

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at the Lawrence Village Hall, 196 Central Avenue, Lawrence, New York 11559.

Those members present were: Mayor Samuel (Shlomo) Nahmias

Deputy Mayor Tammy M. Roz

Trustee Aaron M. Parnes

Trustee Aaron Felder

Trustee Steven Gottesman

Also present were:

Gerry Castro, Village Administrator

Lina Fusco, Village Treasurer

Village Attorney, John E. Ryan, Esq.

Alison Cohen, Secretary to the BOT

The Board convened in Work Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss various agenda items.

### **WORK SESSION**

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

Work Session ended at 8:08 p.m.

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**Board Action:** Trustee Felder moved the approval to open the Regular meeting. Trustee Parnes seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Nahmias called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:11 p.m.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

November 14, 2024

**Public Hearing #1 regarding the proposed Local Law of 2024 to amend the Village Code regarding Zoning Code §70-11 regarding permits and grade deviations**

**Board Action:** This item was tabled/adjourned until the next BOT meeting, on December 5, 2024.

## **Public Hearing #2 regarding the proposed Local Law of 2024 to amend the Village Code for Zoning**

**Board Action:** This item was tabled/adjourned until the next BOT meeting, on December 5, 2024.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Approval of minutes:** BOT October 10, 2024

**Board Action:** Trustee Felder moved the approval of the October 10, 2024 BOT meeting minutes. Trustee Gottesman seconded the motion. All in favor.

### **GOOD & WELFARE**

- 1) Judi Bernstein of 54 Meadow Lane inquired: "What's happening with the car accidents and increased traffic every day"? Adding that she sees more and more egregious driving and accidents in the community and asked what can be done to mitigate the situation. Village Treasurer Lina Fusco responded that the Fourth Precinct has deployed undercover police cars, at various locations throughout the Village, per the Village's request. There were three (3) N.C.P.D. P.O.P. (Problem Oriented Policing) Officers present at the meeting. P.O.P. Officer Destasio added that they have a new unmarked car, new plate readers and are addressing the increase in traffic and related issues as best they can. Deputy Mayor Roz stated, for the Board and Village, "we appreciate what you do". Discussion ensued and Mayor Nahmias stated that it is evident that more tickets are being written, which maintains safety, and we are grateful.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

<b>General Fund</b>	<b># 1279, 1280, 1281, 1282, 1283</b>
<b>Recreation Fund</b>	<b># 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924</b>
<b>Payroll Fund</b>	<b># 101124, 102524, 110824</b>

**Board Action:** Trustee Felder moved to approve General Fund Abstracts #1279, #1280, #1281, #1282 and #1283; Recreation Fund Abstracts #913, #914, #915, #916, #917, #918, #919, #920, #921, #922, #923 and #924; and Payroll Fund Abstracts #101124, #102524 and #110824. Deputy Mayor Roz seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Item #2 – Approve Free Weekend Holiday Parking (in municipal lots from Thanksgiving to New Year’s)**

**Board Action:** Trustee Parnes moved the approval of free weekend holiday parking (in municipal lots) as per the below (and attached hereto as Exhibit “A”):

**VILLAGE OF LAWRENCE**

**Free Holiday Parking in**

**LOTS # 3 and #4**

**Saturdays and Sundays**

**Nov 30<sup>th</sup> and Dec 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Dec 7<sup>th</sup> and Dec 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Dec 14<sup>th</sup> and Dec 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Dec 21<sup>st</sup> and Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Dec 28<sup>th</sup> and Dec 29<sup>th</sup>**

Trustee Felder seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Item #3 – LY&CC Status Report**

Deputy Mayor Roz acknowledged that the Village is pleased to announce the Grand Opening of "The Back Nine" golf simulators located within the existing Driving Range on Causeway. The ribbon cutting is set to take place this Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., and all are invited to attend. She added that they did a fantastic job rehabilitating and rejuvenating the facility for all to enjoy.

LY&CC General Manager Kevin Dudleston presented the LY&CC GM Report for November 2024, attached hereto as Exhibit “B”.

