

Inc. Village of Lawrence, July 13, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at the Lawrence Village Country Club, 101 Causeway, Lawrence, New York 11559.

Mayor Oliner called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

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

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

Those members absent were: None

Mayor Oliner opened the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Mayor Oliner announced that a formal swearing-in of elected officials would be held at a separate time. Mayor Oliner announced the following appointments for the ensuing official year:

Deputy Mayor – Joel A. Mael  
Police Commissioner – C. Simon Felder  
Public Works Commissioner – C. Simon Felder  
Fire Commissioner – Michael A. Fragin  
Finance Commissioner – Michael A. Fragin  
Parks & Recreation Commissioner – Edward I. Klar  
Water Pollution Control Facility Commissioner – Edward I. Klar  
Sanitation Commissioner – Edward I. Klar

Trustee Fragin asked if the Board must vote on the on the appointments as it had

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in the past. Village Attorney Levin indicated that Board approval was not required to make the appointments effective.

Administrator Smollett presented the election results having been certified on election night by himself as Village Clerk and by the Election Inspectors:

Mayor -	Martin Oliner	731 votes
Trustee -	C. Simon Felder	559 votes
Trustee -	Edward I. Klar	416 votes
Trustee -	Faye Lowinger	389 votes
Trustee -	David M. Stein	256 votes

Village Attorney Levin reviewed Intro Bill L8-10 which as noticed would amend the ZBA from a five member board to seven members and from a five-year staggered term to three-years. Since noticing the law, an alternative was drafted which maintained the board at five members but still reduced the term to three years.

Trustee Felder read an unsigned letter he had received from two residents concerning the ZBA. The letter suggested the need for the ZBA to meet more often or increase the number of members so cases would be heard on a timelier basis. The letter also suggested the need to broaden representation by setting term limits and reducing the terms of office or allowing elections to be held.

Trustee Klar commented that the second draft of the law did not indicate what constituted a quorum. Village Attorney Levin noted that unless otherwise stated, State law dictates that a majority of the whole board constitutes a quorum.

Trustee Fragin asked if the ZBA could be an elected board as opposed to appointed. Village Attorney Levin indicated that the Village has the power to supersede State law on this and change the ZBA to an elected board.

At 7:15 pm, Deputy Mayor Mael moved to open the public hearing on Intro Bill L8-10, which was seconded by Trustee Klar, and unanimously approved.

Mr. Gottlieb, ZBA member, commented that terms should not be reduced so as to allow time for a learning curve. Village Attorney Levin noted that members and alternates are required by State law to receive training.

There being no further comments from the public, at 7:34 pm, Trustee Fragin moved to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Trustee Klar, and unanimously approved.

Trustee Fragin opined that the term of office should remain at five years.

Mayor Oliner certified as to the need to act on this legislation without waiting to have the final text for the statutory period. Trustee Klar moved to adopt amended Intro Bill L8-10 as Local Law 5 of 2010, which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mael and approved by all with the exception of Trustee Fragin who voted Nay.

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

Mr. Hirmes, Firethorne Drive, requested placement of a stop sign at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Firethorne Drive. Building Superintendent Ryder indicated that shrubbery at this intersection could be cut-back to allow for better line of sight. Deputy Mayor Mael agreed with cutting back the shrubbery and suggested the Board consider placing a traffic mirror on the other side of the intersection to improve visibility. Mr. Ryder confirmed that the shrubbery is on the Village's right-of-way. Mayor Oliner asked the Board to visit the site.

Trustee Fragin requested approval to refund a fee to Temple Yehuda Tzvi (KBYT), Cedarhurst due to the loss of electricity at the Club during its annual dinner. Mayor Oliner asked Administrator Smollett to arrange a meeting with the Rabbi to discuss the matter and he would make a recommendation to the Board.

Trustee Klar moved to schedule public hearings at the next regular meeting for Intro Bill #9-10 in relation to alternate members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board and for Intro Bill #10-10 related to terms of office for various officers and appointees. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fragin, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Oliner noted that existing members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Building Design whose terms have expired will continue as hold-over appointments until new appointments are made after he studies such appointments further.

Mayor Oliner announced that all other existing positions not appointed at this time, and for which the terms have expired, would be held-over pending further review and/ or passage of the aforementioned Intro Bill #10-10. Further, those positions which may need to be created would not be done so at this time.

Mayor Oliner made the following appointment for the respective term of office:

Simon Gluck	Acting Village Justice	1 Year Term
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Trustee Klar moved to approve the foregoing appointment, which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mael, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Oliner made the following appointments to the Planning Board for the respective terms of office:

Geri Gindea	Member Planning Board	5 Year Term
Geri Gindea	Chair Planning Board	1 Year Term
Jacqueline Handel	Alternate Planning Board	1 Year Term
Lawrence Levitan	Alternate Planning Board	1 Year Term

Trustee Klar moved to approve the foregoing appointments to the Planning

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Board, which was seconded by Mayor Oliner, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Oliner made the following appointments to the Park Commission for the respective terms of office:

Barry Schwartz	Member Park Commission	1 Year Term
Barry Schwartz	Chairman Park Commission	1 Year Term
Jeffrey Ledermam	Vice Chairman Park Commission	1 Year Term
Martin Levi	Member Park Commission	1 Year Term
Barry Mayer	Member Park Commission	1 Year Term
Michael Levine	Member Park Commission	1 Year Term
Francine Sicklick	Member Park Commission	1 Year Term
Howard Siskind	Member Park Commission	1 Year Term
Edward I. Klar	Member Park Commission	1 Year Term
Howard Teitlebaum	Member Park Commission	1 Year Term

Trustee Klar moved to approve the foregoing appointments to the Park Commission, which was seconded by Mayor Oliner and unanimously approved.

