

Minutes of the Reorganizational Meeting
of the Board of Trustees of the
Village of Larchmont, New York,
held on **MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2011**

PRESENT: Mayor Joshua L. Mandell
Deputy Mayor Jaine Elkind Eney
Marlene Kolbert
John Komar
Lorraine Walsh

Also Present: Clerk Finn, Attorney Staudt, Treasurer Brucciani

Mayor Mandell called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM and welcomed those present.

The Honorable Thea Beaver administered the Oaths of Offices to newly elected Trustees Lorraine Walsh and John Komar, and to newly re-elected Village Justice Jerry Bernstein.

Oaths of Office
Bernstein, J.
Komar, J.
Walsh, L.

Reverend William Crawford of Larchmont Avenue Church pronounced the Invocation.

On motion of Trustee Eney, 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 15, 2011.

RESOLUTION
Accept Certificate
of Election for
March 15, 2011
Village Election

Mayor Mandell then recognized the members of the local Webelos troop that was in the audience this evening, and he thanked them for coming.

Mayor Mandell made the following announcements:

1. He extended the Board's condolences to Annette Alston, School Crossing Guard, on the passing of her son.

Mayor's
Announcements

2. He thanked retiring Parks and Trees Committee Chair Jan Feinman for her many years of service on the Committee. She has been responsible for selecting a significant number of Village trees that have been planted along the public roadways around Larchmont and organizing the planting schedule with the Public Works Department and the adjacent residents. He wished her well in her future endeavors.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Toni Porter and Ann Mangone as Co-Chairs of the Parks and Trees Committee, effective May 1, 2011.

RESOLUTION
Porter, T.
Mangone, A.
Co-Chairs
Parks and Trees
Committee

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

RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Steve Reyes as a volunteer member of the Larchmont Fire Department.

RESOLUTION
Reyes, S.
Volunteer Member
Fire Department

Mayor Mandell continued with his announcements, as indicated below:

1. Mayor Mandell announced that the Memorial Day Parade will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2011. Police Chief John Poleway will be Grand

Mayor's
Announcements
Continued

Marshal. He noted that prior to the parade, Chatsworth Avenue School will be auctioning off “Mayor for a Day” and “Walk with the Grand Marshal at the Memorial Day Parade.”

2. The next Village Board meeting will be held on April 25, at which the final budget public hearing will take place. The Board expects to adopt the 2011-2012 budget at this meeting, as well.
3. Arbor Day will be held on April 29 at Addison Park. The time has not yet been determined for this event.
4. He reminded the audience that the Village’s leaf blower ban will be in effect from June 1-September 30.
5. There is still space available in the Flint Park Day Camp for children entering grades 1-6 in the fall. The fees this year are \$580 for the half-day camp; and \$870 for the full-day camp. He noted that these rates are equivalent to \$5 per hour.
6. Mayor Mandell noted that tennis permits are now on sale. Additionally, a new tennis pro is expected to be hired by the Village and, therefore, tennis lessons will again be offered to interested parties.

Police Chief Poleway next addressed the Board and congratulated the new Trustees on their recent victory. He welcomed the opportunity to work with them over the next two years.

Chief Poleway reported on the following:

Police Chief’s Report

1. With regard to the Memorial Day Parade, his department has contacted the American Legion and has been informed that Navy and Marine personnel will participate in the parade again this year.
2. Bicycle activity will be increasing now that Spring is approaching. He reminded all parents and children that no one under the age of 14 can ride a bicycle without a helmet. He said that bicycles can be registered at the Police Department, as well.
3. He reminded the audience that the Village has an anti-idling law, which prohibits cars from idling more than three minutes when the ambient temperature is 40 degrees or above. He asked for everyone’s voluntarily compliance with this law.

Fire Captain John Caparelli next appeared to address the Board. He also congratulated the new Trustees and said he looked forward to working with them.

Fire Captain’s Report

Captain Caparelli reported on the following:

1. The Department has responded to 203 calls to date. One of the most serious calls was for a vehicle fire that extended to the structure. There was no major damage to the structure, but the vehicle was destroyed.
2. The Department has held six drills so far this year. He also advised that a joint drill with the Town of Mamaroneck will be held at Larchmont Yacht Club on April 25.

