

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at Lawrence Yacht & Country Club, 101 Causeway, Lawrence, New York 11559.

Those members present were: Mayor Martin Oliner  
Deputy Mayor C. Simon Felder (arrived at 8:15 p.m.)  
Trustee Michael A. Fragin  
Trustee Irving Langer  
Trustee Alex H. Edelman

Also present were: Ronald Goldman, Village Administrator  
Gerry Castro, Deputy Village Administrator (arrived at 7:40 p.m.)  
Village Attorney, Peter Bee Esq.  
Alison Cohen, Secretary to the BOT

The Board convened in Work Session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss various agenda items.

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner motioned to go into Executive Session in order to discuss a personnel matter. Trustee Edelman seconded the motion. All in favor.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss the aforementioned matter.

There was no Board Action taken during Executive Session.

**REGULAR MEETING** - Mayor Oliner called the regular meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

### **GOOD & WELFARE**

1. Carey Gruenbaum of 34 Doughty Blvd., who lives across the street from the Inwood Train Station, requested the Board's attention to share some experiences regarding the people loitering at the station. He had previously addressed the Board at the December 15, 2015 meeting and reiterated the feeling of being "uncomfortable" when the men are outside homes "for hours at a time, seeing when everyone leaves".

Mayor Oliner interjected to give an update with regard to the actions taken by the Village, since last month's BOT meeting. Physical changes were made within the last two days including placement of fencing and curb cuts placed to try to ameliorate the situation. The plan going forward also includes the possible placing of garbage cans, rocks and landscaping as well. In an effort to make trespassing inconvenient, these physical changes have been made in concert

with enforcement by the Nassau County Police Department, which to date seems ineffective according to the residents.

Administrator Goldman stated that he has spoken with the Police Department in an effort to have them enforce the no trespassing code. Discussion ensued in this regard. Mayor Oliner stated that the Village would monitor the situation on a daily basis.

Jeffrey Hirth asked if the people loitering have been asked to move. Trustee Edelman suggested that the priest from the Spanish Church be contacted as well as the Police Relations Officer, which every community has. Some of the resident children spoke and gave witness regarding their experiences and feelings on the matter.

Trustee Fragin stated that the focus should be on the employers who illegally drive into the Village's lot to conduct their business, which is trespassing. Trustee Edelman responded that this was "the old immigration argument". The discussion continued. Resident Richard Gordon explained that he felt this was a dangerous situation and described a typical day's events, expressing his discontent. Mayor Oliner stated that what the Village has been doing has not worked to date and it is time to "go to Plan B". The Mayor stated that he and the Board are extremely sympathetic with the residents and also sympathetic to the people who want to get jobs. Deputy Mayor Felder interjected that no one would be comfortable with this type of situation outside their home on a daily and constant basis. The Mayor added that he would do everything in his power to try to find a solution and get back to the residents within the next week. The residents thanked the Mayor and Board for their efforts.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of minutes:** BOT November 12, 2015  
BOT December 15, 2015

No Board action was taken.

### **Item 1 – Approve Abstracts #'s**

**General Fund #772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778**  
**Recreation Fund #193, 194**

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved the approval of General Fund Abstracts #772, #773, #774, #775, #776, #777 and after it was discovered that the Sewer Fund Abstract (#93) was incorrectly coded and printed (for supplies; \$225.00 to Empire Poly Plastic Corp.), General Fund Abstract #778 was created/added. Trustee Fragin seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding the interest on the NYS Dept. of Labor late fee(s), which was to be further researched and resolved for review at the next BOT meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>. All in favor.

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved the approval of Recreation Fund Abstracts #193 and #194. Trustee Langer seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Item 2 - Appointments for 2015 – 2016**

This item was tabled until the February 4, 2016 BOT meeting.

**Item 3 – Park Commission Recommendations**

- a) Approve Golf Course maintenance dead tree removal proposal

LY&CC General Manager Leo McMahon stated that four proposals were received for the dead tree removal. The lowest responsible quote was from Weeping Willow Tree Service in the amount of \$7,500.00, with whom the Village has worked with before. Mr. McMahon has been satisfied with their work in the past. Mayor Oliner noted that on the Weeping Willow proposal, there were two different numbered proposals and amounts, as well as John Ramalho’s proposal. It seemed that the specifications differed, which made an “apples for apples” comparison difficult. This item was tabled until the next BOT meeting on February 4, 2016. The quotes must have the same line by line information per Mr. Adam Thomas’ specifications. Mr. McMahon stated that he would have the corrected paperwork by then.

**Board Action:** No Board action was taken.

- b) Approve equipment purchase to improve Fairway conditions

This item was removed from the agenda.

