

Inc. Village of Lawrence, September 2, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, September 2, 2010, at the Lawrence Village Hall, 196 Central Avenue, Lawrence, New York 11559.

Mayor Oliner called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM

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

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

Those members absent were: Trustee C. Simon Felder

New Business

Mayor Oliner opened the Good & Welfare portion of the meeting.

Mr. Aaron Felder, Monroe Street, spoke to the Board about the need to continue a paved walkway/shoulder along Rock Hall Road to Causeway so residents would not have to walk on grass or in the street. Mr. Felder referred to a petition dated August 27, 2010 which had been submitted to Mayor Oliner and signed by some residents in the Harbor Bay section requesting this walkway. The Board discussed options including cutting through the Country Club parking lot. Administrator Smollett indicated that he would look at the area and advise the Board.

Mr. Sohn, Regent Drive, complained to the Board about the length of time (measured 1 minute 45 seconds) that the light remains red in the east-west direction at the intersection of Lawrence and Central Avenues. As a result, cars cut-through Regent Drive to avoid the wait which poses a danger to pedestrians. Another concern mentioned were the tall hedges at the intersection of Regent and Wedgewood. Mr.

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Sohn asked if the Board would consider a No-Parking restriction on the north-side of Regent Drive. Mayor Oliner indicated that the request would be taken under advisement.

Dr. Sicklick – Emergency Management

Dr. Sicklick, Emergency Management Liaison, updated the Board on emergency management items. Dr. Sicklick noted the need for all residents to enroll in the reverse 911 service and for the Village to acquire all residents' email addresses.

Dr. Sicklick informed the Board that kosher meals had been purchased by the Red Cross and were temporarily being stored at New Hyde Park High School until they could be moved to West Hempstead High School. Dr. Sicklick discussed the need to recruit volunteers to be trained for non-flood emergencies. In addition, Dr. Sicklick commended the Village for pruning trees before the projected weekend storm.

Deputy Mayor Mael commented as follows:

- 1) Trees that came down during the March storm were mostly on private property and not dead
- 2) The Village had tried in the past to enroll all residents in email notification. The Village should do a mailing marked "Urgent Notice which would draw more attention.
- 3) Asked if there was a distribution site in Far Rockaway. Trustee Fragin responded that Belmont Raceway was the closest distribution point, which did not have kosher meals.

Public Hearing Intro Bill L9-10 to amend Code for Alternate Members of the Zoning and Planning Boards

At 8:35 pm, Trustee Fragin moved to open the public hearing, which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mael and unanimously approved.

There being no comments from the public, Trustee Fragin moved to close the public hearing which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mael and unanimously approved.

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Trustee Klar moved to adopt Intro Bill L9-10 as Local Law 7 of 2010, which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mael and unanimously approved.

Minutes

Trustee Fragin moved to approve the minutes of July 13, 2010 which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mael and unanimously approved.

Trustee Klar moved to approve the minutes of July 25, 2010, which was seconded by Trustee Fragin, and approved by all with the exception of Trustee Fragin who was not at the meeting and abstained from voting.

The Board tabled approval of the August 14, 2010 minutes to the October meeting pending further revision.

Reports

Trustee Fragin informed the Board that he had discussed the problem of teenagers congregating at the "triangle" at the corner of Washington Avenue and Barrett Road. Trustee Fragin indicated that Police would be providing greater surveillance of the area. The Board discussed the need to find an alternative place for teenagers to assemble. Mayor Oliner indicated the need to contact the synagogues and schools to discuss the situation.

The Board commented that the Abstracts and Financial Reports generated from the upgraded financial software were missing certain information. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Kaye indicated that new reports would be generated with the missing information and sent to the Board.

The Board discussed the Abstracts of Audited Vouchers. Trustee Fragin questioned claims from Five Towns Auto Glass to reimburse an employee for a broken windshield and a claim from JMC Contracting for debris removal.