3. Lt. Tony Martyn and Firefighter Steve Forrest have received training and have been classified as Certified Fire Inspectors. Firefighter Tom O'Connor is in the process of being trained for this classification as well.

4. Firefighter Sean Allen has been hired as a career member of the Department. Firefighter Allen is an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), bringing the total number of EMT's in the Department to eleven.

5. He reminded the audience that since clocks have changed for Daylight Savings Time, homeowners should check the batteries in their smoke detector and carbon monoxide units.

Trustee Kolbert reported on the following:

1. She extended her appreciation to retiring Parks and Trees Committee Chair Jan Feinman for all of her efforts on behalf of the Village. She also took the opportunity to remind residents that volunteers have done an enormous amount of work and have dedicated an extraordinary amount of time to this community. Anyone interested in volunteering their time may contact the Mayor's Office for details.

2. Later this evening, the Environmental Committee will be hosting a program entitled "Simple Steps to Healthier Environments for Your Babies, Toddlers, and Teens." The speaker will be Dr. Maida P. Galvez from the Children's Health Center, Mt. Sinai Medical School.

3. She thanked Jim Millstein, former Larchmont Trustee and former member of the U.S. Treasury Department, for speaking at the Village Center yesterday about the financial crisis.

4. On April 8, Assemblyman Latimer will be speaking at a League of Women Voters' event on the proposed two-percent tax cap.

5. She extended best wishes to all for a Happy Easter and Happy Passover.

Trustee Eney reported on the following:

1. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at Groove, which has relocated to 108 Chatsworth Avenue. It will be held on April 6 at 10:15 AM.

2. Vintage 1891 will be holding a fundraiser for "Haircuts for Hope" on April 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Tickets are \$45 each.

3. From May 15 through May 21, the Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring "A Taste of Larchmont" restaurant week.

4. As Mayor Mandell noted earlier, tennis permits are now on sale in Village Hall. Tennis lessons will hopefully be offered shortly.

Mayor Mandell next made the following appointments:

Clerk Finn - Licensing Officer

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

Trustee Reports

Finn, E.
Licensing Officer

Eney, J.
Dep. Mayor and Alt.
to Joint Garbage
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 Eney:

Business District Improvement
Committee
Larchmont Reservoir Conservancy
Neighborhood Associations
Recreation Committee
Bills and Invoices

Trustee Kolbert:

Committee on the Arts
Committee on the Environment
Library
Parks and Trees Committee
Traffic Commission
TVS (Town/Villages/Schools)

Trustee Komar:

Taxi Commissioner
Architectural Board of Appeals
Planning Board
Zoning Board of Appeals

Trustee Walsh:

Beautification Committee
Coastal Zone Management
Commission
Flint Park Conservancy
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RESOLUTION

Staudt, J.
Village Attorney

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

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

RESOLUTION

Lanza, J.
Dep. Treasurer

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

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

RESOLUTION

Rilley, B.
Dep. Clerk & Dep.
Registrar

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

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

RESOLUTION

Poleway, J.
Emergency
Coordinator

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

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

RESOLUTION

Larch Tree named
as official Village
tree

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

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby declares Larchmont's official tree to
be the Larch tree.

Mayor Mandell stated that the Police Surgeon will continue to be Dr. Zoovia Hamid, and the Village Prosecutors will continue to be James Cinque and Richard Levy.

Hamid, Z.
Police Surgeon

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

Cinque, J.
Levy, R.
Village Prosecutors

Monday, April 25, 2011
Monday, May 9 or 16, 2011
Monday, June 13 or 20, 2011

Establish Tentative
Meeting Dates

On motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Komar, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLUTION
Approve banks for
Village use in 2011

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.

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

RESOLUTION
Approve Treasurer
and Dep. Treasurer
as authorized
signatories on
Village bank
accounts

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

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

RESOLUTION
Poleway, J.
Parade Marshal

RESOLVED, to approve the reappointment of Police Chief John Poleway as Parade Marshal for the Memorial Day Parade, to be held on May 26, 2011, at 7:00 PM.