**Item 4 - Approve Resolution to set the Village election date on June 21, 2016 and polling place**

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved the approval of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Election Law, the Board of Trustees is required, to designate the polling place for the village election to be held on June 21, 2016, and the hours of election,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the polling place for the village election to be held on June 21, 2016 shall be Village Hall, Village of Lawrence, 196 Central Avenue, Lawrence, New York, and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the hours of the said village election shall be from 7 am to 9 p.m., inclusive.

Trustee Langer seconded the motion. All in favor.

### **Item 5 – Approve vendor for maintenance of Village I.T. system**

Deputy Village Administrator Castro explained that after reviewing the four prior bids from four different companies regarding the Village's I.T. system, equipment and maintenance, he has chosen one vendor. Currently the Village is only looking for I.T. system maintenance service, not equipment/hardware, as previously specified and included in the prior bids; so the bids had to be modified. Mr. Castro explained that the company he chose was Atlaz, who would provide remote service, remote monitoring, as well as unlimited on-site service during regular business hours and weekends if necessary for the LY&CC; at a rate of \$2,400.00 per month plus \$50 per week for the stand-by on Saturday and Sunday for the Recreation/LY&CC. Discussion ensued in this regard.

Jeffrey Hirth from Full City Tech requested the opportunity to re-quote, to include on-site service at a more competitive rate, which differed from the original bid including hardware. A competitive bid is not required for "only professional services". Mayor Oliner instructed Mr. Castro to have the companies quote on the same specific itemized list, per his design, that supports the Village's requirements and get back to the Board with the results and his recommendation at the next BOT meeting on February 4, 2016.

**Board Action:** No Board action was taken.

### **Item 6 – Approve resurfacing of the tennis courts at the LY&CC**

LY&CC General Manager Leo McMahon stated that he had four quotes to resurface the LY&CC tennis courts. Championship Tennis Courts LLC is the lowest responsible proposal/bidder by a large amount. Mr. McMahon added that they have reconditioned the LY&CC courts in the past. After reviewing the proposals, Mr. McMahon and Deputy Village Administrator Castro have concluded that Championship Tennis Courts LLC is the vendor of choice for the Village at a price of \$26,487.00.

The Mayor explained that the Village was not in possession of a finalized contract/agreement in this regard and requested the authority to execute said contract once it is finalized to the satisfaction of Village Attorney Peter Bee, Mr. Castro and the Mayor, himself.

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved to be empowered to execute a finalized Agreement with Championship Tennis Courts LLC, at a price of \$26,487.00, to resurface all nine (9) tennis courts at the LY&CC. Trustee Langer seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Oliner re-introduced Dr. Allan Simon, the newly elected President of the Men's Tennis Club. Dr. Simon thanked the Mayor and Board for the approval to resurface the LY&CC tennis courts. Dr. Simon inquired as to whether or not the tennis professional's contract had been executed or not as of yet, to which Administrator Goldman responded

that it had not. Mayor Oliner stated that there were some issues being worked out but that it would be executed in the near future.

**Item 7 – Set a Public Hearing to consider a Local Law to repeal the Village Code Appendix setting Building Department Fees so that Fees can instead be set by Resolution of the Board of Trustees**

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved the approval of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Lawrence Board of Trustees (“Board of Trustees”) is considering a local law to repeal the Village’s Schedule of License and Permit Fees, Appendix A219-1 to the Village Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed action is a Type II Action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and therefore, no further environmental review is required.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees shall conduct a public hearing at 8:00 P.M. on the 4th day of February, 2016, at Village Hall, 196 Central Avenue, Lawrence, New York 11559, at which time all persons wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to such local law shall be given their opportunity.

Trustee Edelman seconded the motion. All in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) Trustee Edelman raised the issue of the most recent Lawrence Board of Education meeting regarding the neon sign in front of the Lawrence Middle School. He stated that the residents, in essence, got nowhere expressing their discontent, and that Trustee Murray Foreman said to “get used to it”. Nassau Herald Editor Jeffrey Bessen expressed his opinion, adding, that while he did not live there, he did not think that the sign was terribly obtrusive, to which Trustee Edelman responded that many residents felt the extreme opposite. Discussion ensued in this regard.
- 2) Trustee Fragin requested an update regarding the status of the new Village website. Deputy Administrator Castro responded that the design layout and content were underway and that he is in contact with the vendor. The initial process of the communication and uploading (by the vendor) is slow, but once the website is up and running, it will be an “open system”.
- 3) Trustee Fragin once inquired as to the emergency procedures in place for the Village, as previously discussed by the Board. Mayor Oliner responded that there would be someone “on call” each and every day, per a schedule/list arranged by Administrator Goldman, that could be reached by telephone. Administrator Goldman added that he has a standard emergency management plan/manual awaiting review by Counsel, ready for implementation.

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There being no further business, on motion by Trustee Fragin, seconded by Mayor Oliner and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 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.



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Ronald Goldman, Administrator,  
Clerk/Treasurer