

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at Village Hall, 196 Central Avenue, Lawrence New York 11559.

Those members present were: Mayor Martin Oliner  
Deputy Mayor C. Simon Felder  
Trustee Michael A. Fragin  
Trustee Alex H. Edelman

Also present were: Ronald Goldman, Village Administrator  
Jean Gribbins, Deputy Treasurer  
Village Attorney, Peter Bee Esq.  
Alison Cohen, Secretary to the BOT

Absent were: Trustee Irving Langer

**REGULAR MEETING** - Mayor Oliner called the regular meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

**GOOD & WELFARE**

1. Robert Kurtz, of 275 Barrett Road, raised the issue of flooding on Barrett Road and after reviewing the pathway flow, tendered a possible solution to the problem. Mr. Kurtz stated that the extreme flooding between Tanglewood X-ing and Longwood X-ing as well as the golf course and Barrett Road seems to be a result of the “gutter” run-off from these roads starting at Ocean Avenue, which is at a higher elevation. These “gutters” on either side of the roadways do not have proper/enough drainage (catch basins) and as such, flow like a river, creating the massive and repeated flooding. Discussion ensued in this regard. Mayor Oliner said that since Building Superintendent Michael Ryder was not in attendance at the meeting, Administrator Goldman would take Mr. Kurtz’s telephone number to contact him and review the matter.
2. Trustee Fragin requested an update regarding the Village pothole issue. He himself has contacted Legislator Howard Kopel’s office. Administrator Goldman stated that he has also contacted Legislator Kopel’s office (as recently as yesterday) and, as reported at the last meeting, was informed that a specific section of Broadway was slated for repair (with no specific dates given), which will be monitored by the Village. Trustee Fragin requested that Administrator Goldman follow up with New York State with regard to the road (heading north) underneath the overpass on Route 878 coming from the Atlantic Beach Bridge. Trustee Fragin stated that it is literally crumbling. Trustee Edelman added that the aforementioned roadway needs to be cleared of garbage and debris by the Department of Sanitation responsible for this portion of the State road.

Administrator Goldman stated that he would ascertain the responsible party for the trash removal from the State road.

3. Trustee Fragin inquired whether there has been any further clarity with regard to the street lighting on Route 878, and its resolution. Mayor Oliner stated that there is a meeting scheduled for Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, with Assemblyman Todd Kaminsky to address this as well as other related issues.
4. Trustee Fragin raised the issue of the overpass on the Lawrence side of Route 878, over the train tracks; by the Inwood train station, stating that there is a very significant amount of graffiti. Administrator Goldman responded that he had been to this location with Highway Superintendent Robert Daniels earlier in the week and was going to raise the issue later on the meeting under New Business Item #5 – Inwood Station upgrade proposal. The Long Island Railroad owns the overpass, which is “monstrously high” but nevertheless, covered in graffiti. Some discussion ensued in this regard. Administrator Goldman stated that the Village will be reaching out to the L.I.R.R.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of minutes:** BOT May 14, 2015

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved the approval of the May 14, 2015 BOT meeting minutes. Trustee Fragin seconded the motion with the noted changes (the corrected spelling of Atty. Scharf’s name and deleting the last line of #3 under Good & Welfare). All in favor.

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

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>#753, 754, 755, 756</b>
<b>Recreation Fund</b>	<b>#179(r), 180</b>
<b>Sewer Fund</b>	<b>#87, 88</b>
<b>Trust Fund</b>	<b>#273</b>
<b>Payroll</b>	<b>#2395, 2396</b>

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved the approval of General Fund Abstracts #753, #754, #755 and #756. Trustee Fragin seconded the motion. Discussion ensued in this regard. All in favor.

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved the approval of Recreation Fund Abstracts #179(r) and #180. Trustee Fragin seconded the motion. Discussion ensued in this regard. All in favor.

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved the approval of Sewer Fund Abstracts #87 and #88. Trustee Fragin seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved the approval of Trust Fund Abstract #273. Trustee Fragin seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved the approval of Payroll Abstracts #2395 and #2396. Trustee Fragin seconded the motion. All in favor.

## **Item 2 – Appointments for 2014 – 2015**

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved to appoint Akiva Lubin as the Lawrence Representative to the Town Village Aircraft Safety & Noise Abatement Committee (TVASNAC), filling the remainder of a term of one (1) year, to expire in July of 2015. Deputy Mayor Felder seconded the motion. All in favor.

