

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at the Lawrence Village Hall, 196 Central Avenue, Lawrence, New York 11559.

Those members present were: Mayor Alex H. Edelman  
Deputy Mayor Jeff Landy  
Trustee Michael A. Fragin  
Trustee Paris C. Popack  
Trustee Eliezer Kutner

Also present were: Ronald Goldman, Village Administrator  
Gerry Castro, Deputy Village Clerk  
Lina Fusco, Deputy Village Treasurer  
Village Attorney, Stephen Martir, Esq.  
Alison Cohen, Secretary to the BOT

The Board convened in Work Session at 7:06 p.m. to discuss various agenda items.

### **WORK SESSION**

**Board Action:** No Board action was taken.

Work Session ended at 7:59 p.m.

### **REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Edelman called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

May 11, 2023

### **Public Hearing regarding the proposed Local Law of 2023 to amend the Village Code for Zoning**

**Board Action:** The Public Hearing regarding the proposed Local Law of 2023 to amend the Village Code for Zoning was adjourned until the next BOT meeting, on June 8, 2023.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Approval of minutes:** BOT May 11, 2023

**Board Action:** Trustee Fragin moved the approval of the May 11, 2023 BOT meeting minutes. Mayor Edelman seconded the motion. All in favor.

### **GOOD & WELFARE**

- 1) Trustee Fragin announced that May 16<sup>th</sup> is the upcoming school board elections, which are very important. He urged all residents to participate and vote, and exercise their civic duty; reminding everyone that the polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Trustee Fragin added: “remember that the school taxes are the biggest part of your tax bill, not the Village of Lawrence taxes”.
- 2) Barry Borgen of 81 Margaret Avenue expressed his displeasure on the progress to date of the construction being done not by the Village of Lawrence but rather by the Government of Storm Recovery Drainage Improvement Project, as it has impacted his personal residence. Mayor Edelman responded that the Village would reach out to the construction company tomorrow and address the situation as best as possible.
- 3) Trustee Fragin addressed Mr. Borgen, stating that he watched his testimony before the House Committee and commended him for not only representing his son, regarding his situation, with great courage, but also represented the community.
- 4) Park Commission Vice Chairperson, Lawrence Civic Association President and Village resident Jacqueline Handel announced the next Lawrence Civic Association meeting on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Lawrence Yacht & Country Club (LY&CC), 7:30 p.m., to give awards to local high school students, for “Good Citizenship”. Mayor Edelman added that he will be giving his “State of the Village” address there as well. He encouraged everyone to come out and support the Lawrence Civic Association.
- 5) David Isaac of 43 Herrick Drive stated that he was at a Board meeting approximately eleven (11) months ago, regarding the change of rules for LY&CC Rec Pass players, regarding their play after 1:00 p.m. on Fridays. He went on to say that back then the Board was gracious enough to hear what he had to say and the rules were pretty much changed the very next day. He was very surprised to find out, just a couple of days ago, that there was a much larger package of rule changes that were presented to this Board last September; just a few months after he was here; and “among the twenty or so myriad rules that were changed, that rule was reinstated and passed by this Board”. Mr. Isaac stated that he spoke to a number of people, the Trustees, who said that they didn’t realize at the time; and suggested that he come to the Board meeting and address it again. “So, I’d like to make a motion, if that’s appropriate, for you to rescind the rule that doesn’t allow LY&CC Rec Permit players to play Friday afternoons”. Mayor Edelman responded that “he can make the suggestion; the motions, we make”. Discussion ensued in this regard.

**Board Action:** Deputy Mayor Landy moved to approve rescinding the recent rule change, to allow LY&CC Rec Pass Tennis players to play every day after 1:00 p.m. Mayor Edelman seconded the motion. All in favor.

