

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, December 5, 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 John E. Ryan, Esq.)

Alison Cohen, Secretary to the BOT

Absent were:

Village Attorney, John E. Ryan, 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. Deputy Mayor Roz seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

December 5, 2024

**Public Hearing #1 regarding the proposed Local Law #4 of 2024 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**

**Board Action:** Trustee Felder moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the proposed Local Law #4 of 2024 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; attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Deputy Mayor Roz seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Board Action:** After hearing no further comments, Trustee Felder moved to close the Public Hearing regarding the proposed Local Law #4 of 2024 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; attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Trustee Gottesman seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Board Action:** Deputy Mayor Roz moved to adopt/approve the proposed Local Law #4 of 2024 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; attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Trustee Felder seconded the motion. All in favor. The Local Law #4 of 2024 passed and is adopted.

**Public Hearing #2 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 January 9, 2025.

**Public Hearing #3 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 January 9, 2025.

***Mayor Nahmias recognized a great leader in the Village of Lawrence, who has passed away, Rabbi Yehoshua Kalish, and held a moment of Silence; to honor his blessed memory and praise what he's done for our community.***

***Mayor Nahmias asked that those present take another moment of Silence, to honor a fallen hero, Omer Neutra, a resident of Nassau County; to honor his blessed memory.***

***Mayor Nahmias added that we also pray for the return of all of our hostages in Israel; and to be surprised that we should have a lot of survivors.***

***With that said, Mayor Nahmias stated that the Village of Lawrence has issued Three (3) Proclamations:***

- 1) One in honor of Rabbi Kalish's service and dedication to the community, and for being a great leader; and.**
- 2) One in honor of Omer Neutra for his service to the Nassau County community, and for everything that he's done; and**
- 3) We would also like to congratulate Michael & Mimi Fragin on being honored at Achiezer, for giving of themselves to better the community; and we've issued them a Proclamation recognizing their contribution and honoring them as well.**

**Deputy Mayor Roz added that we need to acknowledge Mayor Nahmias and his wife, Monica, as well. They were the Honorees at the Ohel Annual Gala for their wonderful support, generous donation and all that they do for the community and the Ohel Organization. She said that she would issue a Proclamation for them as well. She added: "We thank you for your service and everything that you've done for our community and for Ohel Organization". There was a round of applause. Mayor Nahmias thanked Deputy Mayor Roz.**

Mayor Nahmias stated that Trustee Gottesman would give an update on the Village's fiscal performance after taking office with the Mayor and Trustee Felder, "which is very important to note". Trustee Gottesman went on to say: "When we came in, one of the first things we saw was that the Village was running at about a \$1.5 million deficit, which was a little alarming; and we took on the task to try to stop the bleeding. With a lot of hard work, we did better than that. Not only did we stop the bleeding, but our year-over-year revenues are up nearly 5%. We can contribute that to increased enforcement and other fees that we've been collecting. But the big news is expenses are down 16%, or \$590,000.00; and that's just a really being more efficient, reviewing contracts and paying attention to the details, and being fiscally responsible. I think the Mayor has a big hand in that. All those forty (40) hour weeks are paying off. Thank you, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Nahmias thanked Trustee Gottesman and went on to say: "Not only that, we have no deficit now. We are actually positive for the first six months, which is a very important accomplishment and I think that we're going to continue to do well for the residents of Lawrence, with a lot of different projects that are coming up and a lot of different partnerships between the County and the State, that are going to be announced shortly".

Deputy Mayor Roz thanked Village Treasurer Lina Fusco for being an excellent Treasurer, and putting all of our reports together, always; and being so on top of all the numbers. The Mayor and Board concurred and thanked Ms. Fusco. Deputy Mayor Roz added "we couldn't do it without you". There was a round of applause.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Approval of minutes: BOT November 14, 2024**

**Board Action:** Trustee Felder moved the approval of the November 14, 2024 BOT meeting minutes. Deputy Mayor Roz seconded the motion. All in favor.