Mayor Oliner made the following appointments for their respective terms:

Saul Klausner	Representative Town Village Aircraft Safety & Noise Abatement Committee (TVASNAC)	1 Year Term
Dr. Marc Sicklick	Liaison to Nassau County Office Of Emergency Management	1 Year Term

Mayor Oliner announced the following additional appointments/designations:

Official Depositories

TD Bank

Capital One

Citibank

Flushing Commercial

Official Newspaper

Herald

Trustee Klar moved to approve the Official Depositories and Official Newspaper, which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mael and unanimously approved.

Mayor Oliner announced the following meeting dates for the ensuing year:

Meetings

Board of Trustees: Dates as Per Calendar at 8:00 pm

Board of Building Design: First Monday of the month at 7:15 pm

Board of Zoning & Appeals: As Per Calendar

Mayor Oliner designated the following positions as authorized signers for the Village:

Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Treasurer with no facsimile signatures other than for payroll checks

Trustee Klar moved to approve the authorized signers, which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mael and unanimously approved.

Administrator Smollett presented the bidders with the lowest prices for various irrigation materials. Mayor Oliner moved to accept Atlantic Irrigation, Central Irrigation & Supply and Nassau Plumbing as the lowest responsible bidders for the respective items as reported by the Village Administrator, which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mael, and unanimously approved. Mayor Oliner requested a history of spending for these vendors.

Mayor Oliner moved to accept the minutes of June 10<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, as corrected, which was seconded by Trustee Klar and unanimously approved.

Mayor Oliner announced a change in format for the Commissioners' Reports whereby formal reports would not be given other than for Emergency Management and for approval of the Abstracts. Trustees could instead bring up specific items as necessary.

Trustee Fragin questioned air-conditioning and electrical bills. Administrator Smollett explained that the air-conditioning at the Club required replacing/repairing in a number of locations. Trustee Fragin questioned plumbing bills for the Club. Administrator Smollett explained that several faucets in the men's locker room needed replacement.

Deputy Mayor Mael moved to approve the following Abstracts of Audited Vouchers, which was seconded by Trustee Fragin and unanimously approved:

Abstract #'s 600-605, 224, 24-25, 27, 2266-2268

Trustee Felder asked about status of police reports with regard to details of accidents. Administrator Smollett indicated that he would follow-up. Trustee Felder referred to a letter he had sent to Legislator Kopel regarding placement of a traffic signal at Sutton and Broadway.

Trustee Klar inquired about the fountain installation at the 9<sup>th</sup> hole. Administrator Smollett indicated that the manufacturer needed to know the depth of the pond before the fountain could be installed.

Trustee Klar asked about the Traffic Study on Williams Street. Administrator Smollett indicated that it was not yet ready.

Trustee Klar asked Administrator Smollett to make a recommendation regarding a request for one side of the street parking on Rosalind Place.

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Mayor Oliner indicated that he intended to meet with the Police Department on a regular basis but that it was no longer necessary for a 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct Officer to attend

Board meetings to discuss the monthly police report.

Deputy Mayor Mael commented that former Mayor Felder's letter to Legislator Kopel regarding a traffic signal at Sutton and Broadway did not have Board authorization and requested that a letter be sent to Legislator Kopel stating this. Trustee Felder asked why there was objection on the Board to this traffic signal. Trustee Klar commented that the Board had previously voted down a traffic device at this intersection and pointed out that Broadway is a County road so the County should decide the need for a traffic signal. Trustee Felder suggested that the letter to Legislator Kopel include wording that if a traffic study is done at some point, the Board would consider it. Trustee Fragin moved to authorize the Administration to draft the letter to Legislator Kopel, which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mael, and unanimously approved.

### Old Business

Trustee Fragin moved to adopt Intro Bill 6-10 as Local Law 6 of 2010 for which a public hearing was held and concluded on June 10, 2010, to provide for the licensing of gardeners, landscapers and tree servicers. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Mael and unanimously approved.

Trustee Fragin mentioned the problem with the timing of the lights on Route 878. Mayor Oliner indicated that he would be meeting with the Nassau County and New York State Departments of Transportation to address this and other issues.

Administrator Smollett informed the Board that the caterer had agreed to reduce the fee for the Rosenbloom affair.

Mayor Oliner stated that any remaining items under Old Business would be addressed via email with the Board or tabled until the next meeting.



Trustee Klar thanked former Mayor Felder for his service as Mayor for the past two years and congratulated Mayor Oliner on his election. Mayor Oliner congratulated Trustees Klar and Felder on their reelection.

There being no further business before the Board, at 9:30 pm it was moved by Trustee Klar and 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.

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David E. Smollett, Administrator,  
Clerk/Treasurer