

Inc. Village of Lawrence, December 9, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, December 9, 2010, at Lawrence Village Hall, 196 Central Avenue, Lawrence, New York 11559.

Mayor Oliner called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM

Those members present were: Mayor Martin Oliner  
Deputy Mayor Joel A. Mael  
Trustee Edward I. Klar  
Trustee Michael A. Fragin  
Trustee Simon Felder

Also present were: David E. Smollett, Administrator, Elizabeth Kaye, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Village Attorney, A. Thomas Levin

### **GOOD AND WELFARE**

Mayor Oliner opened the Good & Welfare portion of the meeting. No members of the public that were in attendance spoke.

The Board was asked to review an aerial map of a proposed pathway on the south side of Rock Hall Road, prepared by Mr. Castro of the Building Department.

Trustee Fragin moved to approve the minutes of November 4, 2010. The motion was seconded by Trustee Felder and unanimously approved.

Trustee Felder moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting of November 16, 2010. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fragin and unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Item 1- Abstracts

Trustee Fragin identified a study that was released last week by the Empire Center that said that pension costs may rise as high as 22 percent of payroll. Trustee Fragin encouraged everyone to read it and be familiar with the risks over which we have no control.

Trustee Fragin moved to approve General Fund Abstract ## 613-617; Trust Fund Abstract # 229; Recreation Fund Abstract # 33; Sewer Fund Abstract # 34; Payroll Abstract ## 2277-2278. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mael and unanimously approved.

Trustee Klar inquired about the status of legal bills approved last month, subject to the Mayor's review. Administrator Smollett indicated that three of these bills were released, and one was still on hold.

Item 2 – Lawrence Association Request for Room Rental Fee Waiver

Ms. Handel requested use of a room at the Country Club for one Wednesday night per month through June 11, 2011, and she requested a waiver of the room rental fee for these meetings. Mayor Oliner made a motion to approve the waiver. The motion was seconded by Trustee Felder and approved upon the following vote:

Mayor Oliner -	Aye
Deputy Mayor Mael -	Aye
Trustee Klar -	Aye
Trustee Fragin -	Nay
Trustee Felder -	Aye

Trustee Klar moved to approve free parking on weekends during the holiday season. The motion was seconded by Trustee Felder and unanimously approved.

#### Item 4 –Consolidation of Inactive Bank Accounts

Administrator Smollett requested approval to consolidate inactive bank accounts with other accounts within the same Fund. The Board asked for more information on the initial reason for establishing these accounts and whether amounts from certain accounts could be transferred to other accounts but left open in case of future needs.

#### Item 5 – Park Commission’s Recommendations

Club Manager Leo McMahon presented a recommendation of the Park Commission, referred to as “Business Partners”, for the Club to partner with shops at Chelsea Piers in Manhattan, or with other businesses. Under this plan, if the Club were to receive a referral from a business, the business would receive a commission equal to 20% of the membership cost. Mr. McMahon and Ms. Charlene Cameron will be responsible for soliciting business partners.

Mayor Oliner expressed concern that commissions might be paid without a legitimate referral. Mr. McMahon indicated that a commission would not be paid unless the new member was not in any way associated with the Club prior to the referral.

Deputy Mayor Mael recommended increasing the commission to 25%.

Trustee Klar moved to accept the Park Commission’s recommendations, subject to modifying items two and seven to increase the commission on membership referrals and Business Partners referrals from 20% to 25%.

Deputy Mayor Mael indicated that he did not want to adopt the recommendations until the Board discussed each one.

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Mayor Oliner commented that the Board should not get involved with the details of each recommendation.

Deputy Mayor Mael inquired about the Newsday "People on the Move" recommendation. Mr. McMahon indicated that he intends to invite those Executives highlighted in the Newsday column who live or work within 15 miles of the Club to play golf at the Club as guests.

The Board questioned whether all the recommendations made by the Park Commission require Board approval, particularly those recommendations that do not involve finances.

Trustee Klar commented that only recommendations that involve commissions or discounts should be considered by the Board. Mayor Oliner indicated that the Board does not intend to "micromanage" the Club.

Deputy Mayor Mael recommended that rates different than the regular rates be set for off-season guests and for small golf outings.

Further discussion occurred between Deputy Mayor Mael and Mr. McMahon on the remainder of the recommendations.

Trustee Klar moved to amend his original motion and approve the following recommendations:

- Membership Referral Program-- commission of 25%
- Tennis age 35 and under-- discount of 25% off regular membership
- Business Partners-- commission of 25%

The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mael and unanimously approved.

Item 7 – Internet Policy

Mayor Oliner suggested tabling this item for the next meeting to allow the Board to review the policy.

Item 8 - Torah Procession on Beechwood Drive

Mayor Oliner moved to approve the Torah procession. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fragin and unanimously approved. Deputy Mayor Mael asked that the time frame be better defined.

Item 9 - adjourned to Executive Session

Item 6 - BBD Recommendations

Deputy Mayor Mael asked whether all referrals to the BBD are at the discretion of the Building Superintendent or if there are specific requirements followed by Mr. Ryder. Village Attorney Levin advised that the Code provided that all referrals are at the discretion of the Building Department.

Trustee Fragin asked where the guidelines followed by BBD are found as they are not part of the Code. Village Attorney Levin advised that the BBD can adopt policies or guidelines however it chooses as long as these guidelines are applied consistently and within the statutory standards. If the Board of Trustees is unhappy with these policies, it has the right to legislate the rules the BBD must follow.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Item A – Residential Street Analysis

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Administrator Smollett indicated that he was still collecting information. Item B -Tennis Membership

This schedule was given to the Board for information purposes. No action required.

Item C -Permit Parking in Village Lots

Administrator Smollett indicated that letters were delivered to merchants and that the new permit would be effective January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **REPORTS**

Trustees and members of the public made several comments related to various matters including:

- security cameras
- traffic studies
- the dispatching through Long Beach instead of Firecom
- William Street Study
- house numbers stenciled on Lawrence Avenue with paint more visible at night
- continued vigilance related to house security

A discussion on thru-lots occurred between the Board and Building Superintendent Ryder.

There being no further public session business before the Board, at 9:35 pm Trustee Fragin moved to go to Executive Session to discuss matters relating to the hiring, firing or disciplinary action with respect to one or more employees and matters pertaining to pending or potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Klar and unanimously approved.

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The Board returned to public session. At 10:20 pm, Trustee Klar moved to close the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fragin and unanimously approved.

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.

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David E. Smollett, Administrator,  
Clerk/ Treasurer