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

**Item #4 — Approve the ratification of the 2025 LY&CC Membership Rates**

**Board Action:** Trustee Felder moved to approve the ratification of the 2025 LY&CC Membership Rates attached hereto as Exhibit “C”. Trustee Gottesman seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Item #5 – Approve Public Hearing for December 5<sup>th</sup> to change Village Ordinance 200-62 (A) and (B) extending the parking meter hours of operation from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and including Sundays for all metered areas**

**Board Action:** Trustee Felder approved setting a Public Hearing for the December 5<sup>th</sup> BOT meeting, to amend the Village Ordinance 200-62 (A) and (B) extending the parking meter hours of operation from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and including Sundays for all metered areas. Trustee Gottesman seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Item #6 – Approve Resolution in support of continued & increased State aid**

**Board Action:** Deputy Mayor Roz moved to approve a Resolution in support of continued and increased State aid, attached hereto as Exhibit “D”. Trustee Felder seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Item #7 – Consideration of the formation of a Lawrence Business Association**

**Board Action:** This item was tabled.

**Item #8 – Approve Resolution re-accepting State aid for street lighting on Nassau Expressway**

Mayor Nahmias clarified that the Village is close to getting \$150,000.00, in State aid, with the help of Senator Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick to help with the rehabilitation of the street light infrastructure on the Nassau Expressway (Route 878). The Mayor added that we are very grateful to the Senator for her help.

**Board Action:** Trustee Parnes moved the approval of a Resolution re-accepting State aid for street lighting on the Nassau Expressway (Route 878). Trustee Felder seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Item #9 – Approve Resolution to advertise in the Nassau Herald and 5 Towns Jewish Times for the purpose of coordinating midnight madness in the Lawrence Business District**

**Board Action:** This item was tabled.

**Item #10 – Approve Resolution (consistent with Nassau County) banning electric scooters and or e-bikes from sidewalks including a penalty of \$1,000 and confiscation of the scooter/bike**

**Board Action:** Deputy Mayor Roz moved to approve a Resolution (consistent with Nassau County) banning electric scooters and/or e-bikes from sidewalks including a penalty of \$1,000 and confiscation of the scooter/bike; attached hereto as Exhibit “E”. Trustee Gottesman seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Item #11 – Authorize the Mayor to research and negotiate the procurement of new parking meters in the Business District for the purposes of additional/easier payment methods and synchronized enforcement, in the amount not to exceed \$500,000**

**Board Action:** Trustee Felder moved the approval to authorize the Mayor to research and negotiate the procurement of new parking meters in the Business District for the purposes of additional/easier payment methods and synchronized enforcement, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00. Trustee Gottesman seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Item #12 – Approve salary increase for Village Hall Staff**

**Board Action:** Deputy Mayor Roz approved the \$10,000.00 annual salary increase for Village Hall Payroll/HR staff member. Trustee Gottesman seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Item #13 – Approve hiring of Allen Villeda and Pedro Cornejo as full-time laborers at the Department of Public Works**

**Board Action:** Deputy Mayor Roz moved to approve the hiring of Allen Villeda and Pedro Cornejo as full-time laborers at the Department of Public Works. Trustee Felder seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Item #14 – Approve Resolution prohibiting the Village from obtaining the services of or entering into contract with any vendor participating in or in support of Boycott or BDS activity in conjunction with Nassau County's prior Resolution**

**Board Action:** Trustee Parnes moved to approve a Resolution prohibiting the Village from obtaining the services of or entering into contract with any vendor participating in or in support of Boycott or BDS activity in conjunction with Nassau County's prior Resolution, attached hereto as Exhibit "F". Trustee Felder seconded the motion. All in favor.

On motion by Trustee Parnes, seconded by Trustee Felder and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

This is to certify that I, Gerry Castro, read the preceding minutes, and they are in all respects a full and correct record of such proceedings.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gerry Castro", written over a horizontal line.

