

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, January 5, 2015 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 8:00 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. J. Lawrence Kolodny of 10 Boxwood Lane thanked the Mayor and Board for taking care of the drainage issue on his street.
2. Trustee Fragin stated that he felt strongly that the BOT meetings should remain calendared on the second Thursday of each month unless there is a holiday or a situation which prevents a quorum.
3. Trustee Fragin noted the passing of a former Lawrence-Cedarhurst Fire Department Chief, Anthony Montilli, who served with distinction for many years and was a fixture in the community. Trustee Fragin also noted that he represented the Village at Firefighter Joe Sanford's funeral, reminding all that the LCFD firefighters are volunteers and the other first responders who consistently put their lives on the line for the community. Trustee Fragin congratulated new LCFD Chief Anthony Rivelli Jr. and attended his swearing in on New Year's Eve.
4. Trustee Fragin inquired why there was no police officer present (as had been discussed last meeting) to address the rise in the number of "break-ins" in the Village. Discussion ensued. Administrator Goldman noted that there is a new Deputy Inspector/Commanding Officer at the 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct. Deputy Inspector Psoinas is no longer there, the new Commanding Officer is Inspector John F. Berry Jr.

- Trustee Fragin raised the issue of the illegal posting/postering of notices. Administrator Goldman responded that the Village was on top of the situation and removes the posters/postings immediately and when possible, contacts the parties responsible. Mayor Oliner instructed Building Superintendent Michael Ryder to issue summonses.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of minutes:** BOT December 11, 2014

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved the approval of the December 11, 2014 BOT meeting minutes. Trustee Langer seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>#739, 740</b>
<b>Recreation Fund</b>	<b>#162, 163</b>
<b>Sewer Fund</b>	<b>#86</b>
<b>Trust Fund</b>	<b>#268</b>
<b>Payroll</b>	<b>#2385</b>

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved the approval of General Fund Abstracts #739 and #740. Trustee Fragin seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved the approval of Recreation Fund Abstracts #162 and #163. Trustee Langer seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved the approval of Sewer Fund Abstract #86. Trustee Edelman seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved the approval of Trust Fund Abstract #268. Trustee Langer seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved the approval of Payroll Abstract #2385. Trustee Edelman seconded the motion. All in favor.

### **Item 2 – Appointments for 2014 – 2015**

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved the approval of the following appointments to the Board of Building Design, each for a term of one year, expiring June 30, 2015:

Benjamin Sporn – reappointed Chairman, BBD  
Barbara Kupferstein – reappointed member BBD  
Barry Pomerantz – reappointed member BBD

Ronni Berman – reappointed member BBD  
Eva Staiman – reappointed member BBD  
Myrna Breitman – reappointed alternate member BBD  
Shoshana Weinstock – reappointed alternate member BBD  
Seth (Uri) Ottensoser – appointed alternate member BBD

With the exception of Trustee Fragin who abstained the rest of the Board concurred.

### **Item 3 – Public Hearing to amend the Village Code regarding the Board of Zoning Appeals**

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved to open the Public Hearing to amend the Village Code regarding the Board of Zoning Appeals (proposed Local Law attached hereto as Exhibit “A”). Trustee Edelman seconded the motion. All in favor

Trustee Fragin noted that as he had discussed with Village Counsel clarification is requested to determine whether or not this proposed Law is contradicted by the New York State Village Law.

Resident Jeffrey Hirth requested an explanation of the proposed Law. Mayor Oliner responded that the notion is to expand the Board from a five (5) member Board to a seven (7) member Board.

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved to continue/postpone the Public Hearing open regarding the Board of Zoning Appeals until the March 12, 2015 BOT meeting. Trustee Langer seconded the motion. All in favor.

### **Item 4 – Approve LY&CC Tree Proposal**

Mayor Oliner requested that Adam Thomas, of Valley Crest, explain this item wherein he clarified that there were fourteen (14) trees being purchased, of various varieties, each about fifteen (15) feet tall; that will grow to about forty (40) feet tall. They are all guaranteed for one (1) year. The old, dead trees are being removed. This item is not covered by the Village’s insurance. Discussion ensued in this regard.

