

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Trustees of the
Village of Larchmont, New York,
held on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2010**

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

Also Present: Clerk Finn, Treasurer Brucciani,
Joanna C. Feldman representing Village Attorney's Office

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

Mayor Mandell advised that Ben Aiello of Auray Gourmet, and Rich Perez of Espana Restaurant, have approached the Board to request a change of venue for the Oktoberfest event on October 17, 2010. He advised that they would like to relocate the event from Lot #3 at the Railroad Station to Gilder Street, at its intersection with Larchmont Avenue. The event would be scaled down from its original plan, and would take place from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Set-up would begin at 1:00 PM, and clean-up would end by 8:00 PM.

Following a brief conversation about noise and the surrounding neighbors, on motion of Trustee Eney, seconded by Trustee Ward, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED, to approve the request of Ben Aiello and Rich Perez to change the venue for the Oktoberfest event to Gilder Street, at its intersection with Larchmont Avenue.

Police Chief Poleway reported on the following:

1. He reminded the audience that school is open and asked everyone to drive safely. He also asked everyone to abide by the signs and slow down in school zones.
2. He updated the Board on the status of Con Edison's construction project along Boston Post Road, stating that the work has experienced delays due to the inaccurate mapping of gas lines. They hope to begin gas line connections shortly, and those connections should be completed approximately one week after work begins. The road will then be temporarily patched.

Trustee Ward asked Chief Poleway to speak with Con Edison representatives about the loud audible noise that can be heard for long distances when people drive over the metal plates in the construction zone.

Mayor Mandell stated that he was disconcerted that Larchmont Avenue was reopened after it was newly paved a year or so ago. After speaking with them about his concerns, Con Edison has assured him that they be repaving the entire lane of the affected portion when they complete their work.

Trustee McAndrews added that utility companies should inform communities of their entire work agenda so that their repair/construction work is not done piecemeal. This way, the Village would know of their

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Oktoberfest event
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Police Chief's Report

plans and avoid any major projects in those areas until the utility companies have completed their work.

Fire Captain's Report

Fire Captain John Caparelli reported on the following:

1. The Fire Department has responded to 632 calls for assistance so far this year.
2. He thanked the Town of Mamaroneck, Village of Mamaroneck, and City of New Rochelle Fire Departments for assisting the Larchmont Fire Department during the recent fire at 15 Cherry Avenue.
3. He noted that the Department currently has 24 volunteers on staff, of which 75 percent of the force is certified as interior firefighters.
4. The 60-Control alert system will be installed this week at the Fire House. It will allow for centralized dispatching, which will provide faster response times as well as free up staff to perform fire inspections.
5. The Fire Inspection Dinner will be held on October 28, 2010.
6. He reminded the audience that October 3-9 is Fire Prevention Week.

Trustee Kolbert congratulated the department on their efforts to extinguish the house fire at 15 Cherry Avenue so quickly. She received complimentary comments from the homeowners and was asked to pass them on to the Fire Department.

Newcomer's Club Request for Bake Sale – 10/23/10

Jennifer Helgeson and Kory Davis of the Larchmont-Mamaroneck Newcomer's Club next addressed the Board to request permission to hold a bake sale on October 23, 2010.

Ms. Helgeson advised that for the past 15 years, the Club has been informally operating a bake sale along the Ragamuffin Parade route.

Mayor Mandell advised that there is a pre-existing Village policy that does not allow use of publicly-owned sidewalk for this purpose. This year, they are requesting permission to place a table adjacent to the Farmer's Market on the day of the parade, October 23, 2010.

Mayor's Announcements

Trustee Ward stated that when you can't buy a cookie from a community organization for fear that doing so could enable some sort of undesirable speech, perhaps it's time to reconsider whether or not we ought to change our Village policies. Our ability to tolerate objectionable speech probably is stronger than we are led to believe, and the probability of such speech occurring is probably lower than we think.

Mayor Mandell said that the Board would like to consider this request further and will advise Ms. Helgeson and Ms. Davis of their decision within the next two weeks.

Mayor Mandell made the following announcements:

1. He extended the Board's thanks to Noel Dennis for his service on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Dennis recently tendered his resignation from the Board.
2. He extended the Board's condolences to the family of Jim McDonald, former Advisor for the CAP Center, on his passing.

3. He announced that the Village will be hosting the Westchester Municipal Officials Association dinner on September 16, 2010.
4. He encouraged residents to come to upcoming events in the Village:
 - Big Trucks Day – Oct. 2 at 10 AM.
 - Larchmont Arts Festival in Constitution Park – Oct. 2 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.
 - Bike “Tour de Larchmont” – October 10 at 12:30 PM
5. Parking permits for 2011 will go on sale for Village of Larchmont residents on November 3 at 8:30 AM. For out-of-town residents, or residents of the Town of Mamaroneck, permits will go on sale on November 8 at 8:30 AM. Interested parties are asked to watch the website, www.villageoflarchmont.org, where applications and instructions will be posted.
6. The Larchmont Lions Club is in the process of reorganizing. Their kickoff dinner will be held on September 22 at Bonnie Briar Country Club.