- 6) Rochelle Kevelson of 21 Causeway stated: "Nobody is stopping for stop signs - - it's really bad; and the U-turns are very bad; something has to be done". Deputy Mayor Landy suggested she call the Fourth Precinct. She also reported that the meters behind Traditions and that corner restaurant; that whole line; the meters are filthy (fuzzy); the glass needs to be replaced. Village Administrator Ronald Goldman responded that the per her original complaint the glass on the meters was replaced, addressing her concern and complaint. Mr. Goldman said that the Village would revisit said parking meters and replace any filthy glass, if necessary. Ms. Kevelson then went on about the parking meters charging a quarter (\$.25) for 30 minutes, which is a total of 90 minutes where you are allowed to park. She would like the meters to charge a quarter for 2 hours of parking, to allow walking to and from the restaurants or stores/shops. Discussion ensued in this regard and Mayor Edelman thanked Ms. Kevelson for her suggestion, but respectfully declined for myriad reasons. It was also suggested that she is able to pay for parking meters on the Flowbird App via her smartphone.
- 7) LY&CC Ladies' Golf Club President Marsha Fennik (also of 179 Harborview North), commended LY&CC Golf Course Superintendent Adam Thomas "for the amazing job he's doing on the Club". She thanked the Mayor and Board for supporting him. Ms. Fennik's husband played the sixth hole on the golf course and told her that it was "gorgeous" and she hopes to go out tomorrow. In addition, she stated that "John, the head Pro is doing an amazing job and has a fantastic crew this year, and Cory is doing a great job". She added that at yesterday's Ladies' Club Meet & Greet a couple of the members approached her to complain about the nine (9) hole cart fee; that "it was a little bit more exorbitant than it should be". These ladies presented Ms. Fennik with a petition (the first of many petitions), attached hereto as Exhibit "A". The 18-hole cart fee increased from \$30.00 to \$36.00 (which is a 20% increase), even though a fee of \$35.00 was promised. It was noted that Trustee Fragin voted against this fee increase. Ms. Fennik went on to say that the \$15.00 to \$22.00 is 40% increase which is upsetting a lot of the players. Discussion ensued in this regard regarding fees, play-times, etc. Ms. Fennik added that she is just here to present these per the women she represents; she "must represent her membership". Deputy Mayor Landy and Mayor Edelman responded that the Village bought brand new golf carts and invested in the LY&CC golf course, and the membership fees are the lowest (best bargain) around.
- 8) President of the LY&CC Men's Tennis Club Barry Ringelheim of Atlantic Beach, stated that he had the opportunity to meet with Village Administrator Ronald Goldman this morning, and asked if the information discussed was shared with the Mayor and Board. Mr. Goldman responded and Mr. Ringelheim moved on to

say that the Tennis membership was 78, "which is way below what we have had but it is moving up gradually". Mr. Ringelheim then stated that there are members on the Park Commission who have not yet joined the Club as members and shared his opinion of them. Deputy Mayor Landy, Trustee Fragin and Park Commission Chairperson Sheldon Genack responded and discussion ensued in this regard. Mr. Ringelheim offered his services to the Park Commission and then invited the Mayor and Board to the opening breakfast on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m., on the patio; as his guests. He added that he "discovered that some people are playing tennis who as of yet, have not joined the Club. And a couple of members have stated that they feel that no one should be playing tennis, now that the Club is open (as of May 1<sup>st</sup>), if they are not members of the Tennis Club". Discussion ensued in this regard. He added "Cory has an e-mail that hopefully will go out in the next couple of days; we lowered the membership for those that don't play on Saturday, to \$300.00 to join the Men's Club, versus \$400.00. And I think you should also know that when the Men's Club runs tournaments for Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day, we run it on Sunday and Monday. The Mayor and Board thanked Mr. Ringelheim.

- 9) Dr. Allan Simon of 284 Central Avenue accused the Park Commission of having "private meetings; they have secret meetings". Trustee Kutner inquired if they were prohibited from doing this. Dr. Simon asked "why are the meetings closed to Lawrence residents"? Village Administrator Ronald Goldman responded that 1) this subject has come up as to whether the Park Commission is subject to the Open Meetings Law, which it is not. Plus, there are public meetings; everything that is discussed at the private meeting is discussed at the public meeting, without, necessarily, the personal references that are included in the private meeting. Discussion ensued in this regard. Dr. Simon added that in Lawrence Tennis, membership is probably at a 60-year low. Mayor Edelman responded that this would be taken under advisement.
- 10) Mayor Edelman noted that Arbor Day was observed on April 28<sup>th</sup> and that the Village planted a tree to honor the day.
- 11) Mayor Edelman stated that at the Lawrence Civic Association meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the LY&CC, he would be delivering his State of the Village report. As previously stated, everyone is invited and encouraged to come. Mayor Edelman noted that Ms. Judy Bernstein, was in the audience, and thanked her for her hard work for the Lawrence Civic Association.
- 12) Mayor Edelman noted that after speaking with Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman the County is now ready to replace sections of water pipes/mains on Broadway, and as soon as the pipes are replaced they are going to replace/repave the street with the same concrete blocks; as it is now - - not black top. The concrete will look much nicer, last a lot longer and will be great once they get started, which will be within the next few months.