Gerry Castro, Village Administrator

EXHIBIT A

VILLAGE OF LAWRENCE

Free Holiday

Parking in

LOTS # 3 and #4

Saturdays and Sundays

Nov 30<sup>th</sup> and Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> and Dec 8<sup>th</sup>

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Dec 21<sup>st</sup> and Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>

Dec 28<sup>th</sup> and Dec 29<sup>th</sup>

**INCORPORATED  
VILLAGE OF LAWRENCE**

MAYOR  
SAMUEL (SHLOMO) NAHMIA

DEPUTY MAYOR  
TAMMY M. ROZ

TRUSTEES  
AARON M. PARNES  
AARON FELDER  
STEVEN C. GOTTESMAN



VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR  
GERRY CASTRO

VILLAGE TREASURER  
LINA PUSCO

VILLAGE ATTORNEY  
JOHN E. RYAN

**VILLAGE OF LAWRENCE  
HOLIDAY SEASON 2024  
FREE PARKING\***

**PARKING FIELD # 3 – North Side of Central Avenue**

**PARKING FIELD # 4 – South Side of Central Avenue**

**FREE PARKING BETWEEN THE HOURS OF  
9:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.**

**Saturday & Sunday: November 30<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>  
December 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>  
December 14<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>  
December 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
December 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**

***\*Please Note: Street Metered Parking Remains in Effect***

**Mayor Samuel (Shlomo) Nahmias  
Deputy Mayor Tammy Roz  
Trustee Aaron Parnes  
Trustee Aaron Felder  
Trustee Steven Gottesman**

## EXHIBIT B

### Lawrence Country Club GM Report – November 14th, 2024



#### MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS, NEW MEMBER AND RENEWAL COUNTS.

- No new Memberships for October as we are awaiting on approval of 2025 Membership Dues.
- Currently have 25 Potential new Members on our Call List.

GOLF	RES	NON-RES	TOTAL	2023
PLATINUM	12	91	103	105
GOLD	17	113	130	95
SILVER	5	71	76	72
BRONZE	9	122	131	120
FAMILY	1	24	25	26
EXEC FAMILY	0	2	2	1
JUNIOR	26	44	70	46
<b>TOTAL FULL MEMBER</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>465</b>
REC ADULT	67		67	
REC SENIOR	18		18	
REC JUNIOR	33		33	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>188</b>		<b>655</b>	

TENNIS	RES	NON-RES	TOTAL	2023
PLATINUM	29	33	62	69
GOLD	24	1	25	22
SILVER	2	1	3	
FAMILY	3	3	6	2
EXEC FAMILY	0	1	1	
JUNIOR	6	1	7	8
REC PERMIT	19		19	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>101</b>

MARINA	RES	NON-RES	TOTAL	2023
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>99</b>

#### CLUBHOUSE

Greenview (Non-Kosher)	Chap a Nosh (Kosher)
6 events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Club Events</li> <li>• 2 Shower</li> <li>• 2 Other</li> </ul>	2 events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Bris</li> <li>• 1 Other</li> </ul>

- The annual Elevator Inspection was carried out.
- Air Filters were replaced in the Clubhouse.
- The thermostats were replaced in Cart Barn.

#### GOLF OPERATIONS

- For the Month of October, we had 2304 Rounds of Golf compared to 1909 in 2023.
- A successful year of Men's and Ladies Club tournaments finished with the Devils Cup on the 26<sup>th</sup> October.
- Golf Operation staff are now currently being laid off for the winter with a skeleton crew to assist for the remainder of the season.
- The golf shop is having a season ending sale through to December and certain inventory items are being returned to vendors for credit for 2025.
- Golf shop revenue is down for October in comparison to last year but this is due to the rain-date Golf Outings that were carried out in 2023. However, revenues did beat budget by 4%.
- We are also in the process of booking Monday outings for 2025.



#### **COURSE AND GROUNDS**

- The aerification of Tees and Fairways has now been completed.
- At this time of year, work on the course will be focused on leaf blowing to assist golfers, drainage, minor tasks, and winterization of on-course bathrooms.
- Maintenance crew will begin to be laid off for the winter providing only a skeleton crew to assist in winter projects and 'basic maintenance.

#### **TENNIS & PICKLEBALL OPERATIONS**

- Racquet is now finished and closing and winterization procedures have been completed.
  - Removal of windscreens, nets
  - Patio Furniture, Umbrellas, and Ball Machines now in storage.
  - We have left one Pickleball Court open for Play, and covered the second for winter preparation.
  - Water has been switched off to the clubhouse and sprinklers.
- All Racquet Staff have been laid off and we look forward to having Mohammed return for the 2025 season.