**GOOD & WELFARE**

- 1) Deputy Mayor Roz raised the issue of possible memberships at the LY&CC for Board members who serve for two (2) years (a full term), who serve tirelessly and receive no compensation. Discussion ensued in this regard.
- 2) Trustee Felder thanked all of the Trustees and the Mayor for the installation of three (3) new (additional) Harborview South street signs (at the intersections) that will read "Rabbi Yehoshua Kalish Way", in honor of the immense work that Rabbi Kalish has done and the effect he's had on the community. His synagogue of almost thirty (30) years is on Harborview South, as well as the residence that he and his family have lived in, for the same amount of time. So, thank you all. In addition, when the new signs are being added, there will be a ceremony inviting his family, friends and congregation to honor and celebrate him.
- 3) Auxiliary Police Officer Jon Isler noted that in reference to Trustee Gottesman's financial update that there was increased enforcement; there are more tickets being issued and the Court is busier than ever, as enforcement has been vigilant. Discussion ensued in this regard.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item #1 – Approve Abstracts #'s**

|                        |                                       |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>General Fund</b>    | <b># 1284, 1285, 1286, 1287, 1288</b> |
| <b>Recreation Fund</b> | <b># 925, 926, 927, 928, 929</b>      |
| <b>Payroll Fund</b>    | <b># 112224</b>                       |

**Board Action:** Trustee Felder moved to approve General Fund Abstracts #1284, #1285, #1286, #1287 and #1288; Recreation Fund Abstracts #925, #926, #927, #928 and #929; and Payroll Fund Abstract #112224. Trustee Parnes seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Item #2 – Approve setting a Public Hearing for proposed Local Law #1 of 2025 – authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c for the January 9, 2025 BOT meeting**

**Board Action:** Trustee Felder moved the approval to set a Public Hearing for proposed Local Law #1 of 2025 – authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c for the January 9, 2025 BOT meeting. Deputy Mayor Roz seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Item #3 – Approve Resolution increasing Village Parking Permit Fees**

**Board Action:** Trustee Parnes moved to approve a Resolution increasing Village Parking Permit Fees; per the below. Trustee Gottesman seconded the motion. All in favor.

| Permit Type       | Location  | Current Fee | Proposed Fee |
|-------------------|---|-------------|--------------|
| Resident          | Lot #1 (Lawrence Train Station)<br>Lot #2 (Inwood Train Station)  | \$ 40.00    | \$100.00     |
| Non-Resident      | Lot #1 (Lawrence Train Station)<br>Lot #2 (Inwood Train Station)  | \$150.00    | \$300.00     |
| Overnight         | Lots #3 & 4 (Long-term spots only)<br>Long-term meters on Central Ave.<br>Long-term meters on Herrick Dr.<br>Ext. | \$300.00    | \$400.00     |
| Employee/Business | Lots #3 & 4 (Long-term spots only)  | \$500.00    | \$500.00     |

**Item #4 — LY&CC Status Report**

LY&CC General Manager Kevin Dudleston stated that on behalf of (all of) the Men's Club, he thanked Mayor Nahmias and Deputy Mayor Roz for attending the Men's Club breakfast on Sunday. He added that "the vibe was very positive and everybody is excited for next year". Mr. Dudleston then presented the LY&CC GM Report for November 2024, attached hereto as Exhibit "B". He stated that on a positive note, revenues for the LY&CC are up.

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

**Item #5 – Approve change in host for Village website (MembershipWare, LLC – d/b/a Munibit) and retain the services of a social media person for three (3) hours a week for press releases and distribution of information to the community over various platforms**

**Board Action:** Trustee Felder moved to approve a change in host for Village website (MembershipWare, LLC - d/b/a Munibit) and retain the services of a social media person for three (3) hours a week for press releases and distribution of

information to the community over various platforms. Deputy Mayor Roz seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Item #6 – Approve leasing scanner/wide format plotter for Building Department**

**Board Action:** Trustee Felder moved to approve leasing a scanner/wide format plotter for the Building Department. Deputy Mayor Roz seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Item #7 – Appointments and Designations**

Mayor Nahmias appointed Jacqueline Handel as an Alternate Planning Board member, to fill a term set to expire July 2025.

**Board Action:** Trustee Felder moved to approve the appointment of Jacqueline Handel, as an Alternate member of the Planning Board, to fill a term set to expire July 2025. Trustee Parnes seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Item #8 – Authorize the Mayor to engage in the procurement and installation of 100 street fixtures at a cost not to exceed \$65,000**

Mayor Nahmias stated that the Village of Lawrence is replacing all of its street lights but wanted to clarify that the Nassau County Grant has not come through yet.

