

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, September 12, 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, Susan Coleman, Esq. (in for
Steven E. Losquadro, Esq.)

Alison Cohen, Secretary to the BOT

Absent were:

Steven E. Losquadro, Esq.

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 7:55 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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

Mayor Nahmias called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

September 12, 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 October 10, 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 October 10, 2024.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Approval of minutes: BOT August 15, 2024

Board Action: Trustee Felder moved the approval of the August 15, 2024 BOT meeting minutes. Trustee Gottesman seconded the motion. Trustee Parnes recused himself, because he was not in attendance. All in favor.

GOOD & WELFARE

- 1) Trustee Gottesman recognized and invited former Trustee and Deputy Mayor Paris Popack, as a courtesy, to open the floor for her to speak and/or ask any questions regarding concerns she may have that she would like to have the Board address. She responded that she did not.
- 2) Judi Bernstein of 54 Meadow Lane stated that the speeding on Broadway is an ongoing problem in the area. Her husband was walking from Herrick Drive to Meadow Lane (on Broadway) and stated that the drivers were "going 50 miles per hour". She added that there is a lot of speeding in this town and a lot of reckless driving in this town. Ms. Bernstein stated that she was almost hit twice and her husband was hit twice (by a car). With regard to the vehicular issues in Cedarhurst, Mayor Nahmias suggested that Ms. Bernstein reach out to Mayor Benjamin Weinstock and Deputy Mayor Ari Brown as well as attend one of their Board meetings. The Mayor added that he has spoken to Inspector Ciaccio and Lt. Sollin of the Fourth Precinct, trying to work towards a solution, so this is helpful to target more specific areas. Discussion ensued in this regard.
- 3) Rochelle Stern-Kevelson of 21 Causeway has reported that she would like the "No Turn on Red when Pedestrians are Present" sign to be changed to "No Turn on Red". She stated that many motorists do not observe the sign at all, making right as well as left turns on red. Ms. Kevelson added that there is shrubbery blocking the view for cars, as they turn, which is dangerous. Mayor Nahmias offered for Village staff to meet her so she can show the specifics she is referring to. Ms. Kevelson also requested speed humps on Causeway, to try to mitigate the speeding; and, once again, for the glass on the meters to be cleaned.

Discussion ensued and Mayor Nahmias concluded that we're going to try very hard to fix these issues. Ms. Kevelson thanked the Mayor.

- 4) Chaim Weiser of 209 Causeway (between Ocean Avenue and Barrett Road), raised an issue he had also brought to the prior Administration, echoing what has been discussed already - - the speeding issue. He supplied photographs and explained that when he moved into the neighborhood in 2019, Back Lawrence was more of a "sleepy hollow". Now, the community has a lot of children, no sidewalks in Back Lawrence, many large ongoing construction projects along with the aforementioned speeding and reckless driving. Mr. Weiser added that there is no stop sign between Barrett Road and Ocean Avenue (on Causeway, which is a long stretch of roadway and has a curve); there is only a stop sign on Narragansett Avenue, that is recessed and hard to see. He has seen very dangerous situations arise and would like the Village to put speed humps and perhaps stop signs on Causeway. Discussion ensued in this regard. The Mayor and Board expressed their willingness to help, but requested that Mr. Weiser get signatures from him neighbors all along the block, especially where he would like the stop signs and speed humps (with signage) placed, to mitigate any backlash as the Village has previously encountered.
- 5) Blanche Lerer of 2 Wentworth Place (at the corner of Broadway), has difficulty pulling out of her street even with the crosswalk/don't block the box signage and striping the Village installed. The Mayor and Board responded that this is an enforcement issue and they will be in touch with the Fourth Precinct. Ms. Lerer also reported two street lights out on Broadway, off of Lord Avenue, and one across from The Carlisle (near the Firehouse and Washington Avenue), which the Village will report tomorrow to have repaired. Ms. Lerer inquired if the late NYS Senator Carol Berman's house (which was sold and demolished), at the corner of Lord Avenue and Hards Lane, is zoned for a three-story house; which was not permitted "in her time". Discussion ensued regarding the changes in zoning codes since Super Storm Sandy, and flood zones.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1 – Approve Abstracts #'s

General Fund	# 1264, 1265, 1266, 1267, 1268, 1269
Recreation Fund	# 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902
Payroll Fund	# 081624