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved the approval of Bocci Landscaping, Inc., the lowest responsible proposal for the LY&CC Tree Proposal, encompassing the purchase and planting of fourteen (14) trees; as well as the removal of the existing dead trees, in the amount of \$6,200.00. Trustee Edelman seconded the motion. All in favor.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) Resident Jacqueline Handel inquired as to the status of the Local Law #5 of 2014 to lower the speed limit to 20 mph in the Village of Lawrence Business District, which was approved at the December 11, 2014 BOT meeting. Mayor Oliner explained that the legality of said Law, which was challenged by Eugene Falik of

Far Rockaway at that meeting, was being researched and pending the outcome, was on hold for now. Discussion ensued in this regard.

- 2) Trustee Fragin inquired as to the progress of the previously discussed improvement of the Village's website. Administrator Goldman stated that he and Mr. Hirth had met, reviewed the Village's current IT provider and that Mr. Hirth had a proposal whose budgetary guidelines needs to be discussed with the Mayor.
- 3) Mayor Oliner requested an update with regard to the Muni-meters' installation. Administrator Goldman responded that the new Muni-meters should arrive within the next two weeks, at the outside.
- 4) Mayor Oliner stated that the Village is looking at the possibility of new street signs throughout the Village and invited suggestions in this regard as well as improving the illumination from the street lights. Discussion ensued in this regard. Mayor Oliner requested that Administrator Goldman research if PSE&G charges less for LED lighting versus the sodium street lights, since the Village pays per light and not the amount of energy used. The current clarity of each of the fixtures needs to be addressed as well, so that whichever type of light is used, the maximum illumination is able to be shown. It was also suggested that the Village determine if the fixtures need to be replaced or just cleaned.

On motion by Mayor Oliner, seconded by Trustee Langer and unanimously approved the Board convened in Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. to discuss matters of personnel.

There being no further business, on motion by Trustee Edelman, seconded by Trustee Langer 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

**EXHIBIT A**

**VILLAGE OF LAWRENCE  
LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2015**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED  
“APPEALS, BOARD OF”**

**BE IT AMENDED and ENACTED** by the Village of Lawrence Board of Trustees, as follows:

A:

6.1 Supersession

Pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 10(l)(ii)(e)(3) and other provisions of State law vesting in the Village Board of Trustees, the following sections of the Village Law are hereby amended and superseded with respect to the Village of Lawrence, to read as follows:

§ 7-712, Subdivision 2. Appointment of members. The existing five-member Board of Appeals of the Village of Lawrence is ~~continued~~ expanded to a seven-member Board. All **existing** members of such Board **of Appeals** may continue to serve on such board for the remainder of the terms for which they were duly appointed. **The Mayor, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, shall immediately, upon adoption of this local law amendment, appoint two (2) new members of the Board of Appeals with terms that expire on June 30, 2017.** The **Mayor, subject to the approval of the Board of** Trustees, shall appoint the members of the Board of Appeals and the chairperson and vice-chairperson, **if any**, thereof. In the absence of the chairperson and vice-chairperson, the Board of Appeals may designate a member to serve as acting chairperson. The Board of Trustees may appoint and provide for compensation to be paid to experts, clerks and a secretary and provide for such other expenses as may be necessary and proper, not exceeding the appropriation made by the Board of Trustees for such purpose.

§ 7-712, Subdivision 4. Terms of members.

- (a) Each member of the Board of Appeals in office at the effective date of this law may continue to hold office for the balance of the term for which each such member was appointed. Upon the expiration of each such term, the successor to each such member shall be appointed for a term of three official years.
- (b) The appointment of the two (2) new members to the Board of Appeals, as provided for above, shall be for terms of office that

expire on June 30, 2017, and upon the expiration of such terms, the successors to such members shall serve terms of three official years.

- (c) The appointment and designation as chairperson and vice-chairperson, **if any, for the incumbent member(s) of the Board of Appeals as of the date of the adoption of this local law amendment shall expire on June 30, 2015, and** upon the expiration of such term(s), the successor(s) to such appointment and designation as chairperson and vice-chairperson, if any, shall serve term(s) of one official year. The term of office of the chairperson and vice-chairperson, **if any,** shall be ~~eoterminous~~ with such member's term of office as a member of the Board of Appeals **one (1) official year.**

B: This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.