

Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
of the Board of Trustees of the  
Village of Larchmont, New York,  
held on **MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2010**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Joshua L. Mandell  
Trustees Anne H. McAndrews  
Marlene Kolbert  
Richard Ward  
Jaine Elkind Eney

**Also Present:** Clerk Finn, Treasurer Brucciani, Attorney Staudt

Mayor Mandell called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and welcomed those present.

The Honorable Jerry Bernstein administered the Oath of Office to newly-elected Mayor Joshua Mandell.

The Honorable Thea Beaver administered the Oath of Office to newly re-elected Trustee Marlene Kolbert.

The Honorable Dolores Battalia administered the Oath of Office to newly-elected Trustee Jaine Elkind Eney.

Mayor Mandell announced that a reception was held prior to the start of the public meeting, and many officials attended. Of those attending, the following spoke publicly at this meeting:

Congresswoman Nita Lowey  
State Senator Suzi Oppenheimer  
State Assemblyman George Latimer  
Town of Mamaroneck Supervisor Valerie O'Keeffe  
Village of Mamaroneck Mayor Norman Rosenblum

All of the officials wished Mayor Mandell and the Board the best in the coming year. They thanked them for their service, and extended their assistance, wherever possible, on matters of mutual interest or concern.

Rabbi Jeffrey Sirkman from Larchmont Temple pronounced the Invocation.

A brief recess was then called at 7:30 PM.

Upon reconvening at 7:45 PM, on motion of Trustee McAndrews, seconded by Trustee Kolbert, and unanimously carried, it was:

**RESOLVED,** to accept the Certificate of Election presented by the Clerk, which reflects the results of the Village Election held on March 16, 2010.

Mayor Mandell next made the following appointments:

Clerk Finn - Licensing Officer

Trustee McAndrews- Deputy Mayor and Alternate to Larchmont-Mamaroneck Joint Garbage Disposal Commission

**O**aths of Office  
**M**andell, J.  
**K**olbert, M.  
**E**ney, J. E.

**I**nvocation by  
**S**irkman, J.  
Larchmont Temple

**RESOLUTION**  
Accept Cert. of  
Election for 3/18/10  
Village **E**lection

**F**inn, E.  
**L**icensing Officer

**M**cAndrews, A.  
**D**ep. Mayor and Alt.  
to **G**arbage Disposal  
Commission

Liaison Appointments

Liaison Appointments:

**Mayor Mandell**  
Police Department  
Fire Commissioner  
Joint Sanitation Commission  
TVS (Town/Villages/Schools)  
Budget and Finance Committee  
Cable TV Board of Control  
Ambulance District

**Trustee McAndrews:**  
Deputy Mayor  
Land Use Boards  
Beautification  
LISWIC  
Palmer Avenue Streetscape

**Trustee Kolbert:**  
Committee on the Environment  
Library  
Parks and Trees Committee  
Committee on the Arts  
TVS (Town/Villages/Schools)  
Flint Park Conservancy

**Trustee Ward:**  
Coastal Zone Management Commission  
Sheldrake Environmental Center  
Taxis  
Traffic Commission

**Trustee Eney:**  
Recreation Committee  
Neighborhood Associations  
Business District Improvement Committee  
Bills and Invoices

On motion of Trustee Eney, seconded by Trustee McAndrews, and unanimously carried, it was:

**RESOLUTION**  
**Staudt, J.**  
Village **A**ttorney

**RESOLVED**, to approve the reappointment of James Staudt as Village Attorney for the coming year.

On motion of Trustee Kolbert, seconded by Mayor Mandell, and unanimously carried, it was:

**RESOLUTION**  
**Brucciani, D.**  
Village **T**reasurer

**RESOLVED**, to approve the reappointment of Denis Brucciani as Village Treasurer for a term of two years.

On motion of Trustee McAndrews, seconded by Trustee Eney, and unanimously carried, it was:

**RESOLUTION**  
**Lanza, J.**  
Dep. **T**reasurer

**RESOLVED**, to approve the reappointment of Joanne Lanza as Deputy Treasurer for the coming year.

On motion of Trustee Kolbert, seconded by Trustee Ward, and unanimously carried, it was:

**RESOLUTION**  
**Finn, E.**  
Village **C**lerk

**RESOLVED**, to approve the reappointment of Eileen Finn as Village Clerk for a term of two years.

On motion of Trustee Kolbert, seconded by Trustee McAndrews, and unanimously carried, it was:

**RESOLUTION**  
**Rilley, B.**  
Dep. Vill. **C**lerk

**RESOLVED**, to approve the reappointment of Brian Rilley as Deputy Village Clerk and Deputy Registrar for the coming year.