Board Action: Trustee Felder moved to approve General Fund Abstracts #1264, #1265, #1266, #1267, #1268 and #1269; Recreation Fund Abstracts #895, #896, #897,

#898, #899, #900, #901 and #902; and Payroll Fund Abstract #081624. Trustee Parnes seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item #2 – Approve Resolution removing stop sign on Lakeside Drive South previously approved

Board Action: Trustee Felder moved to approve a Resolution removing a stop sign on Lakeside Drive South that was previously approved. Trustee Gottesman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item #3 – LY&CC Status Report

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

Board Action: Trustee Felder moved to approve the LY&CC GM Report for September 2024, attached hereto as Exhibit “A”. Trustee Gottesman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item #4 – Authorize the Mayor to negotiate and enter into contract with Kosher Caterers at the LY&CC

Board Action: Trustee Felder moved the approval to authorize the Mayor to negotiate and enter into contract with Kosher Caterers at the LY&CC. Deputy Mayor Roz seconded. All in favor.

Item #5 – Appointments and Designations

Mayor Nahmias started with the following removal:

Village Historian	George Mallis
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Mayor Nahmias made the following one-year appointments, which would expire as of July 2025, (as also noted in the attached Exhibit “B”):

Village Historian -	Ruven (Randy) Guttman
Park Advisory Council -	Dr. Joseph Felder
Park Advisory Council -	Michael Weisz

Board Action: Trustee Felder moved the approval of the above (and listed in the attached Exhibit “B”) one-year appointments, which would expire as of July 2025. Trustee Gottesman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item #6 – Approve a “No Parking Here to Corner” sign on west side of Muriel Avenue (near Broadway)

Board Action: This item was tabled.

Item #7 – Approve Resolution to hire Tree Pruning Services not to exceed \$50,000

Mayor Nahmias explained that this is to kickstart a “Beautification Program” to get back to the roots (the fabric) of what our Village should look like. In addition, the DPW will be surveying the neighborhood, identifying areas where the shrubbery needs to be cut back off of the sidewalks; where trees need to be replaced/removed; as well as broken sidewalks requiring repair. Village Administrator Gerry Castro added that the Village will abide by the Village’s Procurement Policy in the hiring of the Tree Pruning contractor; whatever course of action is necessary and with full transparency. Mayor Nahmias added that the Village is in the process of working with NYS Senator (the Honorable) Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, who has a \$150,000.00 grant, ready for us to receive; to assist the Village in repairing the street lights on Route 878.

Board Action: Trustee Felder moved to approve a Resolution to hire Tree Pruning Services not to exceed \$50,000.00. Trustee Parnes seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item #8 – Approve hiring of office staff for LY&CC

Board Action: Trustee Felder moved to approve the hiring of office staff for the LY&CC. Trustee Parnes seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item #9 – Approve increase for Village Hall staff

Mayor Nahmias explained that this is actually a savings, not an expense. He went on to say that due to the resignation of one of the Village Hall staff in the Court, the Court Clerk to the Village Justice, who has been here for eighteen (18) years, and feels they can handle the work, will get an additional \$12,000.00 to do so. This will be an approximate savings of \$51,000.00; with the understanding (and transparency) that in the event that they can’t handle the work, they won’t get the additional \$12,000.00 and another staff member will be brought in. An Administrative staffer will also take on an increase in workload (to assist the Court Clerk) for a \$7,000.00 salary increase, pending the success of said “program”. They Mayor added that it’s a program to see if we can save money and was something that the Court Clerk wanted.

Board Action: Trustee Felder moved to approve an increase of \$12,000.00 for the Village Hall Court and a \$7,000.00 increase for Village Hall Administrative Clerical. Trustee Gottesman seconded the motion. All in favor.

On motion by Trustee Parnes, seconded by Trustee Felder and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned at 8:54 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.


Gerry Castro, Village Administrator

EXHIBIT A

Lawrence Country Club GM Report – September 12th, 2024



MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS, NEW MEMBER AND RENEWAL COUNTS.

GOLF

For the month of August, we had **4 Golf Rec Permit Sign-ups** (3 Adults and 1 Junior)

TENNIS

We also had **2 NEW Tennis Members**, 2 Gold (2 Resident). Additionally, we also had **5 Tennis Rec Permit Sign-ups** (5 Adults).

