

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Trustees of the
Village of Larchmont, New York,
held on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2010**

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

ABSENT: Trustee Marlene Kolbert

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 made the following announcements:

Mayor's
Announcements

1. He expressed the Board's appreciation to the Library, Public Works Department, Police Department and Fire Department for their efforts on Big Trucks Day, October 2, 2010. He also thanked the Recreation Committee for their efforts in connection with the Tour de Larchmont Bike Tour that was held on October 10.
2. The Oktoberfest event held on October 17 was very successful, with 800-1200 people attending. He congratulated organizers Ben Aiello and Melissa Perez.
3. The Senior Center will be offering a one-day program with CVS to administer flu shots, on Friday, October 22, from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Seniors must call 834-8840 to sign up for a time slot. Fees are: Medicare Part B – free; those not covered by Medicare Part B - \$29.95. Seniors must bring their Medicare Card or other insurance card with them.
4. The Children's Room at the Larchmont Library was reopened following a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 23.
5. Mayor Mandell announced that he has issued a proclamation in honor of UN Day, October 24, 2010.
6. Mayor Mandell extended the Board's appreciation to Mimi Koren, former reporter for The Sound and Town Report, for her years of reporting on local Larchmont issues. Ms. Koren recently announced her retirement, and he wished her well in her future endeavors.
7. Mayor Mandell extended the Board's condolences to the family of Oskar Ehnes, a 40-year member of the Larchmont Fire Department, on his passing.
8. Mayor Mandell announced the opening of three businesses in Larchmont and wished them success in their endeavors:
 - Red Mango
 - Prodigy Learning Center
 - Recologie
9. He extended the Board's congratulations to Kate Bialo, on receiving the Dorothy B. Allen award for Sound Shore Leadership by the United Way.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Larry Thaler as a member of the Traffic Commission, for a term to expire in April, 2013.

RESOLUTION

Thaler, L.
Traffic Commission

Fire Captain John Caparelli reported on the following:

Fire Captain's Report

1. October is Fire Prevention Month. He encouraged everyone to check the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
2. The Village of Larchmont provided mutual aid to the Town of Mamaroneck during a fire at Larchmont Acres two weeks ago. They assisted in rescuing people from fire escapes.
3. Fire calls are now being dispatched from 60-Control. This new procedure has been in place since October 4 and seems to be functioning smoothly.
4. He announced that as part of a cooperative grant application with the New Rochelle Fire Department and others, the Village will be getting funding for an additional laptop and portable radios.
5. The department sent four firefighters to New York City for a drill last weekend to familiarize them with our equipment and personnel in case of a catastrophe.

Police Chief's Report

Police Chief Poleway reported on the following:

1. The Oktoberfest event on October 17 appears to have been a success, with no injuries or incidents to report.
2. The Ragamuffin Parade will be held on October 23. This is the largest event the Village sponsors. The rain date will be October 24.
3. On November 13, the Village will participate in the American Medicine Chest Challenge. Trustee Ward has been having conversations with Janet Buchbinder of R.A.D.A.R. and asked that the Village participate in this event with the Village of Mamaroneck. Therefore, the Police Department will be collecting unwanted medications, along with the Village of Mamaroneck Police Department, on November 13, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Trustee Ward thanked Chief Poleway for working with Ms. Buchbinder on this effort, which is being done at no cost to the Village. He also encouraged parents to lock medicine chests, take medicine exactly as prescribed, and talk to their children about prescription drug use.
4. The Police Department has secured a \$100,000 Federal grant for technology and communication upgrades through Congresswoman Nita Lowey. There is a three-year period in which to use it. He expressed his appreciation to Congresswoman Lowey for this funding.
5. Chief Poleway announced that he will be attending the 117th International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Orlando, Florida on October 22.

Wilder Balter
Possible construction
of **A**ffordable **H**ousing
2101-2105 **P**almer
Avenue

Mayor Mandell advised that he has been approached by a builder, Wilder Balter Partners, **who is seeking** to purchase the property at 2101-2105 Palmer Avenue for construction of 51 affordable housing units. The

Village Board has invited Wilder Balter Partners to present their plans at an upcoming Village Board meeting.

Mayor Mandell stated that the CSEA and Public Works unions have reached contract settlements. He noted that over the course of the past several months, he has been negotiating with these unions, and it has been a very difficult negotiating period.

The proposals for both unions call for:

1. A **small** increase in benefits made to the Employee Benefit Plan, which, **for example, will impact the budget by less than \$750 per year for the entire membership of the C.S.E.A. Union.**
2. Raises of 1.5% for the next three years.
3. Going forward, all new employees will be required to **contribute 20% towards the cost of their health insurance, without any cap.**

Several of the Trustees commended Mayor Mandell on this negotiating efforts, stating that the contracts were fair and appropriate for the times.

Trustee McAndrews additionally commended the employees of the CSEA and DPW unions. The employees realize the difficult economic times for municipal governments, and they helped the Village to reach a conclusion that was satisfactory to everyone.

Following further discussion, on motion of Trustee McAndrews, seconded by Trustee Ward, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED, to approve the contract with the C.S.E.A. union, for the period June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2012, with salary increases of 1.5% for each year of the three-year contract period.

RESOLUTION
C.S.E.A. Union
Contract Approval –
6/1/10-5/31/12

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

RESOLVED, to approve the contract with the Public Works union, for the period June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2012, with salary increases of 1.5% for each year of the three-year contract period.