- 13) Mayor Edelman wished Mazel Tov to Trustee Paris and Joseph Popack on the birth of their second granddaughter.
- 14) Mayor Edelman also wished Mazel Tov to Village Administrator Ronald Goldman and Janet Goldman on the birth of their first great granddaughter.
- 15) Mayor Edelman welcomed Town of Hempstead, Village Liaison, Mr. Martin Schwartz; from Don Clavin's office. The Mayor added that Mr. Schwartz has attended all of the Board meetings and is very supportive of the Village; a good friend. Mayor Edelman thanked Mr. Schwartz and stated that we appreciate his assistance very much.
- 16) Mayor Edelman announced that the Nassau Herald is celebrating it's 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. The Village is taking out a quarter page ad to honor that milestone.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

<b>General Fund</b>	<b># 1168, 1169, 1170, 1171</b>
<b>Recreation Fund</b>	<b># 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760</b>
<b>Payroll</b>	<b># 042823, 051223</b>

**Board Action:** Trustee Popack moved the approval of General Fund Abstracts #1168, #1169, #1170 and #1171; Recreation Fund Abstracts #754, #755, #756, #757, #758, #759 and #760; and Payroll Fund Abstracts #042823 and #051223. Mayor Edelman seconded the motion. Trustee Fragin inquired if the \$76,000.00 to Winterberry on Recreation Fund #759, was included in our restoration budget or is that an outside payment. Mayor Edelman responded that he believed it was part of the restoration, but upon checking with Deputy Treasurer Lina Fusco, determined that this was a separate fee/amount to bury the pipe that was recently exposed and install sprinklers. It was for a totally separate issue from the restoration. All in favor.

### **Item 2 – Announce details of the Lawrence-Cedarhurst Memorial Day Parade**

Mayor Edelman stated that for the previous couple of years the parade was really run by Trustee Popack, for which the Mayor thanked her to a round of applause. He added that unfortunately Trustee Popack is not feeling well this year and will have to step back, temporarily; hopefully she will be taking charge again next year. As a result, the Mayor informed the Board that Cedarhurst has asked the Village of Lawrence to assist in paying for a portion of the parade costs, and requested that the Board approve an amount of \$5,000.00 to contribute, for such a civic function expense.

**Board Action:** Trustee Fragin moved to approve to pay an amount not to exceed \$5,200.00, toward the (civic function expense) contribution for the joint Lawrence-Cedarhurst Memorial Day Parade. Trustee Popack seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Edelman then announced that the 2023 Memorial Day Parade is on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>; starting at Frost Lane in Lawrence, proceeding down Central Avenue to Cedarhurst Park. The Mayor asked everyone to join in.

**Item 3 – Approve Resolution to place “No Commercial Parking” sign on Beach 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between Seagirt Avenue and Seagirt Blvd.**

**Board Action:** Deputy Mayor Landy moved to approve a Resolution to place a “No Commercial Parking” sign on Beach 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between Seagirt Avenue and Seagirt Blvd. Mayor Edelman seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Item 4 – LY&CC Status Report**

LY&CC General Manager Cory Menking introduced LY&CC Golf Pro John Morrison, LY&CC Golf Course Superintendent Adam Thomas, Park Commission Chairperson Dr. Sheldon Genack and Park Commission Co-Chairperson Jacqueline Handel, who were present at tonight’s meeting. He then presented the LY&CC April 2023 GM Report (attached hereto as Exhibit “B”).

