

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Trustees of the
Village of Larchmont, New York,
held on **MONDAY, JULY 18, 2011**

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

ABSENT: Trustee Lorraine Walsh

Also Present: Clerk Finn, Attorney Staudt, Treasurer Brucciani

Mayor Mandell called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM and welcomed those present.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the reappointments of the following individuals as members of the Recreation Committee, for terms to expire in April, 2013:

- Chris Curtin
- Judy Santamaria
- Iraci DiBuono
- Valerie Fierstein
- Brigid Brennan
- Peter Fanelli

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

RESOLVED, to approve the reappointment of the following individuals as members of the Traffic Commission, for terms to expire in June, 2014:

- Rob Rothman, Co-Chair
- James Levi
- David Ciminesi
- Carol Miller
- Larry Thaler

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

RESOLVED, to schedule a Public Hearings for August 22 and September 26, 2011, at 7:00 PM, to consider a water rate increase for the Village of Larchmont.

Mayor Mandell extended the Board's condolences to the following:

- Kathy Savolt on passing of her father
- Andy Brennan, former Public Works Department employee, on passing of his wife, Vera
- Fred Petrosino on passing of his wife, Retha
- The Mannix family on the passing of Richard Mannix
- The Johnson family on the passing of James G. Johnson, Jr.

RESOLUTION

Recreation Committee
Reappointments
Curtin, C.
Santamaria, J.
DiBuono, I.
Fierstein, V
Brennan, B.
Fanelli, P.

RESOLUTION

Traffic Commission
Reappointments
Rothman, R.
Levi, J.
Ciminesi, D.
Miller, C.
Thaler, L.

RESOLUTION

Set P.H. – 8/22/11 and
9/26/11
Water Rate Increase

Condolences

Savolt, K.
Brennan, A.
Petrosino, F.
Mannix, R.
Johnson, J.

New store openings

Mayor Mandell announced the opening of several new businesses in Larchmont, including:

- Exotic Aquatics – The Reef Shop
- Sweet and Social
- Viera Organics
- Peter Jonas Design Studio
- A Proper Cup

Trustee Kolbert reported on the following:

Trustee Reports

1. She extended her personal condolences to the Mannix family on the passing of an icon. She said that Mr. Mannix visited the Library every day, and his presence around the Village will be missed.
2. She also extended her personal condolences to the Johnson family on the passing of Jim Johnson. His efforts to take the 65 acres of open space at the Larchmont Reservoir and make it permanent park land was a big achievement and one greatly appreciated by the Village.
3. Additionally, she extended her personal condolences to Fred Petrosino on the passing of his wife. Mr. Petrosino was the Chair of the Zoning Board in Larchmont for many years.

Trustee Eney reported on the following:

1. She commended several businesses on their recent expansion, including Stan’z, Write On, and Encore, and wished continued success to all Larchmont businesses.

The Board next discussed a possible increase to the handicapped parking fines in the Village. In other communities, fines of this nature range between \$130 and \$185. The Village of Larchmont’s fine is \$80.

Following a question posed by Trustee Komar on how many handicapped tickets had been issued in the Village this past year, the Board decided to table this discussion until the August meeting in order to obtain this answer from the Court.

Marriage Equality Bill and 2% Property Tax Cap approved by State Legislature

Mayor Mandell noted that both the Marriage Equality Bill and the 2% Property Tax Cap were approved by Albany over the past month. He stands ready to perform marriage ceremonies when requested.

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

RESOLUTION
Tax Certiorari Settlement – Patricia Gardens Owners, Inc. 1825-1833 Palmer Ave.

RESOLVED, to approve the tax certiorari settlement of Patricia Gardens Owners, Inc., 1825-1833 Palmer Avenue (Block 603, Parcel 113), for tax year 2011, in the amount of \$13,281,90.

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

RESOLUTION
Tax Certiorari Settlement – Ponder Properties – 2040 Boston Post Road

RESOLVED, to approve the tax certiorari settlement of Ponder Properties, 2040 Boston Post Road (Block 614, Parcel 220), for tax year 2011, in the amount of \$3,267,25.