On motion of Trustee Kolbert, seconded by Trustee Ward, and unanimously carried, it was:

**RESOLVED**, to approve the appointment of John Poleway as Emergency Coordinator for the coming year.

**RESOLUTION**  
**Poleway, J.**  
**Emergency  
Coordinator**

On motion of Trustee McAndrews, seconded by Trustee Eney, and unanimously carried, it was:

**RESOLVED**, to approve the reappointment of Judith Doolin Spikes as Village Historian for the coming year.

**RESOLUTION**  
**Spikes, J. D.**  
**Historian**

On motion of Trustee McAndrews, seconded by Trustee Eney, and unanimously carried, it was:

**RESOLVED**, to approve the appointment of Jack Callahan as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, for a three-year term to begin on May 1, 2010.

**RESOLUTION**  
**Callahan, J.**  
**Zoning Board of  
Appeals**

Mayor Mandell announced that the Village’s official tree is the Larch tree.

Official **T**ree  
Designation

Mayor Mandell announced that the Village Board will meet once a month unless otherwise needed, all at the Municipal Building. He announced the dates for upcoming meetings as listed below, and said these dates could be changed at the pleasure of the Board:

Set **M**eeting Dates  
and Times

- Monday, April 26, 2010
- Monday, May 10, 2010
- Monday, June 14, 2010

On motion by Trustee Ward, seconded by Trustee Eney, and unanimously carried, it was:

**RESOLVED**, that all employees of the Village who are required to provide Surety Bonds according to law shall, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, be covered by the blanket Surety Bond now in force, or a renewal thereof, and the expense shall be a charge on the Village.

**RESOLUTION**  
Approve **S**urety  
Bonds for Village  
employees

On motion of Trustee McAndrews, seconded by Trustee Kolbert, and carried, it was:

**RESOLVED**, that JP Morgan Chase, Bank of America, Capital One Bank, HSBC, and TD Bank, are hereby designated as depositories for Village funds for the ensuing year.

**RESOLUTION**  
Designation of **b**anks  
for coming year

The vote on the above resolution was as follows:

**Ayes:** Mayor Mandell, Trustee McAndrews, Trustee Kolbert, Trustee Eney

**Nays:** None

**Abstained:** Trustee Ward

On motion of Trustee McAndrews, seconded by Trustee Eney, and unanimously carried, it was:

**RESOLUTION**

**B**rucciani, D.

**L**anza, J.

Authorized signatures  
on Village bank  
accounts

**RESOLUTION**

**P**oleway, J.

Parade Marshal and  
set date of 5/27/10 for  
**M**emorial Day Parade

**M**ayor's

Announcements

**RESOLVED**, that Treasurer Brucciani and Deputy Treasurer Lanza are the authorized signatures on all Village bank accounts.

On motion of Trustee McAndrews, seconded by Trustee Kolbert, and unanimously carried, it was:

**RESOLVED**, to approve the reappointment of Police Chief John Poleway as Parade Marshal for the Memorial Day Parade, to be held on May 27, 2010, at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Mandell made the following announcements:

1. The Clothes Closet is accepting donations from March 29-April 19, 2010.
2. Registration for the Flint Park Day Camp will be done on April 9 and April 10, 2010, at the Flint Park Playhouse. This year's camp will only be for children entering grades 1-3 in the fall.
3. The Flint Park Tennis Courts are open for the season, and tennis permits are now available for purchase at the Recreation Office. He extended the Village's appreciation to former Trustee Jim Millstein and his family for donating the funding to renovate the courts last year.
4. He reminded all residents to complete and return their Census 2010 forms.
5. The Sustainable Expo, sponsored by the Larchmont Environmental Committee, will be held on April 24 at the Hommocks School.
6. The Sheldrake Environmental Center, as part of Green Week, will hold a Clean-Up Day on April 24, 2010. Their Spring Festival will be held on May 2.
7. The Village has received the American Council of Engineering Excellence award for its Flint Park Redevelopment and Recreational Facilities.

**P**olice Chief's Report

Police Chief Poleway addressed the Board and congratulated the new members on their election. He also wished those continuing on the Board the best in the coming year, and said that he looks forward to working with everyone.

He announced the following:

1. Governor Patterson has requested Federal Aid Relief for six counties affected by the recent storms. There has not been any word yet on whether any aid will be forthcoming, but it appears from preliminary numbers that the total damage is approximately \$85 million in the affected counties.
2. The Police Department has registered with a program entitled "A Child is Missing." This program is used for those under age 21 who are missing, run away, are abducted, etc. The program is sponsored through Federal grants and is separate from the Amber Alert System. Captain Sullivan has been trained in this new program.

Fire Chief Heine reported on the following:

Fire Chief's Report

1. He reminded everyone to change their batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. He also reminded everyone that installation of carbon monoxide detectors is now the law.

2. He thanked the Board, and all previous Boards that he has worked under, for the opportunity to work for the Larchmont Fire Department. After more than twenty years, he will be retiring on April 30, 2010. He said it has been a distinct honor and privilege to have served as a volunteer, career firefighter, and as the first paid Chief of the Department. On behalf of the Board, Mayor Mandell thanked Chief Heine for what he has done for the Department and for the community.

