

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, November 12, 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
Gerry Castro, Deputy Village Administrator
Jean Gribbins, Deputy Treasurer
Village Attorney, Peter Bee Esq.
Alison Cohen, Secretary to the BOT

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to receive advice of Counsel on various agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Board Action was taken during the Executive Session.

REGULAR MEETING - Mayor Oliner called the regular meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

Former Mayor Nadim Ammar, Col. (Res) Moneeb Bader and Shoshana Bekerman of the Israeli Druze Association, guests of Mayor Oliner visited with the Board of Trustees prior to the meeting and expressed appreciation of the operation of local village government.

GOOD & WELFARE

1. Park Commission Chairman Howard Siskind requested an update to confirm the sand/bunker situation for the LY&CC golf course in order to report the information to the Men's Club that evening. Mayor Oliner confirmed various conversations that had taken place with Valley Crest President John Crowder and that the Mayor anticipated receiving authorization from the Board that evening to continue negotiating with him regarding the native sand, 75/25 sand and 50/50 sand issue as well as the matter of the \$20,000/\$21,000 payment. Mayor Oliner went on to explain what had been discussed with Mr. Crowder. The LY&CC will be getting the 50/50 sand either way and the Mayor, with the Board's permission, will work out the matter of possible payment and extending the Valley Crest contract/agreement for two years. Mayor Oliner added that Mr. Crowder has repeatedly promised a rendering of the project, which has not yet been received. The Mayor requested that LY&CC General Manager Leo McMahon follow up

with regard to obtaining this rendering to display at the LY&CC and submit to the Nassau Herald for publication.

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved a resolution authorizing him to compromise and settle the Valley Crest claim regarding the responsibility for the sand, at a cost not to exceed \$21,000.00. Trustee Edelman seconded the motion. All in favor.

2. Norman Pinn of Sealy Drive came to publically thank the Village of Lawrence's Highway Department/DPW, including Building Inspector Leo Romanelli and Building Superintendent Gerry Castro, for the great job they did in overseeing and supervising the concrete roadwork and repairs to Sealy Drive.
3. Trustee Fragin in noting the longer darkness and nighttime hours due to Daylight Savings Time, raised the issue of the "lack of lighting", street light outages, and overall Village light issues and stated that the Village is "dark". Trustee Fragin requested an update regarding the possibility of installing new LED light fixtures throughout the Village. Administrator Ronald Goldman responded that he and Mr. Castro were already investigating the option of possibly using a "kit" to replace the lenses as well as the bulbs (with LED's) on the current light fixtures that Mittman Electric has already procured samples of, since the prior two LED light samples were either too expensive or just not the "right fit". Administrator Goldman and Mr. Castro are scheduling a meeting with Mittman Electric in this regard and also to review possible locations where adding a brand new pole between two existing poles for additional light, might be an option. Mr. Goldman added that he, Mr. Castro and LY&CC General Manager Leo McMahon had a meeting that morning to explore the cost savings that replacing the current internal lighting at the LY&CC facility with LED lights, as well as eventually Village Hall and the DPW, would garner; especially with the current rebates being offered by PSEG.

With regard to the street lights on Route 878, Administrator Goldman reported that he and Mayor Oliner attended a meeting with Assemblyman Goldfeder and others to ascertain how to move forward and remedy this situation. Another meeting has been scheduled in this regard.

Pertaining to any street light outages it was noted that any locations observed with outages need to be called in to Village Hall to be reported to and addressed by Mittman Electric. Trustee Fragin stated that Mittman Electric needs to be more vigilant in their patrols of the Village for these outages. Mayor Oliner requested that Assistant Highway Superintendent Ralph Russo be cognizant of possible street light issues during his morning route.

4. Trustee Edelman requested an update regarding the sign in front of the Lawrence Middle School, on Broadway. Administrator Goldman stated that he

had spoken with the school authorities who have publicly committed to reducing the usage and time that the sign is "on". They have also agreed to shut off the sign on religious holidays. Mayor Oliner added that he is personally working with Mrs. Chani Friedman (of 184 Broadway), assisting her to be proactive in this regard. It was noted that Superintendent Gary Schall's brother had recently passed away and condolences on behalf of the Village were extended.

5. Mayor Oliner reported that the Village has reached an Agreement with the Union and invited Tax Assessor and Registrar Lina Fusco, who was instrumental in reaching this Agreement, to come up and speak in this regard. Village Attorney Peter Bee signed the Agreement on behalf of the Mayor. Ms. Fusco stated that the Union would now take a ratification vote from its members and thanked Mayor Oliner. Union President, Vincent Biondo, thanked Mayor Oliner on behalf of the Union and the rest of the employees, for his negotiating this Agreement. Mayor Oliner thanked and commended Mr. Biondo, the "chairmanship" of Ms. Fusco for taking the lead in negotiations, Dave Sarnelli and Ralph Russo for all of their efforts in this regard and all their hard work. Ms. Fusco thanked the Mayor and Board for reaching a resolution so we can get beyond this and move forward. Mayor Oliner added that he was acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Village Administrator Ronald Goldman and Deputy Village Administrator Gerry Castro and acknowledged their assistance as well.

