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The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, February 3, 2011, at Lawrence Village Hall, 196 Central Avenue, Lawrence, New York 11559.

Those members present were: 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, Village Attorney A. Thomas Levin (arrived at 8:45 pm)

Deputy Mayor Mael opened the meeting at 8:00 pm for Mayor Oliner whose arrival was delayed.

### **GOOD AND WELFARE**

. Deputy Mayor Mael opened the Good & Welfare portion of the meeting.

Ms. Handel, Lawrence Association, asked whether residents who shovel snow into the street could be given citations. Administrator Smollett indicated that a Village official has to observe behavior directly in order for a Notice of Violation to be issued. Ms. Handel also expressed concern about residents parking cars in the wrong direction on Lawrence Ave. Code will inspect.

Mr. Aaron Felder asked for an update on his request, made at an earlier meeting, for a pedestrian walkway to be built on Rock Hall Road. Deputy Mayor Mael indicated that this matter would be discussed under Old Business.

At 8:10 p.m., there being no further comments from the public, Trustee Klar moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to pending or

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potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fragin and unanimously approved.

At 8:30 pm, the Board returned to public session.

Trustee Fragin moved to accept the minutes of January 13, 2011. The motion was seconded by Trustee Klar and approved by all except Trustee Felder, who abstained from voting due to his nonattendance at the January meeting.

Mayor Oliner joined the meeting at 8:35 pm.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Item 1 - Abstracts

Trustee Fragin asked why April and May claims for the Fire Department appeared on the February Abstract. Administrator Smollett said that the Village has a contract with the Fire Department in which payments are pre-authorized and due by the first of the month.

Trustee Fragin asked why Flood Insurance only covered the Marina building. Administrator Smollett indicated that he would question Salerno Insurance about the matter.

Trustee Fragin moved to approve the following Abstracts:

- General Fund Abstract #'s 619-620, with the exception of April-May claims from the Fire Department. Added legal bills from the firms of Meyer Suozzi English & Klein, Ronald Goldman, Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan. Hold claim for Meyer Suozzi for tax refund pending further explanation.
- Recreation Fund Abstract # 35
- Sewer Fund Abstract # 36

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- Payroll Abstract # 2282

Item 2 - Resolution Village Election

Trustee Klar moved to resolve that the General Village Election shall be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 and that the polling place shall be at the Lawrence Village Hall, 196 Central Avenue, Lawrence, New York 11559. The polls shall open at 7:00 A.M. and shall remain open until 9:00 P.M. This resolution shall take effect immediately. Trustee Fragin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Item 3 - Tax Certiorari

Mayor Oliner moved to approve the Stipulation of Settlement for 230 Central Avenue, Section 40, Block B, Lot 26 for \$3,393.60 for fiscal years 2006/07-2010/11. The motion was seconded by Trustee Klar and unanimously approved.

Item 4- Electrical Inspectors

Administrator Smollett presented requests from two firms for approval to perform electrical inspections in the Village.

Deputy Mayor Mael moved to approve Alliance Electrical Inspections Limited and Long Island Electrical Inspectors, Inc. as electrical inspectors for the Village, pending proof of proper insurance and licenses. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fragin and unanimously approved.

Items 5 & 6 - List of Unpaid Taxes and Tentative Assessment Roll

Administrator Smollett announced that the Tentative Assessment Roll for the fiscal year 2011-2012 was available for inspection.

Administrator Smollett presented the list of Unpaid Taxes, as of February 1, 2011, for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, totaling \$102,133.78. The Board certified the list

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and authorized the Administrator to publish the list and set the tax lien sale date for  
Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 10:00 am, upon the following vote:

Mayor Oliner -	Aye
Deputy Mayor Mael -	Aye
Trustee Klar -	Aye
Trustee Fragin -	Aye
Trustee Felder -	Aye

Item 7- Work to be performed at 8<sup>th</sup> Green at Lawrence Yacht & Country Club

Trustee Klar explained that a safety hazard may be created once the maintenance building has been removed near the area of the 8<sup>th</sup> green. Mr. Teitelbaum of the Park Commission indicated that Northeast Architecture has submitted a proposal to construct a mound where the existing building now stands for a cost of \$20,000-\$23,000. Trees and additional screening would also be planted to protect players from errant balls struck from the 8<sup>th</sup> green. After lengthy discussion, the Board suggested that Mr. Teitelbaum together with Leo McMahon, LYCC General Manager, obtain additional professional quotes for the next meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Item A - Purchase of New Skid-Steer Bobcat

Administrator Smollett presented quotes from three different manufacturers for the purchase of a bobcat with a backhoe. Deputy Mayor Mael asked about leasing instead of buying. Administrator Smollett indicated that leasing would have to be done through a bank. Trustee Klar asked about the useful life of a bobcat. Administrator Smollett said he expected it would be 10 years. Trustee Klar asked about realized savings as a result of the purchase. Administrator Smollett indicated that a recent sewer line break cost the Village \$14,000 to contract out and said that the majority of work could have been done in-house with a bobcat. Superintendent Sal Castro prefers the New Hollander model, which Administrator Smollett confirmed was preferred by other municipalities.

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Deputy Mayor Mael moved to purchase the New Holland skid- steer for a cost of \$58,575.60. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fragin and unanimously approved.

Item B - Proposed Pathway for South Side of Rock Hall Road

Trustee Fragin moved to approve the hiring of Traffic Consultant Sam Schwartz to perform a traffic study, not to exceed \$5,000, for a proposed pathway on the south side of Rock Hall Road. The motion was seconded by Mayor Oliner and unanimously approved.

Mr. Schwartz, a resident of Washington Avenue, expressed concern that the consultant will recommend whatever the Board mandates. Mayor Oliner assured Mr. Schwartz that this will not be the case; the consultant will propose a plan that's safe.

Mayor Oliner asked Fire Chief Sperber to address the need for residents to clear snow and ice from around fire hydrants. Chief Sperber indicated that the Fire Department clears snow and ice from around hydrants as it is able. Although the Water Company owns the hydrants, Village Attorney Levin indicated that it would not be reasonable to expect the Water Company to clear every hydrant. Deputy Mayor Mael suggested that a fluorescent pole be placed atop each hydrant to aid in locating them in case of deep snow coverage. Chief Sperber indicated that he is looking into using the fluorescent poles and will report back.

Item C - Update of Village Hall to Bring it to Code

Trustee Fragin suggested forming a committee to put together a plan for updating and bringing Village Hall to Code. In this regard, Mayor Oliner indicated that he is investigating having all Village documents digitally stored, and he said that grant money is being pursued.

Item D -Kosher Caterer

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Mayor Oliner indicated that the Kosher Caterer RFP is on hold until the Mezza Contract has been finalized.

#### Item E – Tide Gate

Deputy Mayor Mael asked about the possibility of purchasing a rubber flap-valve for the Tide Gate, and he requested that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### Item F - William Street Study

The Board asked for a revised schematic of William Street, including signage and Cameron Engineering's recommendations.

Members of the Board discussed the following items:

- Status of appointments
- Snow removal issues
- Timeliness of BZA and BBD minutes
- Need to receive timely information from the Police Department
- Cost of replacing post and rail fence at Club
- Enhanced security camera coverage at Train Station

At 11:00 p.m., there being no further public session business before the Board, Trustee Felder 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 11:15 pm.

At 11:15 pm, Trustee Klar moved to close the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fragin and unanimously approved.

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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