

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Trustees of the
Village of Larchmont, New
York, held on **MONDAY,**
FEBRUARY 22, 2010

PRESENT: Mayor Elizabeth Feld
Trustees Marlene Kolbert
Anne H. McAndrews
Richard Ward
Josh Mandell

Also Present: Attorney Staudt, Treasurer Brucciani, Clerk Finn

Mayor Feld called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM and welcomed those present.

Treasurer Brucciani reported that Woodard and Curran, the Village's engineering consultant on the Chatsworth Avenue bridge water main replacement project, has informed him that the construction administration budget for this project increased from \$15,000 to \$20,000 due to design changes, etc. Therefore, he requested authorization to pay Woodard and Curran an additional \$5,000 for their expenses.

Following a brief discussion, on motion of Trustee McAndrews, seconded by Trustee Mandell, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED, to authorize Treasurer Brucciani to pay Woodard and Curran an additional \$5,000 for the construction administration services they provided during the Chatsworth Avenue bridge water main replacement project.

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

RESOLVED, to authorize Treasurer Brucciani to solicit bids for the sale of the following four Village vehicles:

1989 Caterpillar front end loader
1995 Pick-Up truck
1997 Garbage truck
2007 Impala

Mayor Feld made the following announcements:

1. The Hampshire Country Club lies largely in the Village of Mamaroneck, and partially in the Town of Mamaroneck. She has spoken with the Town, the Village of Mamaroneck, and the School District. The Village of Larchmont would like to be part of any discussions concerning the possible purchase of that property.

2. Regarding the vacancies in the business district, she has been asked whether the Village would ever impose a blight tax. She stated that the Board's role is to keep the streets clean and safe. The Chamber of Commerce will be meeting tomorrow evening at Tequila Sunrise Restaurant to discuss the state of the business district. Trustee McAndrews added that the Village is trying to prepare a new brochure to encourage prospective new business owners to open in Larchmont.

RESOLUTION

Woodard & Curran –
Auth. additional payment
for Chatsworth Avenue
bridge water main
replacement project
engineering services

RESOLUTION

Auth. Treasurer to solicit
bids for sale of Village
vehicles

Mayor's Announcements

3. Mayor Feld noted that the Board has held three formal worksessions to prepare the 2010-2011 tentative budget. It will be publicly presented at the March 16 Board meeting. Public hearings on this budget will be held in April.

4. The Hommocks School, which serves as the Flint Park Day Camp's rainy day space, will be closed for renovation this summer. Therefore, enrollment at the camp will have to be lowered. The Village has spent the last six months trying to find an alternative to lowering the enrollment; however, no acceptable alternatives could be found. This year, only children entering grades 1-3 in the fall will be accepted into the camp.

5. Mayor Feld reminded the audience that New York State recently instituted a law requiring that carbon monoxide detectors be installed in all buildings. The Fire Department will be doing inspections to make sure that everyone complies with this new law.

Fire Chief's Report

Fire Chief Heine reported on the following:

1. The Fire Department has answered 31 alarms so far this year, and has held two departmental drills.
2. The new American LaFrance rescue pumper should be delivered shortly and put into service within the next month.
3. The Fire Department has been awarded a \$45,500 grant for installation of mobile data terminals in the apparatus and alarm rooms.
4. The Fire Inspection program for 2010 has begun.
5. Chief Heine and Deputy Chief Orans have been working on coordinating training for the volunteers and career staff.

Condolences to Heine, R., on passing of mother

Mayor Feld extended the Board's condolences to Chief Heine on the passing of his mother. She noted that a memorial service will be held on March 13 at 11:00 AM at St. Augustine's Church.

Retirement of Heine, R. Fire Chief – 4/30/10

Mayor Feld announced that after a distinguished 20-year career in the Fire Department, Chief Heine will be retiring on April 30, 2010.

Mayor Feld stated that during his more than two years of service as Fire Chief, he has shepherded the Village and the community through some difficult times. She outlined his history with the Fire Department, where he served as a volunteer member with his father and brother, then joined the career staff where he rose through the ranks and was appointed Chief in May, 2007. She extended the Village's appreciation for his service.