**Board Action:** No Board action was taken.

**Item 5 – Report on LY&CC Snack Bars**

Deputy Village Administrator Gerry Castro and LY&CC General Manager Cory Menking gave an update regarding the progress of the LY&CC snack bars, stating that the fire sprinklers began installation on Monday and are progressing; the wi-fi is being installed tomorrow and the work is moving along.

**Board Action:** No Board action was taken.

**Item 6 – Approve the retention of Monitex Security for remote monitoring of surveillance system**

**Board Action:** Deputy Mayor Landy moved to approve the retention of Monitex Security for the remote monitoring of the Village’s camera surveillance system from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. everyday, at a cost of \$9.65 per hour; 365 days per year. Mayor Edelman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Deputy Mayor Landy requested the opportunity to make a statement before the close of tonight’s meeting.

*“Fellow residents, Trustees, Honorable Mayor,*

*It’s been an honor and a privilege to serve the Village of Lawrence. I have spent most of the last 44 years of my life as a resident of this beautiful Village. I have grown up*

*here, gotten married here and raised my family here. I have been very fortunate and blessed to be a part of this incredible place.*

*Three years ago, Mayor Alex Edelman approached me and asked me to serve as a Trustee. To be honest, I was extremely reluctant to do so. Having seen the strife and machlokes that had been going on during the election and at Board meetings, I honestly wanted no part at all to do with any of it. Alex explained that all of that was in the past and that the new Board was going to be different. That there would be a comradery and collegiality, and a sense of shared purpose. With a few hiccups here and there, Alex was correct. It has been a tremendous honor and privilege to work alongside my fellow Trustees. We have worked diligently to improve the way of life in our town. We have improved our neighborhood playground, added security cameras and safeguards for our protection, we have beautified the Diamond of our Village, the Lawrence Yacht & Country Club and accomplished many other things as well, all without raising taxes. I am very proud of the work that we have done and I am proud to have been a part of such a hardworking Board.*

*I want to take a few seconds to thank a few kay people who have made an incredible life lasting impression on me. To Gerry Castro, thank you for your tireless work, dedication and true love for the Village. Moving out of this seat is made a lot easier knowing that it does not really matter whether I am here or not, because you and Lina and Alison and Ron and the amazing people at DPW, the Building Department and all the Village Employees are the ones that really do everything anyway.*

*To Cory and the staff at the LY&CC, this is obviously not a goodbye as I will be on the golf course, G-d willing a lot, probably a lot more without my Village responsibilities. I want to thank each and every person involved at the LY&CC for their hard work and diligence in making our Club so warm and amazing.*

*To Ron Goldman, I have known you for many, many years. You have been an incredible friend and confidant. I greatly appreciated our talks, your sage advice and most importantly, your endless supply of raisins.*

*Acharon Acharon Chaviv, to the Mayor. Alex, I have watched your work tirelessly, thanklessly for the Village for three (3) years. Your endless devotion to our residents and the time and love that you put into this is beyond comprehension. This is a thankless job. People do not get to see the hours of phone calls and meetings and time away from your family that you put into it, but you should be recognized for the incredible job that you do for all of us. I am personally appreciative of your friendship, your mentoring, and your kindness. While we have disagreed on some Village items, I have never questioned the intentions, your integrity, and your devotion to the Village and its residents. Thank you so much.*

*While I was intending on continuing my service as a Trustee and Deputy Mayor, I made a promise to my family and myself that I would never allow my service to the Village to come at the price of strife and Machlokes. We live in a beautiful small town. We should all have each other's backs. We should focus our energies on lifting everyone up rather*

*than focus on our own individual needs and concerns. That is the way I viewed my service to the Village and I hope and pray that the future Trustees will do the same. Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve the Village of Lawrence, which will come to an end effective at the end of this term. May G-d Bless the Village of Lawrence and the United States of America. Thank you."*

On motion by Deputy Mayor Landy, seconded by Trustee Kutner and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned at 9:03 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

40%

9 more cart fee petition

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Marsha Jimmito	Jane Jimmito
Alicia Baron	Jane Small
Ellen Feuer	Kay Gallagher
Myra Skopoz	Susan Kera
Bonnie Gell	Jessica Pappalardo
Betty Chen	Margie
Barbara	
Juanita Linder	
Anita Behm	
Linda Goldstein	
Jill Jacobs	
Ruth Swata	
Carol Miller	
Fran Miller	
Gary Baron	
Margie Rubin	

