

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Trustees of the
Village of Larchmont, New York,
held on **MONDAY, APRIL 26, 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.

Mayor Mandell made the following announcements:

1. The Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 27 at 7:00 PM.
2. Other Memorial Day events that will be held in the community include:
 - 5/25 - Kemper Essay Contest Ceremony – 3:00 PM – Mamaroneck High School
 - 5/30 – Kemper Memorial Ceremony – 11:00 AM
 - 5/30 – Village of Mamaroneck Memorial Day Parade – 5 PM
 - 5/31 – Memorial Ceremony at Tompkins Square Park (near Applebee's) – 9 AM
 - 5/31 – Memorial Ceremony at Memorial Park – 6 PM
3. Plans for Constitution Park are available for review at Village Hall or the Library, or on the Village website, www.villageoflarchmont.org.
4. The Chatsworth School Carnival will be held on May 23 from 12 Noon to 5 PM.
5. On May 10, the Board will be considering the Stormwater Report that needs to be submitted to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation by June 1. Copies of the report should be available a few days before that meeting for interested parties.
6. On May 10, the Board will also be considering a request by the Chamber of Commerce to hold Sidewalk Sale Days on June 3-5.
7. The Village of Larchmont, for the first time in history, has received an AAA bond rating, which is the highest rating a municipality can achieve.
8. A joint work session with the Town of Mamaroneck Town Council will be scheduled shortly to discuss shared services. Additionally, further discussion on this topic will take place at the May 10 Village Board meeting.

Mayor's
Announcements

Trustee Reports

Trustee McAndrews reported on the following:

1. She extended congratulations to everyone who participated in the Sustainability Expo on April 24, 2010.
2. She is continuing discussion with the Planning Board regarding the possible amendment to the Site Plan Law concerning applications

made to the Planning Board for construction over 125 square feet in size.

3. She is continuing discussions with the Chamber of Commerce on ways to stimulate the downtown business areas of the Village.
4. LISWIC is continuing discussions with Westchester County on a Regional Stormwater Management District. Another meeting is scheduled for April 28 to continue these discussions.
5. She will be appearing before the Town Council at an upcoming meeting to provide them with the Village's opinions, concerns, and issues in connection with the proposed Byron Place Apartments.
6. She extended congratulations to Jennifer Jensen and Monica Gray on receiving United Way Spirit Awards.

Trustee Kolbert reported on the following:

1. She extended the Board's condolences to the family of Richard Rasor on his passing, as well as to the family of William Maynard on his passing.
2. The Sustainability Expo on April 24, 2010, was a huge success. Approximately 400-500 people attended the event. She extended her appreciation to the following individuals for their coordination of this event:

Nancy Seligson, Councilwoman, Town of Mamaroneck
Toni Pergola Ryan, Trustee, Village of Mamaroneck
Carol Casazza Herman, Chair, Larchmont Environmental Committee

She also thanked the following Environmental Committee members for all of their efforts to organize this event:

Jennifer Jensen
Millie Magraw
Sally Maca
Lisa Chase
Lisa Boillot
Julia Steinmetz
Ellen Martin

Trustee Kolbert also advised that T-shirts made out of plastic are still available for sale.

3. Now that the spring weather is upon us, the Environmental Committee will be re-educating the public on the Village's anti-idling legislation.
4. Trustee Kolbert reminded the audience that Assemblyman George Latimer will be honored by the League of Women Voters on April 30, 2010, as well by LMC-TV on May 17.

Trustee Ward reported on the following:

1. The boat ramp is now open at Glen Island Park. A Westchester County Park pass is required to gain access to it. People can call 813-6720 for boat ramp information, and 864-PARK for County park pass information.
2. Playland Park in Rye also has a location to place small boats in the water. For details, call 813-7000 or visit www.ryeplayland.org.

3. The week of May 17-21 is National Bike-to-Work Week. He noted that the Board is looking for more locations to place bicycle racks in the Larchmont business districts.
4. He thanked everyone who contributed items to the Clothes Closet. The collection proved to be very successful and served a great community need.
5. The Sheldrake Spring Festival will be held at the Larchmont Reservoir on May 2, 2010.

Trustee Eney reported on the following:

1. The Recreation Committee is in the middle of Flint Park Camp Registration. For information, call the Recreation Department at 834-1919.
2. Tennis permits for Flint Park are available for purchase in the Village Clerk/Recreation Office.
3. She attended a meeting of the Pine Brook Property Owners' Association on April 14, 2010. She listened to their concerns and is working with the Mayor on resolving the issues.
4. The Larchmont Historical Society House Tour was held yesterday. Over 130 people volunteered to help, and over 400 people bought tickets for the tour. She congratulated all on a successful event.

Mayor Mandell next administered the Oaths of Office to the following newly-elected Fire Department officers:

Samuel Orans – First Deputy Chief
Adam Piscatello – Lieutenant
Jason Head – Lieutenant
Rob Seitz – Lieutenant
John Pomponio – Lieutenant

Oaths of Office to
Fire Department
Officers
Orans, S.
Piscatello, A.
Seitz, R.
Pomponio, J.

Mayor Mandell congratulated these officers, and stated that he is very proud of these men. They all volunteer their time to serve in their respective capacities on the Larchmont Fire Department.

Police Department
Awards Ceremony
5/27/10

Trustee Kolbert reminded the audience that prior to the Memorial Day Parade on May 27, 2010, the Police Department will present citations and merit certificates to members of their department who have gone above and beyond the call of duty on behalf of the citizens of Larchmont over the past year.

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

Mayor Mandell stated that the budget has not changed since the first public hearing on April 5. It calls for a tax rate increase of 2.83%. He explained how this tax rate increase was reached, and stated that \$300,000 was applied from surplus to close the gap. He also noted that there has been a reduction in Fire Department staffing, which saved the Village \$358,000.

Mayor Mandell referred to employee contracts and raises, stating that the Board will be controlling those contractual increases.

Trustee Ward explained that while \$300,000 is being taken from surplus to reduce this budget increase, it does not mean that the surplus will actually be decreased by \$300,000 at the end of the 2010-2011 fiscal year. If sales and mortgage taxes rebound, more people add on to their homes, etc., revenues will increase and potentially increase the surplus.

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

RESOLUTION
Adopt Village of
Larchmont **B**udget
2010-2011

RESOLVED, to adopt the 2010-2011 Village of Larchmont budget, with a tax rate of \$298.86 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, or an increase of 2.83%.

The Board thanked Treasurer Brucciani for his efforts in developing this budget with the Board.

Mayor Mandell next explained the Water Department operations and how water is obtained for Village residents. He stated that the Water Fund is losing money and its balance has dropped. Therefore, the Board will need to address a water rate increase before October, 2010.

Potential **W**ater Rate
Increase to be
considered

Treasurer Brucciani explained that approximately four years ago, the Water Department's fund balance was approximately \$600,000. Costs for purchasing water have increased between 11% and 13% since that time. The last water rate increase was done three years ago in the Village.

Michael Gottfried, 16 Ocean Avenue and member of the Finance and Budget Committee, appeared at this meeting. He was thanked by the Board for volunteering his time to work with Treasurer Brucciani in studying the Water Fund's financial status. Working together with the Public Works Department, they found ways to eliminate water leaks, thereby reducing unnecessary financial loss to the fund. They have also been reviewing new metering technology that would make the Water Department operations more efficient.

This matter will be discussed again at a future meeting.

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

RESOLVED, that Abstract Audited Voucher No. 12, dated April 26, 2010, in the amount of \$106,780.17, per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval by Trustee Eney.

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