

Inc. Village of Lawrence, January 13, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, January 13, 2011, at Lawrence Village Hall, 196 Central Avenue, Lawrence, New York 11559.

Mayor Oliner called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM

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

Those members absent were: Trustee C. Simon Felder

Also present were: David E. Smollett, Administrator, Elizabeth Kaye, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Village Attorney A. Thomas Levin

Trustee Klar moved to accept the minutes of December 9, 2010. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fragin and unanimously approved.

GOOD AND WELFARE

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

Ms. Kevelson, of the Lawrence Association, complained that the Association's meeting scheduled for the previous night could not be held because the Club building was closed. She recommended that appropriate phone numbers be posted on the outside of the building in such a case. Mayor Oliner apologized for the mishap.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 - Abstracts

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Trustee Fragin questioned a payment for Auxiliary Police Signs. The Board had approved the signs a few months ago but no specific approval was made with regard to the Village paying for them as opposed to the Police Department. Administrator Smollett mentioned that the signs were posted at strategic street entrances leading into the Village.

Trustee Fragin moved to approve General Fund Abstract # 618; Trust Fund Abstract # 230; Recreation Fund Abstract # 34; Sewer Fund Abstract # 35; Payroll Abstract ## 2279-2281, with the exception of overtime for employee numbers 12 and 14. The motion was seconded by Trustee Klar and unanimously approved.

Items 2 and 3 – Budget Transfers

Trustee Fragin moved to approve the budget transfers for fiscal year 2009-2010 and 6-month budget transfers for fiscal year 2010-2011. The motion was seconded by Trustee Klar and unanimously approved.

Item 4 - Purchase of new skid-steer bobcat

Mayor Oliner indicated that the Highway Department had recommended purchasing a new skid-steer bobcat for snow removal and other uses. Administrator Smollett presented a quote from a New York State-approved contractor of \$53,772.16. Deputy Mayor Mael indicated that he would like to do further research on the recommendation.

Item 5 – Request to Attend Club Managers Association of America annual conference

Trustee Klar moved to approve Mr. McMahon's attendance at the annual Club Managers conference at a cost not to exceed \$1,700.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fragin and unanimously approved.

Item 6 - Snow Storm Update

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Mayor Oliner commended the Highway Department for its excellent work during the snow storm. Building Superintendent Ryder indicated that removal of snow from the sidewalks was performed much better after the second storm. Deputy Mayor Mael and Trustee Klar reported that a number of sidewalks still had not been shoveled one week after the storm. Trustee Fragin reported that some cars had been left abandoned. The Building Superintendent indicated that he would look into these issues.

Trustee Klar noted that he had observed two men riding in one truck during the plowing of snow. Administrator Smollett indicated that the additional man was acting as a spotter for the driver. Trustee Klar suggested re-visiting this requirement.

Item 7 – Authorization to Publicize Bid Requests for road work

Administrator Smollett requested approval to publicize bid requests for road work for:

- Herrick Drive - south of Ocean to the end
- Washington Ave. - from Kendridge Road to Barrett Road
- Hollywood Crossing – Barrett Road to Briarwood Crossing

The Board questioned why the work on Hollywood Crossing was being stopped at Briarwood. Building Superintendent Ryder indicated that he would look into either stopping the work at Hollywood Crossing/Ocean Avenue or doing work on the whole Hollywood/ Briarwood horseshoe at one time.

Trustee Fragin moved to authorize publication of bid requests for the above road work and to authorize continuation of road work on Hollywood Crossing at the Building Superintendent's discretion. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mael and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Item A - Analysis of Residential Streets

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Administrator Smollett indicated that the analysis has not yet been completed because of the snow.

Item B - William Street Study

The Board discussed the recommendation of Cameron Engineering to maintain William Street as a two-way street. Administrator Smollett recommended that a sign be posted restricting large trucks from William Street.

Ms. Handel, Lawrence Association, recommended narrowing the sidewalk on one side of William Street to make the street wider. Deputy Mayor Mael requested that a schematic be prepared, displaying appropriate signage and the narrowing of the sidewalk.

Item C - Internet Policy

Deputy Mayor Mael recommended adopting the Village Internet policy, including language prohibiting use of the Village's email accounts for personal use. Administrator Smollett indicated that he would include such language.

Trustee Fragin moved to adopt the Internet Policy as presented, with Deputy Mayor Mael's amendment. The motion was seconded by Trustee Klar and unanimously approved.

Mayor Oliner requested approval to waive the \$500.00 room rental fee for the Fire Department's annual Installation Dinner at the Country Club. Trustee Fragin moved to waive the \$500.00 fee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Klar and unanimously approved.

Mayor Oliner requested approval to retain the firm of Nelson Pope & Voorhis to prepare an application for a \$25,000 tree-planting and management grant. The Village's match would be met with in-kind services. Trustee Klar moved to retain

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Nelson Pope & Voorhis for a fee of \$1,500.00 and authorize the Administrator to file an application under the Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 and to enter into and execute a project agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for such financial assistance to the Village of Lawrence for the Village Memorial Park Revitalization Project.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Fragin and unanimously approved.

Members of the Board discussed the following old business items:

- Status of appointments
- Kosher Caterer RFP
- Updating Village Hall to Code
- Tide Gate

There being no further public session business before the Board, at 10:00 pm, Deputy Mayor Mael moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to pending or potential litigation and collective bargaining agreements. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fragin and unanimously approved.

At 10:15 pm, the Board returned to public session. Trustee Klar moved to approve the proposed arbitration settlement between the Village of Lawrence and employee Joseph Ciaravolo. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fragin and unanimously approved.

Trustee Fragin moved to retain Sam Schwartz for the purpose of conducting a study of the south side of Rock Hall Road for a proposed pathway. The motion was seconded by Mayor Oliner, but failed upon the following vote:

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

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Deputy Mayor Mael moved to authorize Mayor Oliner, at his discretion, to approve up to two hours of overtime per week for employees Janet Magliaro and Geraldo Castro. The motion was seconded by Trustee Klar and unanimously approved.

The Board returned to Executive Session for the same purposes as previously voted upon.

The Board returned to public session.

At 11:00 pm, Trustee Klar moved to close the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fragin and unanimously approved.

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