Trustee Fragin renewed his request from the 5/14/15 BOT meeting for clarification of the expiration dates of the members of the BZA, aside from Mr. Danny Hiller, who was appointed to the remainder of Mr. Lester Henner's term (due to expire June 30, 2015). It was noted by Trustee Fragin and Mayor Oliner that the terms of the remainder of the entire BZA had expired (not including Mr. Hiller). Trustee Fragin stated that he considers it a dereliction of duty on the part of this Board of Trustees not to appoint people for the entire year. Trustee Fragin added that he "thinks it's a mistake and just not the way to run a government, and we shouldn't allow it to continue". Mayor Oliner said this was duly noted.

## **Item 3 - Continuation of Public Hearing to amend the Village Code regarding the Board of Zoning Appeals**

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved to adjourn the continuation of the Public Hearing to amend the Village Code regarding the Board of Zoning Appeals, to the next BOT meeting on July 9, 2015. Deputy Mayor Felder seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Mayor Oliner – Aye

Deputy Mayor Felder – Aye

Trustee Fragin – No

Trustee Edelman – Aye

The motion carried.

## **Item 4 – Harborview Project Update**

Administrator Goldman explained that there was a long standing problem in the Village, along a particular street in Harborview, and it was resolved by plumbing work. Most of the problem has been resolved which has improved the quality of life for the residents, with no ice in the winter and no stagnant water, being a potential hazard and creating a rust and smell issue, in the spring/summer. Having done that and solved the main

problem, Administrator Goldman went on to state that there is one additional refinement that has to be made. After conferring with the engineers, the solution would require an additional expenditure of funds of no more than \$5,000.00 (possibly less) that would be required to complete the project. Some of the work would be done by the original contractor Ciarlo, and some would be done “in-house” by Village employees to reduce costs. Discussion ensued in this regard.

**Board Action:** Trustee Edelman moved to implement the necessary refinement/correction for the Harborview Project at an additional expenditure of not more than \$5,000.00. Deputy Mayor Felder seconded the motion. All in favor.

### **Item 5 – Inwood Station Upgrade Proposal**

Administrator Goldman explained that in addition to the Lawrence train station, the Village also has a responsibility at the Inwood train station on one side. On the Village of Lawrence’s side there is an extensive parking lot, which has permit parking for specific times. Across the street from that parking lot was a poorly maintained commercial enterprise that has since been replaced, which is a tremendous upgrade to the immediate vicinity, as well as creating a tremendous increase in pedestrian traffic. This location has also become a gathering point for individuals, with some unacceptable behavior having been reported. The 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct has been to this location and Administrator Goldman made the following possible suggestions (albeit with refinements) to help ameliorate the situation:

- 1) The Village places much more obvious and dramatic “no trespassing signs”, noting that trespassers would be subject to prosecution. These would be much more aggressively posted and enforced than the Village has now.
- 2) Due to the increase in vehicular and pedestrian traffic Administrator Goldman suggested that twelve short-term parking meters be installed, given the large amount of space. Seasons Express, the new commercial entity, is operational 24 hours a day, with a security guard posted at specific hours. They have requested these types of meters be installed by the Village, stating that they would be very helpful for customer parking and security as well as possibly increase revenue for the Village.
- 3) In addition, Administrator Goldman proposed that the area be “cleaned up”.

Discussion ensued in this regard. Mayor Oliner requested that Administrator Goldman prepare a plan/schedule with a dollar amount of what is being proposed, for the Board to consider and take under advisement. The hours allowed for parking need to be revisited as part of this matter as well.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) Village's IT provider - Administrator Goldman explained that the Village's current IT provider has agreed to extend their services on a month-to-month basis, as needed by the Village, while preparations to go out to bid for same are underway. At the last BOT meeting on 5/14/15, there was no formal vote to approve going out to bid. While this has not hindered the administration in moving forward in this regard, the following vote was taken:

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved to go out to bid for new Village IT equipment including the servicing of said equipment. Trustee Edelman seconded the motion. All in favor.