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
TOTAL FULL MEMBER	70	467	537	465
REC ADULT	67		67	
REC SENIOR	18		18	
REC JUNIOR	33		33	
TOTAL	188		655	

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	
TOTAL	83	40	123	101

MARINA	RES	NON-RES	TOTAL	2023
TOTAL	30	74	104	99

CLUBHOUSE

Greenview (Non-Kosher)	Chap a Nosh (Kosher)	Saffron (Kosher)
9 events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Golf Outings 1 Shower 3 Men's Club 2 Other 	5 events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Fundraiser 2 Mitzvah 2 Sheva Brochet 	2 events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Sheva Brochet

- Service Call was carried out regarding one of the boilers losing pressure. A new pump has been ordered and will be installed upon arrival.

COURSE AND GROUNDS

- We thank the village for the purchase of **2 new green mowers** that were received in August. Already, we have been receiving compliments on how the greens conditions have improved even further.
- We would also like to thank the Village for the new fence surrounding the dump, which beforehand was quite the eyesore and also the Village's assistance in removing the Gazebo.
- The Concrete Pump house by Hole 7 Tee Box was painted Green to so it blends in with the surrounding area.
- Currently there are no issues regarding disease, etc. to the quality of the grasses.
- The Range Picker had a starter motor issue. A replacement was ordered and repaired in-house.

MARINA OPERATIONS (Prepared by Dave Sarnelli)

- The nets at the driving range on the 8th fairway and north street are complete
- The fence at the marina in the B-section is complete.
- The preliminary meeting for the Marina Grant went well
- We had a new 39 ft boat sign up for 2024
- A marina member experienced a problem with his steering and propulsion after his sailboat ran aground in the channel. As he attempted to dock the boat, slip B-4 was damaged. I am currently assessing the damage and determining the extent of repairs required.
- Docks in the b-section were repaired as well as the A-section and C-section
- We had a few water breaks that were repaired in the A-section/ C -section
- Some hose bibs were changed out, they were dripping
- The bathrooms are being cleaned a few times a day
- The marina house is being cleaned daily
- The docks and parking lots are being kept free of shells and debris
- Outdoor gathering area, patio furniture, and the BBQ have been cleaned and will continue to be cleaned on a weekly basis.
- The grass is being cut and weed whacked
- The gate was lubricated for smooth operation and wear and tear.

GOLF OPERATIONS

- For August we saw 4048 rounds which is average for August, due to days often hot and humid.
- Golf Shop Revenue was 13% above projected targets.
- 4 Golf Outings for the month of August were carried out without issue.
- We had a great turnout including the Men's Member Guest and the Big 'L' tournaments for both the Men's and Ladies Clubs.
- Both the Men's and Ladies Club Championships were held in August. The 2024 Men's Club Champion is **Echo Chan** and Ladies Champion A Flight is **Sherri Tischner**, B flight is **Jackie Handel**.



TENNIS & PICKLEBALL OPERATIONS

- Throughout the month of August, the Pickleball Courts have been worked on by Laurel Gold Coast. A lot of painstaking time has been carried out to ensure we do not have any puddling issues. If this was not done properly, then this would cause cracking of the surfaces in the future. Work is almost complete and fencing around the courts have been installed.
- On August 10th, we hosted an Interclub with Sport Time Lynbrook. Unfortunately the results were not in our favor but it was a great event bringing much member camaraderie.



EXHIBIT B

Appointments & Designations FY 2024-2025

ITEM #5

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Term Length</u>	<u>Expires July First</u>
ELECTED:			
Shlomo (Sam) Nahmias	Mayor	2	2026
Tammy M. Roz	Deputy Mayor	2	2025
Aaron M. Parnes	Trustee	2	2025
Aaron Felder	Trustee	2	2026
Steven C. Gottesman	Trustee	2	2026
Gary Mandel	Justice	4	2028
APPOINTED:			
Tammy M. Roz	Deputy Mayor	1	2025
Shlomo (Samuel) Nahmias	Commissioner - Police*	1	2025
Aaron Felder	Commissioner - Fire*	1	2025
Steven C. Gottesman	Commissioner - Finance*	1	2025
Aaron Felder	Commissioner - Public Works/Highway*	1	2025
Aaron M. Parnes	Commissioner - Sanitation*	1	2025
Tammy M. Roz	Commissioner - Parks & Recreation*	1	2025
Gerry Castro	Village Administrator, Marriage Officer, Records Mgmt, Records Access Officer	1	2025
Lina Fusco	Clerk/Treasurer, Budget	1	2025
Lina Fusco	Village Treasurer	1	2025
Steven E. Losquadro, Esq.	Village Attorney	1	2025
Steven E. Losquadro, Esq.	Village General Counsel*	1	2025
Trudy Stern	Associate Village Justice	1	2025
Karen Sarnelli	Clerk to the Village Justice	1	2025
John Ryan, Esq.	Counsel to ZBA, BBD & Planning Bd	1	2025
Saul Bienenfeld, Esq.	Deputy Prosecutor*	1	2025
Bruce Mael, Esq.	Deputy Prosecutor*	1	2025
Mark Schreck, Esq.	Deputy Prosecutor*	1	2025
Marc Mullen	Deputy Prosecutor*	1	2025