On motion of Trustee McAndrews, seconded by Trustee Kolbert, and unanimously carried, the public hearing on the 2010-2011 Preliminary Budget was opened.

Preliminary Budget  
Public Hearing

Mayor Mandell announced that the Preliminary Budget calls for a proposed tax increase of 2.83%. He noted that the increase is due to the following factors:

- a) There is a 17% increase in pension contributions
- b) There is a 5% increase in the health care contribution
- c) There is a 40% increase in debt service because of many capital improvements that were completed in the last couple of years. This high percentage will not continue on forever as it only affects the year when the debt is assumed.

Treasurer Brucciani outlined the following details regarding the 2010-2011 preliminary budget:

### **Appropriations**

1. Appropriations - \$15.5 million - an increase of \$487,416 or 3.25%
2. Debt Service – contributes 1.85% towards the 2.83% tax rate increase
3. Core Operations – increase of .98% towards the 2.83% tax rate increase
4. Retirement Expenses – increase of \$151,209, or 16.73%
5. Salaries – increase of \$136,311, or 1.97%
6. Benefits – increase of \$100,790, or 5.31%
7. Joint Sanitation – Reduction of \$35,000, or 2.28%
8. Other appropriations – Down \$109,332, or 6%

### **Revenue**

1. Sales Tax - \$775,000
2. Transportation – up \$90,000, or increase of 15%
3. Property Tax Revenue – increased \$317,735, or 2.76%

He explained the breakdown of property owners' tax bills:

Town Taxes – 1.33%  
County Taxes – 19.17%  
School Taxes – 56.6%  
Village Taxes – 23%

Mayor Mandell said that the Board only controls the Village tax rates, which are increasing by less than \$165 in the upcoming year for a typical residence assessed at \$20,000.

Parks and Trees Comm.  
Proposal for re-design of  
Constitution Park

Following further discussion, on motion of Trustee McAndrews, seconded by Trustee Eney, and unanimously carried, the public hearing was adjourned until April 26, 2010.

Jan Feinman, Chair of the Parks and Trees Committee, next appeared to present their proposed plan for redesigning Constitution Park. Landscape Architect Rivi Oren, also attended the meeting.

Mrs. Feinman explained that she spoke to Ms. Oren about improving Constitution Park. Ms. Oren offered to volunteer her time to prepare design plans, and the draft is being presented this evening for review by both the Board and the public.

Mrs. Feinman stated that the Committee would like the park to be a place where people get together for special Village events, or just a quiet place to sit and read.

Ms. Oren added that the plan, as proposed, has a European character to its design, with the gazebo being the focal point of the park. Two walking loops would be created around it, along with a children's play area. The play area, however, would not be an actual playground. There would also be an area in the back corner of the park called "Tall Tale Heights", for reading, etc.

Trustee Kolbert indicated that while the Village has some money budgeted for this improvement, it would be a public/private partnership. The project may have to be done in segments, but nevertheless, fundraising will be necessary to make this entire project a reality.

Trustee Reports

Mrs. Feinman said that the plans will be on display in Village Hall and at the Library for the public to view. Comments may be sent to the Village Clerk's Office.

Mayor Mandell thanked Mrs. Feinman and Ms. Oren for their presentation this evening.

Trustee McAndrews reported on the following:

1. Decisions will soon need to be made on the Palmer Avenue Streetscape Project; i.e., how far the Village wants to extend the project beyond the scope of the grant area, lighting, etc.

Trustee Kolbert reported on the following:

1. She reminded the audience about the Sustainability Expo that will be held at the Hommocks School on April 24, 2010. For details, she asked people to visit [larchmamkexpo.org](http://larchmamkexpo.org). There is a fee of \$15 if tickets are pre-purchased, and \$20 if purchased at the door. Compost bins may also be purchased on the website for \$75.

2. She extended the Board's appreciation to Matt Lehman, who raised money for his bar mitzvah project to purchase recycling bins for Lorenzen Park.
3. The Seniors' Art Show will continue until the end of April at the Larchmont Library.
4. She announced that the Library Children's Room renovation work is on schedule.

Trustee Ward reported on the following:

1. He encouraged people to take advantage of the Larchmont Reservoir property. It is a 60-acre piece of property owned by the Village of Larchmont, with many walking trails and views of two lakes. He noted that there is no easy walking or biking route to the Reservoir, and he encouraged visitors to mention this problem to their local officials.
2. He noted that 78 bicycles and motorbikes were parked at the Railroad Station earlier today.

On motion of Trustee McAndrews, seconded by Trustee Kolbert, and unanimously carried, it was:

**RESOLVED**, that Abstract Audited Voucher No. 11, dated April 5, 2010, in the amount of \$373,202.32, per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval by Mayor Mandell.

On motion of Trustee Eney, seconded by Trustee Kolbert, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.