- 2) Street light update – Administrator Goldman stated that cost was a consideration pertaining to the replacement of the current street lights in the Village. Mr. Goldman introduced Mr. Mitchell Gerber and Mr. Jerry Waters of LED Next, who were present at the BOT meeting and who have been very helpful and instrumental in researching this matter as well as providing a sample of an LED street light that would fit on the Village poles. This residential street light which was lit for viewing at the meeting would last ten years minimum (saving greatly on maintenance costs); it would save on electricity; it works on a sensor, it is a very bright light source; and the cost is \$996.50 for 84W/5700 Lumens and \$929.55 for 58W/2900 Lumens each. There are other (residential) LED street lights available already on (new) poles at varying competitive pricing, which is another option. These, however, might incur more installation fees/costs and needs to be researched further. The Village of Lawrence currently has approximately 1,058 street lights, some of which have been installed or replaced in the last five years, however, many of which are quite old and decrepit. PSEG would be the recipients of the massive savings on electricity, since the Village pays a fixed rate per light pole, not the amount of current used. Mr. Gerber and Mr. Waters stated that they would meet with PSEG to investigate the possible procurements of a grant to fund this project for the Village as well as look into whether or not General Electric (the manufacturer) has any information on possible rebates or funding. Discussion ensued in this regard.

Deputy Mayor Felder requested that the sample street light fixture be installed on a Village street to demonstrate how it actually looks in operation outdoors, at night, and on an existing Village pole. Mr. Gerber and Mr. Waters agreed to install the sample light for the Board to view and consider. Mayor Oliner thanked them for their time and efforts to date and going forward.

- 3) Pest Control – Administrator Goldman gave an update with regard to the previously approved vendor's spraying of the Village as well as the dissemination of the black boxes by the Village DPW. The County is not scheduled to spray until July and will send notification prior to the spraying. Mr. Goldman listed the Village areas sprayed. Discussion ensued in this regard.
- 4) Zion Park improvements – Trustee Fragin noted that at the prior BOT meeting on

May 14, 2015, the vote did not include schematics or a cost amount/price for the grass area project. It was noted that much of the work was being done “in-house”. Some discussion ensued and Administrator Goldman provided the following cost amounts:

- Fence = \$8,700.00
- Top soil = \$880.00
- Cobblestones = \$500.00
- Cement = \$50.00
- The rest is being done “in-house”
- Sprinkler = not being done at this time; one estimate was \$4,400.00

**Board Action:** Mayor Oliner moved the approval of the above expenditures, to expand and make a small grassy area adjacent to Zion Park from the existing parking spaces, up to \$15,000.00 for all of the (separate/individual) acquisitions, including the lowest responsible bid for the sprinkler, in total. Deputy Mayor Felder seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Mayor Oliner – Aye

Deputy Mayor Felder – Aye

Trustee Fragin – Abstained

Trustee Edelman – Aye

The motion carried.

- 5) Outdoor dining – Mayor Oliner stated that the restaurant Prime Bistro Steakhouse, next to Stefan’s Florist on Central Avenue, has requested permission to use the sidewalk for outdoor dining. Years ago the Village granted permission to Chosen Island for outdoor seating, which was never implemented. Carlos and Gabby’s currently have outdoor seating. Discussion ensued in this regard. Mayor Oliner instructed Village Administrator Goldman and Village Attorney Peter Bee to research the Village Code/Law pertaining to this issue as well as what was done regarding Chosen Island in 2003, rescinded in 2005.
- 6) LY&CC Update – LY&CC General Manager Leo McMahon stated that the LY&CC is doing “very well financially”. Based on revenues and payroll golf is up 15% from last year, the Marina is up 1 – 2%; the catering is up 20% and it was “up” last year, so the Club is doing really well in that area; Tennis is down about 3%; the first bunker is being installed by Valley Crest in about a week with three different types of sand to determine which is best (on the golf course); the driving range is “packed” with Village residents and Club members; Memorial Day was a huge success; there was a Family Day Tournament this past weekend with about 100 players which was great according to Mr. McMahon. Royalton Caterers is considering having a dinner at the Marina in July for all members and Village residents interested. Mayor Oliner requested that Mr. McMahon research the

idea of a fitness club at the Marina parking lot. Trustee Fragin noted that the Marina parking lot floods during high tide.

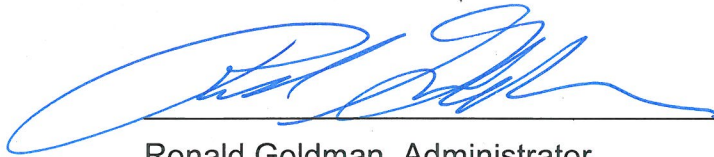
On motion by Trustee Fragin, seconded by Mayor Oliner and unanimously approved the Board convened in Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. to discuss matters of legal advice/litigation, personnel and status of Union Contract.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Board Action was taken during the Executive Session.

There being no further business, on motion by Trustee Edelman, seconded by Trustee Fragin and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 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.



Ronald Goldman, Administrator,  
Clerk/Treasurer