

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, October 6, 2011, at Lawrence Village Hall, 196 Central Avenue, Lawrence, New York 11559.

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

Those members absent were: Deputy Mayor Joel A. Mael

Also present were: David E. Smollett, Administrator
Tom Levin, Village Attorney
Abraham Farber

Mayor Oliner opened the meeting at 8:05 pm.

GOOD & WELFARE

1. Trustee Fragin asked whether light synchronization issues on 878 had been resolved. Administrator Smollett said that the issues vary at different times of the day and problems are still ongoing.
2. Trustee Fragin reported that seven street lights were out at the intersection of the 878 highway and Broadway. Trustee Felder reported two lights out at the intersection of Rockhall Road and Lawrence Avenue.
3. Trustee Felder reported on an accident he witnessed which he said was due to the sunset which blinds drivers' vision as they drive west along Broadway and Central Avenues in the afternoon and evening.
4. Trustee Felder reported that pursuant to a meeting he had with Inspector Cleary of the 4th precinct regarding traffic violations in the Village, there has been a marked increase in the number of moving violations ticketed by the police from approximately 60 per month for July and August to approximately 80 in September.

Trustee Klar stated for the record that it is absolutely unacceptable that the packages providing the necessary information to the members of the Board of Trustees have not been provided timely for the last number of meetings. In fact the package for tonight's meeting was delivered last night after 8 pm. Many of the agenda items were not accompanied by the appropriate information necessary for the BOT to evaluate the matters at hand, and some had none whatsoever. In addition, information, including claims vouchers and payroll abstracts, are not being provided to the BOT in a timely manner to allow for adequate review prior to the BOT meetings. Trustees, in order to properly exercise their

fiduciary responsibilities to the residents of the Village, must receive agenda items and abstract information with ample time to review

Trustee Fragin noted that minutes of BOT meetings have not been supplied for the past several months. Administrator Smollett said that the minutes for past meetings are work in progress and will be completed shortly. Tom Levin, Village Attorney, noted that, by law, draft minutes must be available to the public within two weeks after a regular meeting and that non-compliance constitutes a default, although no penalties are assessed for same.

Trustee Felder said that, in his opinion, the main issue is understaffing at Village Hall due to personnel turnover over the past year and a half and that the Village needs to hire additional staff in order to improve efficiencies and timely work product. Trustee Klar disagreed, noting that discussions regarding hiring have been ongoing for the past six months and no progress has been made to date.

Mayor Oliner noted that all of the trustees have valid points. He also noted that the Village has experienced a series of emergencies in recent months including the Hurricane and a fire at the Country Club which demanded attention. He said that, nevertheless, there is no excuse for not providing necessary information on a timely basis and the administration needs to address these issues as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1. Approval of Abstracts

Trustee Klar inquired whether all vouchers had been reviewed and signed. Trustee Felder advised that he signed the vouchers. Trustee Fragin said he signed those vouchers which were signed by the administration but that some were not signed by the administration. Additionally, vouchers were still being processed up until the day before the BOT meeting and as per prior instructions from the BOT, all vouchers for review were to be provided a week before the meeting.

Mayor Oliner reiterated the policies which the BOT had instituted over the past several months to have necessary sign-off and review of vouchers in advance of the BOT meeting and that such policies need to be followed. He also said that in instances where invoices need to be paid before the scheduled BOT meetings, it would be possible for the BOT to meet mid-month to approve vouchers as necessary.

Trustee Klar questioned several of the vouchers. He also said that payroll worksheets need to be emailed to BOT in advance of payroll submittal.

Mayor Oliner moved to approve the vouchers signed and approved by both Trustees Fragin and Felder that are included in abstracts (all other vouchers are to be held):

General Fund #642
Recreation Fund #51
Sewer Fund #44
Trust Fund #236

Payroll #'s 2299 & 2300

Trustee Klar seconded.
All present in favor.

Item 2: Workplace Safety Consultation Services – RPF Associates

Mayor Oliner moved to approve engaging RPF Associates to provide a Workplace Safety Consultation as ordered under Code Rule #59 by the New York State Worker's Compensation Rating Board. The cost of the consultation is \$3,000. Trustee Klar seconded. Vote taken:

Mayor Oliner	Aye
Trustee Felder	Aye
Trustee Klar	Aye
Trustee Fragin	Nay

Motion passed.

Trustee Klar requested that the administration find out the deadline for the Workplace Safety Consultation from the NYS Workmen's Compensation Rating Board.

Item 3: 2012 Tennis Rates

This item was tabled.