**Board Action:** Trustee Felder moved the approval to authorize the Mayor to engage in the procurement and installation of 100 street fixtures at a cost not to exceed \$65,000. Deputy Mayor Roz seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Item #9 – Approve minimum residency and attendance requirements for all Board members**

**Board Action:** Trustee Felder moved to approve the minimum residency (must be actual residents of the Village of Lawrence) and attendance requirements (75% of the meetings), for all Board members. (It was noted that all decisions and enforcement will be at the discretion of the Board.) Trustee Parnes seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Item #10 – Approve hiring of additional part-time parking meter attendants as required**

**Board Action:** Deputy Mayor Roz moved to approve the hiring of additional part-time parking meter attendants as required. Trustee Felder seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Item #11 – Authorize the Mayor to execute settlement of the Goldstein lawsuit**

**Board Action:** Trustee Parnes moved the approval to authorize the Mayor to execute a settlement of the Goldstein lawsuit. Trustee Felder seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Nahmias stated that when he and Trustees Felder and Gottesman set out to run for office, as a group, their intention was to take the Village of Lawrence away from litigation. So, this is one of the first steps that we're taking "to stop the bleeding", for the Village of Lawrence. We need to be community oriented and not in litigation.

On motion by Trustee Felder, seconded by Deputy Mayor Roz and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned at 8:25 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 dark ink, appearing to read "Gerry Castro", is written over a horizontal line.

Gerry Castro, Village Administrator

**EXHIBIT A**

**Bill No. 4 of 2024**

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF LAWRENCE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2024

**§ 200-62. Schedule XXIII: Parking Meters. [Amended 11-18-2013 by L.L. No. 1-2013]**

Establishment of parking meter areas; general regulations. The following parking meter areas are hereby established, in which the parking fees and hours of operation applicable to parking therein shall be as herein set forth:

- A. Parking meters for which the fee shall be \$0.25 for each half hour or part thereof, and shall be in operation from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily, except for federal holidays:
  - (1) The north and south sides of Central Avenue between Washington Avenue and Rockaway Turnpike.
  - (2) The east and west sides of Frost Lane, north of Parking Lot No. 3.
- B. Parking meters for which the fee shall be \$0.25 for each hour or part thereof, and shall be in operation between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily, except federal holidays:
  - (1) The north and south sides of Central Avenue between Rockaway Turnpike and Lawrence Avenue.
  - (2) The east and west sides of Herrick Drive between Central Avenue and the Long Island Railroad tracks.
- C. Parking meters which shall be in operation between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily, except for federal holidays:
  - (1) Parking meters designated as \$0.25 for each half hour or part thereof located in Parking Lot Nos. 3 and 4.
  - (2) Parking meters for which the fee shall be \$0.25 for each hour or part thereof, located in Parking Lot Nos. 3 and 4.
  - (3) Parking meters for which the fee shall be \$0.25 for each hour or part thereof, located on the east side of Frost Lane, south of Parking Lot No. 3.
- D. Overnight parking.
  - (1) Parking permits may be issued for the purpose of allowing overnight parking without the use of the meters between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. the following day,



and all-day Saturday, at:

- (a) At the long-term meters located in Parking Lots No. 3 and No. 4;
  - (b) At the long-term meters located on Central Avenue between Rockaway Turnpike and Lawrence Avenue; and
  - (c) The long-term meters on Herrick Drive between Central Avenue and the Long Island Railroad tracks.
- (2) The permit will be issued in accordance with Chapter 125, Licenses and Permits, of the Code of the Village of Lawrence.
  - (3) Every permit shall show the year in which it is issued. The permit shall be affixed to the rear window of the vehicle for which it is issued.

## EXHIBIT B

### Lawrence Country Club GM Report – December 5th, 2024



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

- Membership Renewal Forms have been sent out and are now collating and processing applications.
- TO CALL LIST has been communicated with and now awaiting responses.

#### FINAL 2024 MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

| 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) | Prime Events (Kosher) |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 6 events               | 4 events             | 2 Events              |

- Urinal in the Men's Restroom by the side of Ballroom is leaking badly. Working with TNT
- Working with vendors to identify a 'Level of Standard' that is expected on post event clean-up.

#### GOLF OPERATIONS

- As the temperatures continue to drop, Golf Operations is now running a Winter Hour Operation.
- Golf Operation staff reduced to Salaried employee's only plus Melanie who is currently being cross-trained for Winter Front Office Member Processing support.
- Golf Shop Inventory reduced to a minimum, with stock items such as Clubs and Shoes for Credit for 2025.
- Outing bookings for 2025 are proceeding well, with 6 Mondays left to fill.

#### COURSE AND GROUNDS

- Golf Course and On-Course Bathrooms have been fully winterized through blowing out Irrigation system and switching off water to Bathrooms. Bathrooms have been fully locked to prevent usage.
- Maintenance crew have been laid off for the winter providing only a skeleton crew to assist in winter projects and 'basic maintenance.

#### TENNIS & PICKLEBALL OPERATIONS

- Clubhouse and Tennis Campus completely winterized, and closed for Winter.