Mayor Mandell next presented a proclamation to Village Attorney James Staudt in honor of this 30th anniversary as Attorney for the Village of Larchmont. Mr. Staudt was appointed to this position by the Board of Trustees in July, 1981.

Staudt, J.
Village Attorney
Honored for 30 years
of service

Mayor Mandell complimented Attorney Staudt on his keen and brilliant legal mind, commenting that he is much more than a lawyer to the Board and the staff. He is very supportive and provides sound advice and legal opinions whenever the need arises. He thanked Attorney Staudt for all he has done for the Village over the past thirty years.

Trustee Kolbert and Trustee Eney echoed the sentiments expressed by Mayor Mandell. They said that with his calmness and wisdom, he has kept the Village's legal issues in check throughout the years they have served on the Board. Trustee Kolbert also quipped that she wished Attorney Staudt and his wife "daughters-in-law and granddaughters" as they have five adult sons.

Former Mayor Miriam Curnin (1984-1992) next spoke about her association with Attorney Staudt, stating that the community was very lucky in 1981 to have found such a qualified and capable attorney. He has served the Village with great distinction since then. From the Larchmont Reservoir dedication, to his work on the crèche issue which resulted in the crafting of the Public Forum Law, to his work on the Library Renovation Project while she was Library Board of Trustees' Chair, Attorney Staudt has been held in high regard by everyone with whom he has worked.

Former Mayor Cheryl Lewy (1992-2002) also appeared this evening to honor Attorney Staudt. She noted that Attorney Staudt carried them through difficult days during her tenure, particularly during the proposal to bring IKEA to New Rochelle, the issues with Davids Island, and negotiations with Westchester Joint Water Works to continue the Larchmont Water Department, to name a few.

Former Mayor Lewy said that with Attorney Staudt's wisdom, tact, and sense of reality, the Village and the Board of Trustees have felt a sense of security over the past thirty years. His institutional memory is something that is rare in this day and age, and is important to preserving the way of life in Larchmont.

She congratulated him on this milestone and wished him continued success in his future years with the Village.

Former Mayor Lewy was also asked by former Mayor Liz Feld (2006-2010) to extend her congratulations and appreciation to Attorney Staudt for guiding the Board through her tenure.

Former Trustee Anne McAndrews appeared to commend Attorney Staudt as well, on her behalf as well as on Former Mayor Feld's behalf.

Mrs. McAndrews stated that Attorney Staudt represented the Village well on a long list of controversial topics, one of which was the appointment of a paid Fire Chief in 2007. Attorney Staudt's wise counsel helped the Board through those difficult days.

Former Trustee Richard Ward also addressed the Board and complimented Attorney Staudt on his efforts. He said that Attorney Staudt has played a key role in Village government, and personally appreciated his sound advice on all the legal matters that came before the Board.

Westchester County Legislator Judy Myers then presented a proclamation to Attorney Staudt, which proclaimed July 18 as “Jim Staudt Day” in Westchester County.

State Assemblyman George Latimer also presented a proclamation to Attorney Staudt, acknowledging his efforts on behalf of the Village.

Assemblyman Latimer made reference to the current events of 1981 and the differences from then to today. He added that a thirty-year career in the same position is a remarkable feat in this day and age, and he is delighted to know that Attorney Staudt is still providing legal stability to the Village after so many years. He wished him continued success.

Mayor Mandell noted that proclamations were also received from State Senator Suzi Oppenheimer and Congresswoman Nita Lowey, but they could not be in attendance this evening to personally present the proclamations to Attorney Staudt. He thanked them for taking the time to prepare the proclamations for this special evening.

Attorney Staudt addressed the Board and the audience, thanking everyone for their kind words and praise. He stated that he is blessed to have a wonderful wife and five sons; law partners who are encouraging and supportive; and Village officials who are, and have been, an honor to serve. He expressed his appreciation for being given the opportunity to work for the community he has lived in for most of his life and loves.

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

RESOLVED, that Abstract Audited Voucher No. 2, dated July 18, 2011, in the amount of \$291,510.46, per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval by Trustee Eney.

On motion of Trustee Komar, seconded by Trustee Kolbert, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.