**EXHIBIT B**

Lawrence Yacht and Country Club  
May 2023 GM Report



To: Village of Lawrence Mayor Alex Edelman and Board of Trustees  
From: Cory Menking, General Manager  
Re: Lawrence Yacht and Country Club  
Date: May 11, 2023

2023 Membership

Total memberships as of May 1, 2023:

Golf							
Category	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Family	Junior	Total
YTD	88	95	75	118	30	32	438
YTD PY	95	99	73	113	30	28	438
Variance	-7	-4	2	5	0	4	0

Tennis						
Category	Platinum	Gold	Bronze	Family	Junior	Total
YTD	35	11	0	1	3	50
YTD PY	51	17	6	8	5	87
Variance	-16	-6	-6	-7	-2	-37

Marina	
YTD	82
YTD PY	90
Variance	-8

- Breakdown of Resident and Non-Resident Full Active Members:

Resident							
Category	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Family	Junior	Total
Golf	8	18	3	8	1	13	51
Tennis	13	11	0	0	1	3	28
Marina							27

Non-Resident							
Category	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Family	Junior	Total
Golf	80	77	72	110	29	19	387
Tennis	22	0	0	0	0	0	22
Marina							55

- Breakdown of Recreation Golf Permits

Recreation Breakdown		
Category	Golf	Tennis
Adult	41	0
Senior	24	
Junior	14	

## Lawrence Yacht and Country Club May 2023 GM Report



### Course & Grounds

- Holes 6 & 7 have been closed recently due to the pond overflowing; after pumping excess water, we were able to locate the outgoing pipe from the pond and are coordinating repair
- Winterberry completed installation of sprinkler heads on 7 fairway and tees (5/10)
  - McDonald & Sons then smoothed 7 tees to prep for sod
  - LYCC staff then smoothed and prepped 7 fairway for sod
- McDonald is currently shaping 7 forward tee and will sod all 3 tees this week
- Bohemia is expected to sod 7 fairway and hydro-seed 7 rough this Saturday (5/13)

### Golf

- New player safety dividers at the driving range have been installed
- Range balls have been delivered and will be put out when construction is finished
- Golf Shop will be sending monthly golf and event calendars throughout the season
  - Women's clinic scheduled has been posted on the calendar; Junior schedule to follow
- YTD cart revenues are up 44% versus prior year
- Cinco de Mayo tournament saw 49 participants; Memorial Day Member tournament is being advertised
- Etiquette classes are being held every Wednesday at 5:00pm

As a member of the Club Management Association of America (CMAA) Advocacy Committee, I participated in National Golf Day on May 10, 2023. Annually, CMAA joins the leaders of the US golf industry's most prominent allied associations for National Golf Day, in cooperation with the American Golf Industry Coalition. 275 industry professionals were in attendance at Capitol Hill to meet with 250 members of Congress to highlight and discuss the industry's valuable contributions to our nation's economy, society, environment, and local communities.

Below is a picture of the CMAA Advocacy Committee on the U.S. Capitol Building Steps:



## Lawrence Yacht and Country Club May 2023 GM Report



### Tennis

- Clean and maintain debris on all courts and parking lot
- Nets installed on all 9 courts
- Windscreens installed on courts 7-9
- Canopies installed on courts 1-3
- Clubhouse and patio cleaned and prepared for season opening
- Garage leak and court pumps repaired
- Seeking estimates to restore/rebuild the awning

### Marina

- Boats are returning slowly due to cold and rainy weather, but a good portion have arrived
- Docks are being monitored for repair and cleared of debris and shells
- Other repairs include water leaks and hose bibs
- Anchors, bollards, and nautical décor are being painted
- Patio furniture and BBQ are being cleaned for member use
- Gate lubricated for smooth operation

### Clubhouse

- Post-banquet cleanup: dumpster area, mop catering hall, clean and organize coat room
- #12 restroom open as of May 3 following meter repairs
- Service performed on: elevators, fire sprinklers, kitchen refrigerators
- House and kosher kitchen oven hoods serviced
- Ice/water machine connected and installed outside golf shop