

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, October 23, 2014 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 Irving Langer
Trustee Alex H. Edelman

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

The Board convened in Work Session at 7:30 p.m.

WORK SESSION

No Board Action was taken during the Work Session.

REGULAR MEETING - Mayor Oliner called the regular meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

GOOD & WELFARE

1. Isaac Shulman, President of the Lawrence Houses Owners Corporation (co-operative down the street) raised the issue of repaving the building's driveway, requesting Overnight Street parking permits for the (over 60 families) approximately 40 residents of the two buildings involved. The Village had proposed those 40 cars be parked at the Lawrence LIRR parking lot, which he felt was not a "workable solution". He stated that this would be a hardship for many elderly, some handicapped and those residents with babies to walk, as well as security issues for many of the people and their cars. The entire project should take about 4 – 5 days and the shareholders would be grateful for said permits. Mayor Oliner said that he will take the request under advisement and work something out.
2. Rochelle Kevelson of 21 Causeway raised the issue of confusing and misleading parking signage on Causeway in addition to having received two (2) parking tickets while her house is under construction. Mayor Oliner asked Mr. Goldman and Mr. Ryder to review the signage on Causeway.
3. Mayor Oliner acknowledged Legislator Kopel who was invited to tonight's BOT meeting. Mayor Oliner raised the issues of:

- a) Legislator Kopel, Trustee Edelman and Nassau County DPW met a couple of months ago to discuss the condition of Broadway. The County had come up with a change in markings for the roadway, however, it was deemed not prudent to move forward prior to resurfacing/repaving of the road, at least from Route 878/the County line to Rockaway Turnpike.
- b) Mayor Oliner raised the matter of issuing tickets to the school district for failure to maintain the sidewalk/bike path adjacent to Rock Hall Road behind the Middle School (athletic fields). Mayor Oliner said that it is a dangerous situation, the path is cracked and it floods. Mayor Oliner asked Legislator Kopel to verify whether it is Nassau County's or the school district's responsibility. Legislator Kopel believes it may be a designated bike path under Nassau County's jurisdiction; however it may be up to the school district to maintain and said that he would check into the matter.
- c) Legislator Kopel was asked to give an update on the sewer facility at Lawrence Bay Park. He stated that as a result of Super Storm Sandy the facility was being completely refurbished and will be "a brand new facility". It will take a considerable amount of time due to the fact that it is a major undertaking and will take design and custom implementation. He stated that the storm sewers are a different issue and are under study. Legislator Kopel addressed the question of the sale of the sewer facility by the County and responded by saying the County has hired a private operator to run it. Mayor Oliner requested a meeting with regard to the sewers.
- d) Trustee Edelman asked for an update on Route 878. Legislator Kopel responded that the turnout for his rally to turn attention to this issue had a very poor turnout, especially from the Lawrence community. The 100 or so people who showed up were "organized" people. Trustee Fragin and Administrator Goldman were in attendance. Since the currency of politics is votes and money, the lack of community support did not help the cause. Legislator Kopel has a website (www.fix878now) through which people can sign a letter/petition that is sent directly to the Governor. Mayor Oliner and the Board discussed sending out an e-mail blast to the Community directing them to go to Legislator Kopel's website and sign/send this letter to Governor Cuomo. Assemblyman Goldfeder expressed his frustration with the poor turnout from the community at the rally and in addition, has a similar website regarding Route 878 (www.fixourroadsnow).
- e) Trustee Fragin inquired as to the status of the soon to be installed school speed camera on Broadway. Legislator Kopel was unsure if it is to be permanent or mounted on a mobile unit. Legislator Kopel added that in his opinion the roll out of this program and the signage to alert drivers to the speed zones was very poorly done and is working on getting proper markings/flashing lights installed. The ultimate goal is safety.
- f) Resident Joseph Jacobs expressed various opinions regarding the community.
- g) Resident Norman Pinn of Sealy Drive expressed his frustration at the lack of forward motion or resolution regarding the Water Company and requested an

update. Administrator Goldman stated that the Sealy Drive project has been discussed between the Water Company and the Village of Lawrence, and they've reached a position where the Village requires certain fees whose amount is in dispute. Mr. Goldman added that the Water Company must maintain the sanctity of the road and that no resolution has been reached to date. Mr. Pinn inquired if the Village is reasonable in its expectations. Mayor Oliner stated that the Village would get back to Mr. Pinn regarding his inquiries.