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

RESOLUTION
Approve tax
certiorari
settlement with
Patricia Gardens
1825-33 Palmer
Avenue

RESOLVED, to approve the tax certiorari settlement between Patricia Gardens and the Village of Larchmont, for the property at 1825-1833 Palmer Avenue, Block 603, Parcel 113, for tax years 2003-2010, in the amount of \$52,526.06.

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

RESOLUTION
Approve tax
certiorari
settlement with
Bank of New York
124-126
Chatsworth Avenue

RESOLVED, to approve the tax certiorari settlement between the Bank of New York and the Village of Larchmont, for the property at 124-126 Chatsworth Avenue, Block 602, Parcel 820, for tax years 1997-2010, in the amount of \$69,825.92.

On motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Komar, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLUTION
Approve tax
certiorari
settlement with J.P.
Morgan Chase
113 Chatsworth
Avenue

RESOLVED, to approve the tax certiorari settlement between J.P. Morgan Chase and the Village of Larchmont, for the property at 113 Chatsworth Avenue, Block 603, Parcel 001, for tax years 2005-2010, in the amount of \$6,070.02.

Attorney Staudt next explained to the Board and the audience about a settlement that has been reached in a legal case between Burtis Construction and the Village of Larchmont.

Attorney Staudt stated that the case involved the water main project over Chatsworth Avenue Bridge that was done several years ago. The Village put an initial design out to bid and awarded a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Burtis Construction. After the bid was awarded, the Village's engineering consultants recommended a re-design of the project which saved the Village money. This matter ended in conflict with the initial contractor. As a result, he recommended settlement of this legal case, in the amount of \$7,000.

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

RESOLUTION

Approve settlement of lawsuit with Burtis Construction – Chatsworth Ave. Bridge water main project

RESOLVED, to approve the settlement between the Village of Larchmont and Burtis Construction, to conclude their lawsuit involving the Chatsworth Avenue Bridge water main project, in the amount of \$7,000.

On motion of Trustee Eney, seconded by Trustee Kolbert, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the March 7, 2011, work session were approved with changes.

On motion by Trustee Komar, seconded by Trustee Walsh, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLUTION

Approve Surety Bonds for Village Employees

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.

On motion of Trustee Eney, seconded by Trustee Kolbert, and unanimously carried, the public hearing on the 2011-12 Preliminary Budget was opened.

2011- 2012 Preliminary **B**udget Public Hearing

Mayor Mandell thanked Treasurer Brucciani for all of his efforts in developing this preliminary budget. He further complimented Treasurer Brucciani's skill in how he runs the financial end of the Village in a very conservative way.

Payroll accounts for over 75% of the budget, and Mayor Mandell indicated that this is why so much time is spent on contract negotiations. The most recent negotiations involving the C.S.E.A. and Public Works' unions resulted in raises of only 1.5%. These are the lowest raises that have been seen in many years. Additionally, new employees going forward will be asked to make contributions of 20% for health care.

Mayor Mandell noted that there is still one union that is out of contract.

Mayor Mandell also commented that due to budget pre-planning, the spikes that were seen in the pension and health care costs were presumed and, therefore, eliminated the need for a 6 percent tax increase this year.

In June, 2010, the Village received warnings about increases to pension and health care costs. Through attrition and changing schedules, it helped

the Village to build a surplus. Additionally, the Village was able to increase non-tax levy revenues in several ways; i.e., new recreation fees and increased fees for field usage. With these new fees, the Village was able to increase the total appropriations to \$1,613,117, representing an increase of over \$500,000.

The tax rate increased proposed this evening is 1.7%. The Board did not increase its appropriation of fund balance to achieve this rate.

The Board members, along with Treasurer Brucciani, thanked Mayor Mandell for his contribution and collaboration on the development of this preliminary budget.

Following further discussion, on motion of Trustee Kolbert, seconded by Trustee Eney, and unanimously carried, the public hearing on the 2011-2012 Preliminary Budget was adjourned until the meeting on April 25, 2011.

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

RESOLVED, that Abstract Audited Voucher No. 13, dated April 4, 2011, in the amount of \$136,071.47, per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval by Trustee Eney.

On motion of Trustee Kolbert, seconded by Trustee Komar, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.