Trustee Fragin moved to approve Abstracts #'s 606-608 (General Fund) with the

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exception of the claim by JMC Contracting, 225 (Trust Fund), 26-28 (Rec. Fund) with
the exception of the claim from Five Towns Auto Glass, 28-30(Sewer Fund) and 2269-
2271(Payroll), which was seconded by Trustee Klar, and approved by all with the
exception of Deputy Mayor Mael who abstained.

Mayor Oliner re-opened Good & Welfare.

Mr. Katz, Ventana Court, presented the Board with copies of correspondence
recounting how the Village had damaged his plantings and the front part of his driveway
when it dug up an area for emergency sewer work. Mr. Katz complained that the
Village restored part of the driveway without any notice and that the contrast of new and
old asphalt on the driveway was unattractive. Mr. Katz' requested a reimbursement for
one-half the cost to repave his entire driveway or \$4,700.00 as stated in his letter of
June 27th. Administrator Smollett explained that the area dug up was Village property
and that Mr. Katz had initially been offered \$1,000 for any damage. The Village
repaved part of the driveway which was Mr. Katz' property in order to cover some dents
left by Village machinery.

Trustee Klar informed Mr. Katz that planting in the Village right-of-way is at one's
own risk; however, the Village should have given proper notice of its intention to repave
part of the driveway.

Mayor Oliner indicated that the Board would take the situation under advisement.

Country Club Catering Room Rental Fees – tabled to the next meeting

Old Business

Deputy Mayor Mael requested that the No Parking sign on Waverly Place be
moved to allow room for three to four more cars to park on that side. Administrator
Smollett indicated that he would look at the site. Deputy Mayor Mael moved to approve
moving the No Parking sign on Waverly Place pending inspection by Administrator
Smollett, seconded by Trustee Klar and unanimously approved.

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The Board discussed a situation where a homeowner had placed stones/rocks in the Village's right-of-way. Deputy Mayor Mael recalled a policy adopted several years ago which prohibited this practice for liability reasons. Administrator Smollett was instructed to notify the resident of the violation.

Trustee Fragin inquired about the following old business items:

- overnight parking permits. Deputy Mayor Mael commented that the Board needed to wait until school opened to analyze the Frost Lane parking lot.
- need to look into restricted parking on one side of Beechwood and Frost

Trustee Fragin reported that next year's pension contribution was expected to be 16.3% of payroll.

Trustee Klar asked about the status of the bids for Phase III of the golf course renovation. Administrator Smollett indicated that a pre-bid meeting was held and the bids were due this month.

Administrator Smollett informed the Board that plans for three additional road improvements approved at the July 25th meeting were almost complete. Mayor Oliner indicated that Ivy Street would be done by the Village Highway Department.

Administrator Smollett reported that the Request for Proposal for a second kosher caterer which had been authorized at the August 14th meeting was being worked on.

Mayor Oliner asked the Board for specific approval of July vouchers which had been emailed to the Board in August (and was included in the approvals at this meeting). Trustee Klar moved to approve the July vouchers, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mael and unanimously approved by all.

Deputy Mayor Mael reported that many cars parked at the Post Office were actually commuters taking up Post Office spots. Administrator Smollett reported that he

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had talked to the Post Office about turning the spots into 30 minute parking spots.

Trustee Fragin reported that the NYC No Parking signs placed in the Village on Central Avenue had been moved but the Village needed to put up its own No Parking signs.

Mayor Oliner reported that the Building Department had issued 69 summonses for no Certificates of Occupancy.

Mayor Oliner noted that he had offered the following terms as restitution for non-working air conditioning for affairs held at the Club:

- Temple Yehudah Tsvi would be issued a room rental credit to be applied to next year's affair
- Mrs. Nahon - a refund of \$500.00 for her wedding

There being no further business before the Board, at 10:10 pm it was moved by Trustee Fragin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mael and unanimously approved, to close the meeting.

This is to certify that I, David E. Smollett read the foregoing minutes and the same are in all respects a full and correct record of such proceedings.

David E. Smollett, Administrator,
Clerk/ Treasurer