## EXHIBIT C

### 2025 BOT MEMBERSHIP DUES & CHANGES SUMMARY

#### **2025 RULES CHANGES**

- New No Show Tee-Time Policy – (\$20 for No Show / No Call within 12 hours of Tee Time)
- All Members/Rec Permits Requires Credit Card on File – **Mandatory for 2025 Sign-Up.**
- Mandatory Etiquette Classes for **ALL** Junior Memberships and **NEW** Members.
- Modify Platinum and Gold Tee-Time Reservations to 7 Days in Advance.
- Gold Membership is now restricted to max. age of 35. (Current Gold Members Grandfathered for 3 years)
- Resident Bronze Membership is now allowed to play on Weekends.
- Golf Rec Permit Changes – No Play until after 1:00pm; 2:00pm on Weekends & Holidays
- Racquet Rec. Permit Changes – No Renewals allowed. Upgrade to Membership Only.
- Racquet Rec Permit includes Pickleball (Up to 10 plays between Tennis & Pickleball)
- Pickleball access to Golf and Marina Members. Must be registered ahead of time and Pay-as-you-Go. \$15/player/hour.

#### **2025 CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP DUES TIMELINE**

- **December 31<sup>st</sup>:** Pay 2025 Rates before December 31<sup>st</sup> and enjoy 6 free Guest Passes
- **January 1<sup>st</sup> Onwards:** 2025 Membership Dues Apply

#### **2025 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

<b>NON-RESIDENT GOLF</b>						
Member Type	2024 Rate	Count	2025 Rate	% CHANGE	\$ CHANGE	ADDTNL REVENUE
Platinum	\$7,300	91	\$7,995	9.5%	\$695	\$63,245
Gold	\$3,650	113	\$4,295	17.7%	\$645	\$72,885
Silver	\$5,095	71	\$5,995	17.7%	\$900	\$63,900
Bronze	\$3,795	122	\$4,295	13.2%	\$500	\$61,000
Family	\$9,950	24	\$10,995	10.5%	\$1,045	\$25,080
Exec. Family	\$11,330	2	\$11,995	5.9%	\$665	\$1,330
Junior	\$550	44	\$750	36.4%	\$200	\$8,800
						<b>\$296,240</b>
<b>RESIDENT GOLF</b>						
Member Type	2024 Rate	Count	2025 Rate	% CHANGE	\$ CHANGE	ADDTNL. REVENUE
Platinum	\$3,820	12	\$3,995	4.6%	\$175	\$2,100
Gold	\$1,925	17	\$1,995	3.6%	\$70	\$1,190
Silver	\$2,675	5	\$2,695	0.7%	\$20	\$100
Bronze	\$1,570	9	\$1,695	8.0%	\$125	\$1,125
Family	\$5,365	1	\$5,395	0.6%	\$30	\$30
Exec. Family	\$5,665	0	\$6,295	11.1%	\$630	\$0
Junior	\$335	26	\$395	17.9%	\$60	\$1,560
						<b>\$6,105</b>
<b>Golf Rec Permit</b>						
Adult Rec.	450	60	\$500	11.1%	\$50	\$3,000
Senior Rec.	450	17	\$500	11.1%	\$50	\$850
Junior Rec.	125	30	\$200	60.0%	\$75	\$2,250
						<b>\$6,100</b>
<b>ADDITIONAL GOLF REVENUE TOTAL</b>						<b>\$308,445</b>