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved the ratification of the act of Village Attorney Peter Bee signing the Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of himself, the Mayor. Trustee Edelman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved to be authorized to "finish this", upon ratification by the Union of the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and to authorize the Mayor to execute a Collective Bargaining Agreement incorporating the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement when same is prepared. Trustee Edelman seconded the motion. Trustee Langer stated for the record that Mayor Oliner did a phenomenal job. Trustee Edelman added that the Board concurred unanimously. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of minutes: BOT October 29, 2015

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved the approval of the October 29, 2015 BOT meeting minutes with one change; the deletion of paragraph #1 of Good and Welfare. Trustee Edelman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 1 – Approve Abstracts #'s

General Fund #769

Recreation Fund #190

Sewer Fund # 91

Payroll #2404, 2405

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved the approval of General Fund Abstract #769. Trustee Langer seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding the parameters of All Covered's servicing of the Village's I.T. and computer equipment. All in favor.

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved the approval of Recreation Fund Abstract #190. Trustee Langer seconded the motion. The issue of repairing nineteen (19) ice eaters at the Marina, and the cost for each, by vendor Aeration Power Systems, Inc., was discussed. All in favor with the exception of Voucher AE696 for Aeration Power Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$5,437.03; pending Gerry Castro's review and approval.

Mayor Oliner stated that the following procedure must be followed, for the record that all mechanical items, including all expenditures at the LY&CC, need to be approved by Deputy Village Administrator Castro; before review and final authorization by Village Administrator Goldman.

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved the approval of Sewer Fund Abstract #91. Trustee Fragin seconded the motion. All in favor.

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved the approval of Payroll Abstracts #2404 and #2405. Trustee Langer seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 2 - Appointments for 2015 – 2016

This item was tabled until the December 15, 2015 BOT meeting.

Item 3 – Reaffirm Village Policies for 2015 – 2016

- **Procurement Policy**
- **Vehicle Use Policy**
- **Electronic Communication Systems Policy**
- **Workplace Violence Policy**
- **Investment Policy**

This item was tabled until the December 15, 2015 BOT meeting.

Item 4 – Approve proposed Holiday Parking in Lots

Administrator Goldman proposed continuing the annual practice of the Village regarding the annual tradition of free holiday parking in Lots #3 and #4, on Saturdays and Sundays for six weeks, beginning Thanksgiving and running through January 3, 2016. Discussion ensued in this regard.

Mayor Oliner announced that 25 new parking meters had been purchased to spearhead the process of replacing the Village's broken meters. The parts of the older or broken meters that are being replaced will be used for the repair of any additional broken meters going forward.

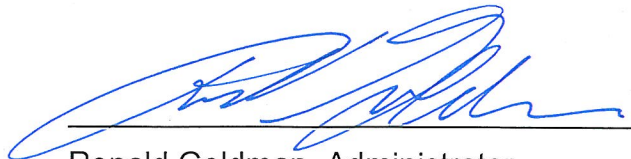
Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved to approve the annual tradition of free holiday parking in Lots #3 and #4, on Saturdays and Sundays for six weeks, beginning Thanksgiving (November 28th) and running through January 3, 2016. Trustee Fragin seconded the motion. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Trustee Fragin raised the issue of the Inwood Train Station parking lot signage reading "permit parking only". Trustee Fragin would like the signage to be clarified to reflect the rules to read "permit parking 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.". Discussion ensued and resulted in the possibility of "re-thinking" the 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. timeframe, versus a 24 hour timeframe; with no parking 3:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. In addition, Trustee Fragin raised the possibility of the ability to park after hours and on weekends in the train station for people who don't normally commute on a regular basis, but would like to go to New York City.
- 2) Deputy Mayor Felder requested that more two hour parking signage be placed in very visible areas throughout the Village as he has gotten a number of complaints from residents. Administrator Goldman stated that the aforementioned signage is already posted at every major point of entry into the Incorporated Village of Lawrence. Discussion ensued in this regard.
- 3) Per suggestion by LY&CC General Manager Leo McMahon, Mayor Oliner stated that since the Village's golf course is so wonderful and extraordinary, he thought it might be smart to consider the possibility of having an assessment on the members, going forward. Mr. McMahon explained that the assessment could either be charged to the members, or 1% or 2% could be taken out of their dues and put into a capital fund for course improvements.

There being no further business, on motion by Mayor Oliner, seconded by Trustee Langer and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 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.



Ronald Goldman, Administrator,
Clerk/Treasurer