RESOLUTION
Public Works Union
Contract Approval –
6/1/10-5/31/12

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

RESOLVED, to accept the proposal from Woodard & Curran, White Plains, New York, in the amount of \$3,800, for expanded engineering services in connection with the Palmer Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project.

RESOLUTION
Woodard & Curran
Accept proposal for
expanded engineering
services – **Palmer**
Avenue Streetscape
Project

The vote on the above resolution was as follows:

- Ayes:** Mayor Mandell, Trustee McAndrews, Trustee Eney
Nays: None
Abstained: Trustee Ward

On motion of Trustee Eney, seconded by Trustee Ward, and unanimously carried, the minutes of August 2 and August 16 were approved.

Trustee McAndrews reported on the following:

Trustee Reports

1. The Beautification Committee was approached by the local Jr. Girl Scout troop about adopting the gazebo garden in Constitution Park. They planted tulips, daffodils and mums around the border of the garden. She thanked troop leader Jenny Webb and the scouts for their offer and their efforts.
2. She reported on the Rye YMCA's program "Activate America" through walking, bicycling, etc. She said that the YMCA is working on providing plans for bicycle and walking paths. One area being considered for a path is in the Village of Larchmont that will lead to Hommocks School.
3. She noted that the City of Rye, which owns its section of Boston Post Road, has compressed the size of car travel along that road. They have reduced it from two lanes to one.
4. Regarding the Village's GIS project, Trustee McAndrews advised that the Village is awaiting a scope of work proposal from New York GIS within the month to make digital assessment records for the Village of Larchmont as well as the Town of Mamaroneck.

Trustee Ward reported on the following:

1. The Friends of the Library will be sponsoring a program "The Songs of Bob Dylan" on October 24 at 4:00 PM.
2. He stated that the Board is considering having a survey done of trees in the Village so that a database can be developed.

Trustee Eney reported on the following:

1. She thanked the organizers of Oktoberfest for sponsoring a wonderful event for the community. They complied with all of the Village's requests for extra police coverage, trash barrels, etc., and appreciated their cooperation in this regard. She noted that one of the participants,Carolynn Dilworth of Auray Gourmet, became a United States citizen earlier this week, and she extended the Board's congratulations to Ms. Dilworth.
2. She reminded the audience that the Flint Park tennis courts will be closing on October 31. The paddle tennis courts opened on October 1, and permits to play may be obtained in the Village Clerk's/Recreation office.
3. The Ragamuffin Parade will be held on October 23. Line-up begins at 12:30 PM at the corner of Palmer Avenue and Larchmont Avenue. The parade begins at 1:00 PM.
4. She reminded everyone that Tuesday, November 2, is Election Day. Polls will be open from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Polling places in Larchmont include Chatsworth School, the Larchmont Fire House, and St. John's Church.
5. **She stated that the Village has a number of Oktoberfest T-shirts still for sale, at a cost of \$15/shirt, or two shirts for \$20. These t-shirts were designed by her son, Alex Eney, on a pro-bono basis.**

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

RESOLVED, that the Annual Village Election shall be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, and the offices to be filled are as follows:

Two Trustees for terms of two years each
Village Justice for a term of four years

and further, it was:

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby tentatively establishes the following election districts for the Annual Village Election to be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, and the location of polling places, as follows:

Village Center, 119 Larchmont Avenue, for all voters residing in VILLAGE DISTRICT 1 (Town District 8),

Chatsworth Avenue Public School, Forest Park Avenue, for all voters residing in VILLAGE DISTRICT 2 (Town Dists. 6 and 7);

Chatsworth Avenue Public School, Forest Park Avenue, for all voters residing in VILLAGE DISTRICT 3 (Town Dists. 9 and 26);

Village Center, 119 Larchmont Avenue, for all voters residing in VILLAGE DISTRICT 4 (Town District 10).

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on November 22, at 7:30 PM to consider a local law repealing the portion of Section 97-17 – Dogs, which requires the Village Clerk to issue dog licenses.

Janet Buchbinder, 2 Chestnut Avenue, addressed the Board and expressed her appreciation with the Village’s participation in the American Medicine Chest Challenge. Trustee Ward reminded the audience not to dispose of medicine down toilets or sinks as it affects wildlife in Long Island Sound.

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

RESOLVED, that Abstract Audited Voucher No. 7, dated November 22, 2010, in the amount of \$368,858.12, per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval by Trustee Eney.

On motion of Trustee Eney, seconded by Trustee Ward, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned into Executive Session at 8:00 PM to discuss a legal matter.

Upon reconvening, on motion of Trustee Eney, seconded by Trustee McAndrews, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with General Municipal Law 103, the Village Board hereby authorizes the increase in competitive bidding thresholds as follows:

- For purchase contracts (equipment, materials, supplies) – From in excess of \$10,000 to in excess of \$20,000;
- For public works contracts (services) – From in excess of \$20,000 to in excess of \$35,000.

On motion of Trustee McAndrews, seconded by Trustee Eney, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

RESOLUTION
Election 2011 – Set date, tentative polling locations, and offices to be filled

RESOLUTION
Dog Law – Set **P.H.** 11/22/10 to repeal requirement of Village Clerk to issue licenses

RESOLUTION
Increase **c**ompetitive **b**idding thresholds for **p**urchase contracts and public works contracts