NON-RESIDENT TENNIS						
Member Type	2024 Rate	Count	2025 Rate	% CHANGE	\$ CHANGE	REVENUE
Platinum	\$1,650	33	\$1,750	6.06%	\$100	\$3,300
Gold	\$1,150	1	\$1,225	6.52%	\$75	\$75
Silver	\$1,270	1	\$1,350	6.30%	\$80	\$80
Family	\$1,950	3	\$2,075	6.41%	\$125	\$375
Exec. Family	\$2,750	1	\$2,900	5.45%	\$150	\$150
Junior	\$350	1	\$400	14.29%	\$50	\$50
						<b>\$4,030</b>
RESIDENT TENNIS						
Member Type	2024 Rate	Count	2025 Rate	% CHANGE	\$ CHANGE	REVENUE
Platinum	\$1,150	29	\$1,225	6.52%	\$75	\$2,175
Gold	\$800	22	\$850	6.25%	\$50	\$1,100
Silver	\$875	2	\$925	5.71%	\$50	\$100
Family	\$1,455	3	\$1,525	4.81%	\$70	\$210
Exec. Family	\$2,050	0	\$2,150	4.88%	\$100	\$0
Junior	\$200	6	\$225	12.50%	\$25	\$150
						<b>\$3,735</b>
Tennis Rec Permit						
Adult Rec. Permit	200	14	\$250	25.00%	\$50	\$700
						<b>\$700</b>
ADDITIONAL TENNIS REVENUE TOTAL						<b>\$8,465</b>
ADDTNL. REVENUE TOTAL						<b>\$316,910</b>

## NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

FULL GOLF & RACQUET MEMBERSHIP						
Membership Type	Rate	Count	2025 Rate			
NR Platinum	-	-	\$8,825	-	-	
NR Gold	-	-	\$4,860	-	-	
RESIDENT Platinum	-	-	\$4,580	-	-	
RESIDENT Gold	-	-	\$2,550	-	-	

**EXHIBIT D**

**Resolution in Support of Continued and Increased  
State Aid for Local Governments**

**Whereas**, until 2024, cities, villages and towns had not received an increase in unrestricted state aid (AIM funding) in 15 years, significantly impacting their ability to provide essential services to their residents; and

**Whereas**, after a prolonged period without financial support, local governments finally received an increase of \$50 million in unrestricted State aid; and

**Whereas**, local officials express their gratitude for the \$50 million increase in unrestricted State aid, recognizing it as a positive step towards addressing long-standing funding challenges; and

**Whereas**, the State has referred to this new aid as Temporary Municipal Assistance, suggesting that such increase may not continue, jeopardizing the sustainability of crucial municipal programs and services; and

**Whereas**, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the programs and services their residents need; and

**Whereas**, increased and ongoing State aid for local governments is vital for maintaining infrastructure, public safety, housing and other municipal services; and

**Whereas**, the challenges of inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid only accentuate the need for consistent and predictable funding to effectively plan for the future and meet the growing needs of their residents;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the Incorporated Village of Lawrence calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to commit to continuing the additional \$50 million in unrestricted State aid in the 2025-26 State Budget and beyond, and

**Be it further resolved**, that the Incorporated Village of Lawrence urges State officials to recognize the need for a long-term plan that ensures consistent and predictable increases in financial support for local governments that keep pace with inflation.

*A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Senator Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Assembly member Ari Brown and the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM).*

**EXHIBIT E**

**RESOLUTION**

**Banning electric scooters and or e-bikes from sidewalks including a penalty of \$1,000 and confiscation of the scooter/bike**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Nassau prohibits the operation of electric scooters and/or e-bikes on all sidewalks within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Nassau issues violations for such activities for which fines up to \$1,000 are imposed.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby **RESOLVED** that the Village of Lawrence fully supports Nassau County's prohibition on the operation of electric scooters and/or e-bikes and will do all within its authority to enforce said policy.

**EXHIBIT F**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Boycott Divest Sanctions movement (BDS) is a political movement designed to inflict economic damage upon the nation of Israel through the boycott of its goods and services and divestment of Israeli companies;

**WHEREAS**, the BDS is a damaging and discriminatory policy being perpetrated by a mounting number of entities; and

**WHEREAS**, the BDS movement is nothing more than thinly veiled anti-Semitism, designed to cause economic and reputational harm to Israel, an important ally of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, companies that engage in BDS activities or other discriminatory policies are anti-competitive and may prevent the procurement of goods or services of the best quality and at the most competitive prices; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Incorporated Village of Lawrence shall not enter into any contract with, utilize any services provided by or otherwise obtain any goods from any individual, business, or entity/subdivision thereof that participates, directly or indirectly, in Boycott or BDS Activity.