Inc. Village of Lawrence, September 12, 2011

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, September 12, 2011, at Lawrence Village Hall, 196 Central Avenue, Lawrence, New York 11559.

Those members present were: Mayor Martin Oliner

Deputy Mayor Joel Mael Trustee Edward I. Klar

Trustee Michael A. Fragin Fragin (arrived late,

time of arrival not recorded)

Absent: Trustee Felder

Also present: Abe Farber

Mayor Oliner called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

The meeting started with a working session review of all the abstracts in items 2 through 5 below being reviewed by the group. At the completion of the review the Trustees asked to delay the vote on those items until the arrival of Trustee Fragin which should be momentarily. Trustee Fragin had a few additional questions on the abstracts.

Trustee Mael inquired why all of the outstanding invoices for Cameron Engineering were not in the package of bills to be paid and reviewed. Mr. Farber said that the full folder with all the information was sitting on his desk with all the back up information that was requested from Cameron. Trustee Mael asked Mr. Farber to bring in to the meeting all of the files to review. Trustee Mael had been told by both Mr. Cameron and Mr. Smollett that Mayor Oliner was not prepared to release any funds to Cameron. Trustee Mael and the other Trustees have been told previously by Mr. Smollett that the Mayor Oliner was waiting for additional back up from Cameron. When Mr. Farber brought in the file Trustees Mael and Klar reviewed each of folders pertaining to each job where Cameron had submitted invoices. They found the files to be complete and containing all necessary information in order to pay all the outstanding invoices. In fact, they were quite dismayed to find that many of the invoices were over 1,2 and even 3 years past due. In addition, they could not believe that there was a letter in the file addressed to the Mayor and the Board of Trustees dated June 21, 2011 from

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Mr. Cameron asking why his bills were not being paid after 28 years of service to the Village. It described in great detail all of the attempts he had made with the Mayor and Mr. Smollett to collect his monies. This letter was never shared with the Trustees.

## **Item 1: Approval of Outstanding Cameron Engineering Invoices**

Trustee Mael moved to approve payment of the outstanding Cameron Engineering invoices in the total amount of \$116,997.45 subject to:

- 1. Ensuring that invoices did not include services previously paid for
- 2. Building Department or Zoning Board to approve invoices relating to zoning issues
- 3. All invoices appear on the spreadsheet previously submitted for approval Mayor Oliner seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

## Item 2: Approval of Sewer abstract #43

Trustee Fragin moved to approve. Trustee Klar seconded. All in favor.

### Item 3: Approval of Trust Abstract # 235

Trustee Fragin moved to approve. Trustee Klar seconded. All in favor.

# Item 4: Approval of Abstract #641

Trustee Klar moved to approve with the exception of Mike DeLury invoice. Mayor Oliner seconded. All in favor.

## Item 5: Approval of Payroll Abstracts 2297 & 2298

Trustee Fragin moved to approve. Trustee Klar seconded. All in favor.

### **Item 6: Zoning Board Appointments**

Trustee Fragin moved to appoint Mark Schreck to the Zoning Board to fill the position formerly held by Elliot Feit and to re-appoint Ed Gottlieb to a 3 year term. Trustee Mael seconded. Mayor Oliner ruled the motion out of order and discussion ensued.

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Trustee Mael called the motion to a vote after the Mayor refused to call for a vote.

Mayor Oliner: Abstain

Trustee Klar: Aye

Trustee Fragin: Aye

Trustee Mael: Aye

Trustee Fragin moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Mael seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

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.

David E. Smollett, Administrator,

Clerk/ Treasurer

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