The Trustees also extended their thanks and appreciation to Chief Heine, as noted below:

Trustee Mandell, a volunteer firefighter himself, said that Chief Heine has set a tremendous example for both the volunteers and the career staff. He took charge and moved the department in a new direction. He has worked tirelessly and fearlessly, and the Village has been very fortunate to have him in charge of their Fire Department.

Trustee Ward echoed the comments of his colleagues. He thanked Chief Heine for his dedication and service to the department. He added that it

was a pleasure to see the reinstatement of the department with the community, including the youth program.

Trustee McAndrews thanked Chief Heine for his service, not only to the Fire Department, but to the U.S. Marines where he served as a medic. The dedication he has shown to his community and his country has been exceptional.

Trustee Kolbert stated that she has known the Heine family for many years. They have exemplified themselves as professional people who have shown a love for their community and have given a measure of their lives to their community. She wished Chief Heine good luck in his future endeavors.

One of the volunteer firefighters, John Pomponio, addressed the Board and Chief Heine, stating that working under Chief Heine has been a wonderful experience. He has done a good job of rebuilding the ranks, and the volunteers train and work together with the career staff. He wished him well in the future.

Rabbi Mendel Silberstein, along with “Teens for the Community” next appeared to present the Police and Fire Departments with certificates of appreciation. The representatives from “Teens for the Community” included Sam Sederman, Josh Sederman, and Ross Mazin. Chief Poleway accepted the award on behalf of the Police Department, and Chief Heine and Captain Caparelli accepted on behalf of the Fire Department.

Teens for the Community - Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to Police and Fire Departments

Thaddeus Sheehan next appeared to request permission to organize a run on behalf of the Shoes for Africa Foundation.

Mr. Sheehan explained that it would be an 8K (5-mile) race around Larchmont Manor that would take place on either July 17 or July 18, 2010. The race would be open to all and would start in Flint Park. He realizes that there will be costs associated with operating this race; i.e., Police expenses to block roads; however, he is working on finding sponsors so that all expenses will be paid.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the request of Thaddeus Sheehan to hold a run for the “Shoes for Africa” Foundation, with the understanding that Mr. Sheehan will work with the Police Department and Recreation Director Joyce Callahan in organizing this event.

RESOLUTION
Sheehan, T.
Approve Shoes for Africa Run – 7/17 or 7/18/10

Kay Kobbe of Kids for World Health, next appeared to request permission to organize a charity fundraiser on May 16 or May 23, 2010.

She stated that the fundraiser would be a hike-a-thon entitled “Trek for Treatment.” The gazebo in Constitution Park would be the base of operations, and t-shirts and other products would be sold there as well. Additionally, educational signs would be put up along the route to bring awareness to diseases.

RESOLUTION
Kids for World Health
Approve Hike-a-thon
5/23/10

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

RESOLVED, to approve the request of Kay Kobbe and Kids for World Health, to hold a charity fundraiser hike-a-thon on May 23, 2010, from

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, provided that all details are organized with the Police Department and Recreation Director Joyce Callahan.

Meg Tym of the Junior League of Westchester-on-the-Sound next appeared to request permission to place a table outside of The Golden Shoestring on Larchmont Avenue on April 24, 2010 from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM. They would like to hand out informational materials about donating to the Furniture Sharehouse and The Golden Shoestring.

Following a brief discussion, on motion of Trustee Ward, seconded by Trustee Mandell, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLUTION

Junior League of Westchester-on-the-Sound
Approve **t**able placement on sidewalk – 4/24/10

RESOLVED, to approve the request of the Junior League of Westchester-on-the-Sound to place a table outside of The Golden Shoestring on Larchmont Avenue on April 24, 2010, from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM.

RH Real Estate Imagery
Request to **f**ilm neighborhood tour video

Pete Romano from RH Real Estate Imagery next appeared to request permission to film a neighborhood tour video that would be used by real estate brokers to promote Larchmont as a community in which to live. They would only be using one camera and a tripod to film this video, which they would like to do in May. He also requested a waiver of the filming permit fee as they are a start-up company.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that their approval of this request was not required.