Trustee Reports

Trustee McAndrews reported on the following:

1. She congratulated Con Edison for their handling of the preparatory work in connection with the arrival of Hurricane Earl.
2. She announced that new signage will be coming to Flint Park.
3. The Board continues to work on the Palmer Avenue streetscape project. It is hoped that this project will begin in the spring of 2011.

Trustee Kolbert reported on the following:

1. The Larchmont Gazette is ending its long run after eight years of reporting local news online to the public. She congratulated Judy Silberstein and Paula Eisenberg for their outstanding work and wished them well in their future endeavors.
2. The Children’s Room at the Larchmont Library is expected to be re-opened within the next few weeks. There will be a host of events around the opening of the Children’s Room. She said everyone should visit the Library for a brochure. She also advised that after September 19, access to online Library cards will change.
3. Congresswoman Nita Lowey has announced that Westchester County residents can take advantage of free home energy assessments for homeowners who want to make their house more energy efficient. This program, funded by a \$200,000 grant from the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, is available only for 2,000 county residents. She encouraged interested parties to act quickly and call 211 to set up an appointment with an authorized contractor.
4. The Friends of the Library will sponsor a program on September 30 by award winning New York Times writer Alan Schwarz. The program will be held at Larchmont Temple at 7:30 PM.
5. She announced that Primary Day is tomorrow and encouraged everyone to vote. Voters will be using the new optical scan voting machines.

6. She reminded drivers that an anti-idling law is in effect in the Village and asked for voluntary compliance with the law.

7. The Committee on the Environment is working on new recycling efforts. There are sixty one trash containers around the Village. Some will be removed, but many of them will be changed over to trash/recycling containers.

8. She encouraged everyone to consider volunteering their services to a Village committee, commission, or board. The Village is heavily reliant

on volunteers to work in various areas of Village government, including, but not limited to, zoning, planning, recreation, the arts, and the environment.

Trustee Ward reported on the following:

1. At Home on the Sound, a comprehensive support service and advisory group that provides members with the assistance they need to continue to live confidently at home in the community they love, will sponsor a luncheon and opera on October 3.

2. The Coastal Zone Management Commission is seeking volunteers to serve. The Commission is proposing to shift their meeting date from the fourth Tuesday of a month to another time.

3. The Traffic Commission is meeting on September 16. The subject of locations for 15-minute parking spaces is on their agenda for discussion.

Trustee Eney reported on the following:

1. The Business District Improvement Committee had a meeting last week, at which they discussed ways to publicize activities. A flyer has been made for the October events in the Village, which has been placed in store windows, etc., around the Village. Those events include:

October 2 – Big Trucks Day

October 2 – Larchmont Arts Festival

October 10 – Tour de Larchmont Bike Ride

October 17 – Oktoberfest

October 23 – Ragamuffin Parade

2. The Junior League of Westchester-on-the-Sound will be hosting a Fall Fashion Show on September 30 from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM at Larchmont Shore Club.

3. She congratulated Larchmont resident Susan Bell, who published her first novel recently. It is entitled “When the Getting was Good.”

On motion of Trustee Kolbert, seconded by Trustee McAndrews, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the work session of August 2, 2010, were approved.

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

RESOLVED, to accept the bid from DiMarino Brothers Contracting, in the amount of \$21,375.50, for the 2010 Sidewalk and Curb Improvement Program.

RESOLUTION

DiMarino Brothers

Contracting – Accept bid – 2010 Sidewalk & Curb Improvement Program

RESOLUTION

Approve Justice Court Audit Report - 2010

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

RESOLVED, to approve and accept the 2010 Justice Court Audit Report, as prepared by O'Connor Davies Munns and Dobbins, LLP, a division of Bennett Kielson Storch DeSantis and Company.

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

RESOLVED, to approve a request by Treasurer Brucciani to increase the Village of Larchmont's competitive bidding threshold for public works contracts (services) from in excess of \$20,000 to in excess of \$35,000, in accordance with General Municipal Law 103.

Mayor Mandell announced that the agenda items concerning Woodard & Curran's proposal for additional services related to the Palmer Avenue Streetscape Project, as well as the Paul Rizzo Engineering proposal for Dam Safety Performance Monitoring at the Larchmont Reservoir were being held over to a future meeting.

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

RESOLVED, that Abstract Audited Voucher No. 5, dated September 13, 2010, in the amount of \$361,818.26, per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval by Trustee Eney.

On motion of Trustee McAndrews, seconded by Trustee Eney, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

RESOLUTION

Increase **c**ompetitive
bidding threshold for
public works contracts
(services)

Holdover **a**genda items
Woodard & Curran
Paul **R**izzo Engineering