Lina Fusco	Assessor	3	2027
Ruven (Randy) Guttman	Village Historian*	1	2025
Lina Fusco	Registrar	1	2025
Gerry Castro	Deputy Registrar	1	2025
Christine Polizzi	Deputy Registrar	1	2025
Danny Vacchio	Superintendent of Buildings	1	2025
Frank Franzese	Superintendent of DPW	1	2025
Frank Franzese	Superintendent of Highways	1	2025
	<u>Zoning Board of Appeals</u>		
	Chairman, Lloyd Keilson	3	2025
	Danny (Melvin) Hiller	3	2026
	Philip Kerstein	3	2025
	Elliot Moskowitz	3	2027
	Edward Gottlieb	3	2026
	Alternate, Mark Bergmann	1	2025
	Alternate, Ruth Jungreis	1	2025
	Alternate, Mimi Fragin	1	2025
	<u>Board of Building Design</u>		
	Chmn, Barry Pomerantz	1	HOLDOVER
	Barbara Kupferstein	1	HOLDOVER
	Ron Deutsch	1	2025
	Chava Lowy	1	2025
	Shoshana Weinstock	1	HOLDOVER
	Alternate, Max Katz	1	HOLDOVER
	Alternate, Joseph Davidson	1	HOLDOVER
<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Term Length</u>	<u>Expires</u>
	<u>Planning Board</u>		<u>July First</u>
	Chairman, Noah Fleschner	5	2026
	Mordy Sohn	5	2025
	Joseph Fein	5	2029
	Benjamin Lopata	5	2028
	Menachem (Michael) Pinter	5	2027
	Alternate,	1	
	Alternate,	1	
	<u>Park Advisory Council</u>		

	Co-Chmn., Dr. Sheldon Genack	1	2025
	Co-Chmn., Carolyn Argento	1	2025
	Vice Chmn., Marc Gelbtuch	1	2025
	Miles Fisher	1	2025
	Francine Sicklick	1	2025
	Julius Fragin	1	2025
	Randy Green	1	2025
	David Decter	1	2025
	Israel Wolfson	1	2025
	Michael Weisz	1	2025
	Dr. Joseph Felder	1	2025
	Dr. Tammy M. Roz - LIAISON		
	<u>Tree City Committee - Chairman</u>		
	Edward Gottlieb	1	2025
	<u>Safety Committee - Chairman</u>		
	Gerry Castro	1	2025
	<u>Beautification Committee</u>		
	<u>Chairman. Naomi Berger *</u>	1	2025
	Rebbitzen Horowitz*	1	2025
	Jeanette Schechter*	1	2025
Flushing Commercial Bank	} Official Depositories*	1	2025
Flagstar Bank	} Official Depositories*	1	2025
Town Village Aircraft Safety & Noise Abatement Committee	Akiva Lubin*	1	2025
Liaison to Nassau County Office of Emergency Management	Dr. Marc Sicklick*	1	2025
<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Satty, Levine & Ciacco, CPAs, P.C.	Village Auditors to audit annual reports of finance of the Village*	1	HOLDOVER
Herald	Official Newspaper*	1	2025
General Code Publishers	Code Publishers*	1	2025
Cameron Engineering & SHL Engineering, P.C.	Village Engineers*	1	2025
<u>Meetings:</u>			

Board of Trustees: Meetings 2nd Thurs at 8:00 pm.			
Board of Building Design: Meetings 1st Monday at 7:15 pm			
Board of Zoning & Appeals per calendar			
Authorized Signatures for checks:	Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Treasurer		
	No facsimiles except for Payroll		

***Legally, at will; description of term is custom only.**