proceedings.

David E. Smollett, Administrator,

Clerk/Treasurer