

Inc. Village of Lawrence, March 31, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, March 31, 2011, at Lawrence Village Hall, 196 Central Avenue, Lawrence, New York 11559.

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

Also present were: David E. Smollett, Administrator, Elizabeth Kaye, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Oliner opened the meeting at 8:00 pm.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Item 1 – Public Hearing on Tentative Budget

At 8:05 pm, Mayor Oliner opened the Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget for fiscal year 2011-2012.

The Tentative Budget proposes a tax rate of \$68.98 per \$100 of assessed value, representing a reduction from the current year's rate of \$71.60. Mayor Oliner supported the proposed rate reduction due to the Village's sizeable fund balance. The remainder of the Board indicated a preference for no rate change because of a number of uncertainties, such as open labor and fire contracts, funding of Club expenses, and other items.

As there were no comments from the public, at 9:15 pm Trustee Fragin moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Klar and unanimously approved.

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Trustee Klar moved to adopt the 2011-2012 Tentative Budget as final in all respects except for the change in the tax rate to \$71.60 per \$100 of assessed value and the associated adjustment in the appropriated fund balance. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fragin and unanimously approved.

The Board tabled approval of the minutes to the next meeting.

#### Item 2 - Abstracts

Deputy Mayor Mael asked Administrator Smollett to obtain quotes from other credit card companies. Trustee Fragin moved to approve General Fund Abstract #'s 621, 622, 623; Recreation Fund Abstract #'s 36, 37, 38; Sewer Fund Abstract #'s 37, 38 and Payroll Abstract # 2286. The motion was seconded by Trustee Klar and unanimously approved.

#### Item 3 – Set Public Hearing for Annual Stormwater Management Report

Mayor Oliner moved to schedule the public hearing to present the Annual Stormwater Management Report for May 12, 2011 at 8:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mael and unanimously approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Item A - Tide Gate

Administrator Smollett informed the Board that he was awaiting quotes from other vendors for the purchase of a duck-bill check valve for the Tide Gate.

#### Item B - CNA Settlement

Deputy Mayor Mael moved to accept a payment of \$75,000 from CNA Insurance in settlement of an overbilling on the part of CNA Insurance during its time as the

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Village's insurance carrier. The motion was seconded by Trustee Klar and unanimously approved.

Item C - Flood Insurance

The Board tabled approval of flood insurance on the outer buildings at the Club pending further review of the "contents" portion of the quote from Salerno Insurance.

### **GOOD & WELFARE**

Mayor Oliner acknowledged Mr. Ronald Goldman, who has stepped down after having served the Village for many years as Court Prosecutor and as Attorney for the ZBA and other Boards.

Ms. Kevelson, Lawrence Association President, requested that she receive copies of the monthly reports in advance of the Board meetings.

At 9:45 p.m., there being no further public session business before the Board, Deputy Mayor Mael moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to pending or potential litigation and matters pertaining to the hiring, firing, or discipline of one or more particular persons. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fragin and unanimously approved.

The Board returned to public session at 10:45 pm. Deputy Mayor Mael moved to close the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Klar 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