- h) Barry Ringelheim of Atlantic Beach complimented and praised the Village for allowing and supporting the Wounded Warrior Project Event at the LY&CC. He said that the LY&CC is magnificent, a "gold star" facility. The Event raised over \$30,000.00. He thanked the Village, Leo McMahon, Jeff Bessen of the Nassau Herald, the LY&CC and all who helped make the Event such a huge success. He proposed the idea that next summer, perhaps to incorporate hosting one day a week the Wounded Warriors Event at the LY&CC, Rockaway Hunt Club, Woodmere, Inwood and Seawane Clubs culminating in a "massive dinner" at one of the clubs. Mayor Oliner requested to know how much of the money raised actually goes to the Wounded Warriors; the organization's financials. Mr. Ringelheim stated that the financial information can be found on the Wounded Warrior's website, but in addition he will supply this information to Mr. Goldman for the Mayor and Board's review. Mr. Ringelheim thanked the Mayor, Board and Village again.
- i) Trustee Fragin reported that over the holidays the "Back of Lawrence" situation was quite sedate in comparison with past years. He stated that the letter that was sent out by the Village was very helpful. Mayor Oliner stated that he did receive a couple of complaints. One resident reported a small amount of loss to the Mayor, who would like to see even better planning in place for next year. Trustee Fragin added that the Auxiliary Police had ten cars on patrol Wednesday evening and twelve cars on patrol Thursday evening, which was very effective.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of minutes: BOT September 11, 2014

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved the approval of the September 11, 2014 BOT meeting minutes. Trustee Langer seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 1 – Approve Abstracts #'s

General Fund	#722, 723, 724, 725
Recreation Fund	#148, 149, 150, 151
Sewer Fund	#82

Payroll

#2378, 2379, 2380

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved the approval of General Fund Abstracts #722, #723, #724 and #725. Trustee Langer seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding the towing of the Village Jeep from Keene Lane and the status of All Covered. All in favor.

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved the approval of Recreation Fund Abstracts #148, #149, #150 and #151. Trustee Fragin seconded the motion. All in favor.

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved the approval of Sewer Fund Abstract #82. Trustee Langer seconded the motion. All in favor. .

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved the approval of Payroll Abstracts #2378, #2379 and #2380. Trustee Edelman seconded the motion. Discussion ensued with regard to overtime for the DPW over the course of the high holidays. All in favor.

Item 2 – Appointments for 2014 – 2015

This item was tabled.

Item 3 – Public Hearing to amend the Village Code regarding the Board of Zoning Appeals

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved to open the Public Hearing for Local Law No. 4 of 2014 (attached hereto as Exhibit “A”), to amend the Village Code regarding the Board of Zoning Appeals. Deputy Mayor Felder seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Mayor Oliner - Aye

Deputy Mayor Felder – Aye

Trustee Fragin – Nay

Trustee Edelman – Aye

The vote carried.

There were no comments from the public.

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved to close the Public Hearing for Local Law No. 4 of 2014 (to amend the Village Code regarding the Board of Zoning Appeals) for this evening to be continued at the next Board Meeting on November 13, 2014. Deputy Mayor Felder seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 4 – Park Commission Recommendations

Trustee Fragin noted that he believes LY&CC employment issues are beyond the scope of the Park Commission.

Jackie Handel spoke on behalf of the Park Commission regarding the condition of the relatively new carpeting and flooring at the LY&CC. Discussion ensued.

a) Approve raise for part-time employee

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved the approval of an increase in pay for LY&CC part-time employee Carlos Villatoro from \$10 an hour to \$13 an hour. Trustee Edelman seconded the motion. All in favor.

b) Approve catering refund for Talia Ostreicher

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved the approval of the Park Commission's recommendation for a catering refund of \$1,000.00 for Talia Ostreicher, who was within the allotted timeframe. Trustee Fragin seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 5 – Approval to go out for road improvement bids for the following:

- **Albro Lane**
- **Burton Lane**
- **Club Drive**
- **Meadow Drive**

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved the approval to go out for road improvement bids for the above listed streets. Trustee Fragin seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 6 – Consider Stable Lane stop sign

This item was adjourned.

Item 7 – Approve four-way stop sign at the intersection of Briarwood Crossing and Ocean Avenue

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved the approval of a four-way stop sign (which requires that the Village add two more stop signs) at the intersection of Briarwood Crossing and Ocean Avenue. Deputy Mayor Felder seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 8 – Approval to go out to bid for the Harborview Water Mitigation Project

Mayor Oliner noted that there is a severe water problem at Harborview due to the rising of storm water for which there is a mitigation project that is being reviewed with the help and impetus of Trustee Edelman and the Village's Building Department. Village Attorney Peter Bee added the conditions that currently exist arose in an unanticipated and unusual fashion that could not have been predicted months ago. Given the unanticipated and serious level (it was his understanding that) and for reasons of health and safety an emergency is being requested to be declared by this Board necessitating an immediate contract for the mitigation of the flooding on Harborview Drive and justifying the immediate hiring of a contractor. Discussion ensued in this regard.