Parks and Trees Comm.
Proposal to reinstitute **M**emorial **T**ree program

Jan Feinman, Chair of the Parks and Trees Committee, next appeared to present a proposal to reinstitute the Memorial Tree program in the Village.

Mrs. Feinman stated that the Village has been receiving a number of donation requests for trees with plaques. The Parks and Trees Committee is proposing to revitalize this project, with new standardized plaques that would give an explanation of the tree species as well as the person for whom it was donated. Plaques would be placed in concrete, flush with the ground, in front of the trees.

Mrs. Feinman stated that they would like to encourage these donations, not only to memorialize a loved one, but to celebrate milestone birthdays, the birth of a child, a graduation, or other special event. These trees would be planted along streets and in parks, with the decision on tree species and location left to the discretion of the Parks and Trees Committee and the Public Works Department. The Village would be under no obligation to replace a tree if it dies, or a plaque if it's stolen.

Following further discussion, it was decided to reserve decision on this matter until the March 16, 2010, meeting.

RESOLUTION

Mamaroneck Schools Foundation – Approval to hold Jr. **T**riathlon – 9/25/10

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

RESOLVED, approve the request of the Mamaroneck Schools Foundation to hold their fourth annual Junior Triathlon on September 25, 2010.

Mayor Feld next discussed the Village's application with Westchester County for potential funding for the Pine Brook Flood Mitigation Project. She noted that the Village has been requested to provide additional information, which will have to be prepared by the Village's consultants, Dvirka & Bartilucci. This additional work will cost the Village \$14,000.

She made reference to the fact that the Village has been denied stimulus money for this project, but that she has again made a request through Congresswoman Nita Lowey for funding. She also noted that Assemblyman George Latimer has secured \$400,000 for Larchmont's flood mitigation project.

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

RESOLVED, to authorize Dvirka & Bartilucci to prepare the additional information required by Westchester County for the Pine Brook Flood Mitigation Project, at a cost of \$14,000.

Trustee Ward next reported on the following:

1. The Coastal Zone Management Commission will hold their next meeting on February 23 at 8 PM at the Town Center. A New York State representative will be present to discuss SEQRA laws and what is done upstream to minimize impacts.
2. He reported on the Westchester Municipal Officials Association's meeting held recently in Harrison, at which special streetlighting districts were discussed by representatives from Westchester County.
4. He reminded the audience that Census jobs are now available.

Trustee Kolbert reported on the following:

1. The Parks and Trees Committee is considering improvements to Constitution Park.
2. A Sustainability Expo will be held on April 24, 2010, at Hommocks School. There will be two sessions; i.e., 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, and 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Vendor booths will be available at a cost of \$75. Attendance prices will be \$15.00 (pre-registered), and \$20 (at the door).
3. She reminded residents in the Village to vote on March 16, 2010. Voting will take place at the Fire House from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

Trustee McAndrews reported on the following:

1. She reported on the status of the Palmer Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project, stating that the Village is considering improving a larger area than the grant area. This larger area will require a survey, and one has been ordered.
2. She advised that a grant application has been submitted to NYSERDA for \$34,200 of Federal stimulus money for the installation of LED lights in all traffic signals, which would cut the Village's electric use by 80 percent. In this grant application, the Village also asked for new lighting for the Fire Department ceiling.

Mayor Feld announced that the new parking meters in Lot #3 at the Railroad Station have now been installed.

Mayor Feld also announced that the Larchmont PBA has arranged to have the New York Yankees' World Series Trophy on display in Village Hall on February 24, 2010, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

RESOLUTION

Dvirka & Bartilucci – Auth. to prepare additional information for West. County – Pine Brook Flood Mitigation Project

Trustee Reports

Installation of new Parking **M**eters – Lot #3 at **R**ailroad Station

N.Y. **Y**ankees **W**orld Series trophy to be displayed 2/24/10

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

RESOLVED, that Abstract Audited Voucher No. 9, dated February 22, 2010, in the amount of \$543,340.38, per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval by Mayor Feld.

On motion of Trustee Ward, seconded by Trustee McAndrews, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.