Item 4: 2012 Marina Rates

Leo McMahon, manager of the Country Club, explained the new multi-rate structure. Mayor Oliner questioned the calculations and said that rates should be based on the greater of boat size or slip size as is the case in other Marinas. Mr. McMahon advised that rates did not need to be finalized at this time. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Item 5: Approval to Purchase 2 HD 3500 Chevy Pick Up Trucks

Administrator Smollett explained the need for the new trucks due to the aging of the existing trucks which are over 15 years old. Administrator Smollett presented the pricing off of the NYS OGS contract for a 2012 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 HD to be purchased from Halston Chevrolet. Pricing came to a total of \$45,982.54 for the two trucks.

Mayor Oliner moved to approve the purchase. Trustee Fragin seconded.
All present in favor.

Item 6: Retention of Sal Castro – Tabled

Item 7: Abandoned Property Update – Tabled

Item 8: Replace Generator at Sage Pond

Mayor Oliner directed Administrator Smollett to obtain quotes for the job. He directed Village Attorney Tom Levin to determine if the project would be funded from the Village or from the County.

Item 9: LI American Water (LIAW) Meeting Update

Mayor Oliner said that, per his findings, LIAW has not been conducting water safety testing in Lawrence. He said he met with Senator Dean Skelos to put pressure on LIAW to conduct testing. He also discussed with Senator Skelos the feasibility of the Village taking control of the water pipes and running its own water facility.

Item 10: Request for Proposals for Village Insurance Coverages

Mayor Oliner directed Administrator Smollett to put out an RFP for the Village insurance business and to solicit bids from Yale Brokerage and Fairmont Insurance.

Item 11: Country Club Fire Update

Mayor Oliner outlined progress of remediation efforts. Trustee Klar asked for estimated date of full restoration. Leo McMahon said it is estimated to be completed by October 14, 2011. Trustee Klar directed Mr. McMahon to advise any Catering Hall customers who might be impacted by the ongoing repairs.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tide Gate Update

Discussion regarding delays in the completion of the project. Mayor Oliner raised possibility of finding new contractor to complete the project. Trustee Klar questioned why the members of the Board of Trustees, who had been inquiring about this installation at every meeting, were not advised of the delay and the reason thereof. Mr Smollett reported that he received grant extension

2. LY&CC Fire Alarm Update

Administrator said that the Fire Marshal inspected the system and approved it.

3. DEC Order of Consent Update

Mayor Oliner said he is in the process of contacting the DEC.

4. NC DPW – EFC Update

Discussion regarding moving forward with the EFC financing. Trustees Fragin and Klar questioned why the Village has not yet arranged for payments under the IMA as requested by the County. Mayor Oliner expressed concerns regarding the County's ability to complete the project and the drastic consequences that could result in the event that the Village must continue to maintain its sewer facility and remain liable to repay the bond. Village Attorney, Tom Levin, addressed the hypothetical nature of these concerns and said that the County is required to discharge its responsibilities under the IMA. Mayor Oliner said the matter requires additional review and directed the administration to forward copies of all IMA and EFC documents to the BOT members.

5. Street Construction Update

Administrator Smollett reported on the completion of paving and street restoration projects for Washington Avenue, Briarwood, Hollywood Crossing and Herrick Drive.

6. Temple Israel Update all agreed that it should not be agenda item

7. Security Cameras Updates

Administrator Smollett reported that four bids were received for installation of security cameras at the LYCC fuel pump. Additionally, the scope had expanded to include installation of cameras at the Park House cashier desk and the pro shop where the new point of sale system will be set up. Amended proposals to include the expanded scope of work are expected to come in within the next week. He also reported that security cameras in the parking fields are fully operational.

Mayor Oliner directed Mr. Smollett to make available to the BOT maps of the neighborhood showing strategic locations for placement of cameras to monitor vehicles entering and exiting the Village.

8. Copper Beach Drainage Update

Administrator Smollett reported that the project had been completed and it should alleviate the drainage problems previously experienced.

ADDITIONAL GOOD AND WELFARE

Trustee Felder thanked Mike Ryder for restricting landscapers from entering the Village on Sundays in order to enforce compliance with Village regulations.

Mayor Oliner advised it was not anticipated that any further matters remained for public discussion and other matters regarding personnel and collective bargaining issues would be addressed in Executive Session.

Trustee Klar moved to go into executive session, to discuss matters leading to the hiring, firing, promotion or dismissal of one or more persons, collective bargaining matters, and legal advice. Trustee Fragin seconded.

All present in favor.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 9:55PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Various matters were discussed. No action was taken.

The Board returned to public session.

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Mayor Oliner appointed Abe Farber as Deputy Treasurer, and moved that the appointment be approved at an annual salary of \$90,000. Mr. Farber may participate in the Village's health, dental and vision plans and will be required to contribute 25% of the premium cost of any plan in which he chooses to elect coverage. Trustee Klar seconded. All present in favor

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
Clerk/Treasurer