Mayor Oliner stated that he would like to authorize Village Administrator Ronald Goldman, given the emergency nature of this project, to go out with the help of Trustee Edelman and Building Superintendent Michael Ryder, to come up with the best way of vetting this contractor. The Mayor instructed Administrator Goldman to find the best qualified and most competitive contractor; in addition to getting another two or three proposals/bids from contractors who do this exact work.

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved to declare an emergency regarding the Harborview Water Mitigation Project, and to authorize the Village Administrator Ronald Goldman, to execute a contract to address that emergency but not designating a particular vendor or a particular price. Trustee Langer seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 9 – Graham Property – Correction Deed Resolution

This item was adjourned. Mayor Oliner and Village Attorney Peter Bee will set up a meeting with the Graham attorney for next week.

Item 10 – List of items to be declared as scrap

Board Action: Mayor Oliner moved the approval of the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby determines upon the recommendation of the Village Administrator that the list of items appended to this Resolution (attached hereto as Exhibit "B") is a list of items which have no current or future use for the Village (i.e., they are "surplus"), and it is further

RESOLVED that the Village Administrator is hereby directed to remove said items from the inventory of Village property and dispose of same for the best possible price/return to the Village.

Trustee Fragin seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item #11 – Consideration of GPS for Village Vehicles

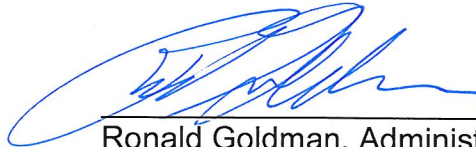
Administrator Goldman explained the possibility of installing GPS in Village Vehicles. Discussion ensued in this regard.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Muni-Meter update** – Village Administrator Goldman gave an update regarding the regular meters and stated that the Muni-meters are coming and should arrive by mid-December for installation in the Village. Discussion ensued in this regard. It was requested that Mr. Goldman instruct Devo & Associates to include the pay-by-phone option.

There being no further business, on motion by Mayor Oliner, seconded by Trustee Edelman and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned at 10:10 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

EXHIBIT A

**VILLAGE OF LAWRENCE
LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2014**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED
“APPEALS, BOARD OF”**

BE IT AMENDED and ENACTED by the Village of Lawrence Board of Trustees, as follows:

A:

6.1 Supersession

Pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 10(l)(ii)(e)(3) and other provisions of State law vesting in the Village Board of Trustees, the following sections of the Village Law are hereby amended and superseded with respect to the Village of Lawrence, to read as follows:

§ 7-712, Subdivision 2. Appointment of members. The existing five-member Board of Appeals of the Village of Lawrence is continued expanded to a seven-member Board. All **existing** members of such Board **of Appeals** may continue to serve on such board for the remainder of the terms for which they were duly appointed. **The Mayor, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, shall immediately, upon adoption of this local law amendment, appoint two (2) new members of the Board of Appeals with terms that expire on June 30, 2017.** The **Mayor, subject to the approval of the Board of** Trustees, shall appoint the members of the Board of Appeals and the chairperson and vice-chairperson, **if any**, thereof. In the absence of the chairperson and vice-chairperson, the Board of Appeals may designate a member to serve as acting chairperson. The Board of Trustees may appoint and provide for compensation to be paid to experts, clerks and a secretary and provide for such other expenses as may be necessary and proper, not exceeding the appropriation made by the Board of Trustees for such purpose.

§ 7-712, Subdivision 4. Terms of members.

- (a) Each member of the Board of Appeals in office at the effective date of this law may continue to hold office for the balance of the term for which each such member was appointed. Upon the expiration of each such term, the successor to each such member shall be appointed for a term of three official years.
- (b) The appointment of the two (2) new members to the Board of Appeals, as provided for above, shall be for terms of office that

expire on June 30, 2017, and upon the expiration of such terms, the successors to such members shall serve terms of three official years.

- (c) The appointment and designation as chairperson and vice-chairperson, **if any, for the incumbent member(s) of the Board of Appeals as of the date of the adoption of this local law amendment shall expire on June 30, 2015, and** upon the expiration of such term(s), the successor(s) to such appointment and designation as chairperson and vice-chairperson, if any, shall serve term(s) of one official year. The term of office of the chairperson and vice-chairperson, **if any,** shall be ~~eeterminous with such member's term of office as a member of the Board of Appeals~~ **one (1) official year.**

B: This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Exhibit B

BOT Meeting October 23, 2014

LIST OF ITEMS TO BE DECLARED AS SCRAP

1. 1996 GMC Sierra

VIN #: 1GTGK24R1TE536220

Mileage = 70,131.9

Truck #8

Series = 2500

2. 1994 GMC Sierra

VIN #: 1GTGK24K5RE543635

Mileage = 70,317

Truck #11

Series = 2500