

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Trustees of the
Village of Larchmont, New
York, held on **MONDAY**
JANUARY 11, 2010

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

Also Present: Clerk Finn, Treasurer Brucciani
Joanna C. Feldman, Esq., representing Village Attorney's
Office

Mayor Feld called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and welcomed those present.

Mayor Feld made the following announcements:

Mayor's Announcements

1. The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., event will take place at the Emelin Theater on January 13, 2010, at 7:30 PM.
2. On January 13, Metro-North will close its ticket window at the Larchmont Railroad Station. Since many of the commuters now use the pay machines on the platform, they can no longer justify having a ticket agent at the Railroad Station. Senior Citizens can buy their tickets on-board and not pay an administrative fee.
3. The work on the Chatsworth Avenue bridge water main is moving along nicely. She thanked the City of Yonkers Fire Department for their on-site help and for allowing the Village to borrow their water tanker while the relining portion of the project was being done. She also thanked Public Works General Foreman Rick Vetere for his efforts on this project as well.
4. She announced that Congresswoman Nita Lowey has sent her letter to the Village for federal funding requests for fiscal year 2011. At the top of the Village's requests this year will be \$300,000 for renovations to the Village Center.
5. At the Village Board's work session on January 5, Assemblyman George Latimer updated the Board on New York State's budget process. He announced that a public hearing on the budget will be held on February 18 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Rye Osborne Auditorium.
6. Mayor Feld reported on the state of the business district and recognized that the merchants are struggling. The Village has worked as closely as possible with the Chamber of Commerce, but the Village Board cannot control vacancies, leases, or rents. The Village does, however, have the responsibility to keep the business districts clean, safe, and neat to encourage people to open businesses here. The Board will be more vigilant with landlords to keep their vacant spaces neat. Trustee Mandell also encouraged residents to shop locally whenever possible. Trustee McAndrews added that the Building Department is working on a flyer to explain what landlords/merchants should with their storefronts to keep them attractive.

Police Chief Poleway reported on the following:

Police Chief's Report

1. He announced that Police Officer Richard O'Connell will be joining the Larchmont Police Department, effective January 20, 2010. Mr. O'Connell is currently employed by the New York State Park Police, and will be replacing Officer Dominick Formisano, who has resigned.
2. He reminded the Board that the Chatsworth Avenue School fifth grade D.A.R.E. graduation will be held on January 27, 2010, at 7:00 PM.
3. He congratulated Police Officer Scott Schnall for his lifesaving efforts to resuscitate a two-week old baby on Christmas Day. He also commended Sgt. Ronald Knudsen for his assistance on this call. Mayor Feld noted that residents often ask about the budgets and staffing for emergency services personnel. She reminded the audience that a Police Officer can be at someone's door within 30-45 seconds, and the Fire Department can respond to a call within 60 seconds.

Mayor Feld next administered the oath of office to Samuel Orans, Second Deputy Chief of the Fire Department. Deputy Chief Orans' mother, Jane, was in attendance for this ceremony.

Trustee Mandell stated that Deputy Chief Orans has taught him a lot about the history of the department and what the different companies mean. Deputy Chief Orans has been a life-long resident of Larchmont, and he wished him well in his new position.

Fire Department Report

Fire Captain Caparelli next reported on the following:

1. Three new volunteers have finished their firefighting courses.
2. He reminded everyone to have carbon monoxide and smoke detectors installed in their homes, and to check the batteries in all detectors regularly.
3. Breakfast with Santa was a huge success. Santa also distributed many candy canes on Christmas Eve as well.
4. The Fire Department intends to submit a request to Congresswoman Nita Lowey for possible funding to re-paint the walls on the apparatus floor.
5. Two career firefighters are attending New York State Codes classes.
6. He extended the Fire Department's appreciation to the City of Yonkers for use of their tanker truck during the re-lining of the Chatsworth Avenue Bridge water main.

Trustee Ward questioned the number of volunteers in the department and how they train with the career staff. Captain Caparelli stated that they have mutual aid training and in-house training twice a month.

On motion of Trustee McAndrews, seconded by Trustee Kolbert, and unanimously carried, the public hearing to consider a local law to revise exemptions to the Site Plan Approval Law of the Village of Larchmont was opened.

Trustee McAndrews stated that at this time, the public hearing on this matter was being closed. The Board has received many suggestions and recommendations from local professionals that they would like to bring to

the Planning Board for consideration. Once draft legislation is in place for deliberation, a public hearing will again be announced.

On motion of Trustee Ward, seconded by Trustee McAndrews, and unanimously carried, the public hearing was closed.

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

RESOLVED, to authorize the hiring of the following eight election inspectors for the Village Election on March 16, 2010, at a salary of \$225 per day plus \$25 additional for District Chairs, with the understanding that if the election is contested, an additional eight inspectors may be hired by the Village Clerk:

Republicans:

- District 1 – Roy Shuford, 31 Bartels Avenue, New Rochelle
- District 2 – Fernando Gomez, 680 W. Boston Post Rd., Mamaroneck
- District 3 – Naomi Pompei, 25 Andrew Street, Mamaroneck
- District 4 – Marie Mackey, 61 Echo Lane, Larchmont

Democrats:

- District 1 – Carole Hoffman, 65 Edgewood Avenue, Larchmont
- District 2 – Carol Guadagnolo, 21 N. Chatsworth Ave., Larchmont
- District 3 – Florence Rothstein, 24 Flint Avenue, Larchmont
- District 4 – Sheldon Hoffman, 65 Edgewood Avenue, Larchmont

Trustee McAndrews reported on the following:

1. The 23rd annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., award program will be held at the Emelin Theater on January 13, 2010. The program will be broadcast on LMC-TV. This year’s honorees will be Doris Jackson and Kids for World Health. The keynote speaker will be Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins.
2. The Beautification Committee is working on new initiatives at the corner of Monroe Avenue and Chatsworth Avenue at Boston Post Road to enrich the visual appearance there.
3. The Neptune signs at the entrances to the Village have been removed. It is hoped to have them cleaned and reinstalled on new Village entrance signs in the near future.
4. She advised that in the Palmer Avenue Improvement Project, there are plans to put in approximately 47 pedestrian streetlights. In conjunction with these plans, she met with Con Edison experts to discuss lighting efficiency.

Trustee Kolbert reported on the following:

1. She extended the Board’s condolences to the family of former Village resident Walter Lister. He was a reporter for *The Herald Tribune* and then joined CBS.
2. She congratulated Toni Porter, Ann Mangone, and Jennifer Jensen on receiving awards for their volunteer service to the Village.

Close **P**ublic Hearing –
Site Plan Approval
Exemption Revisions

RESOLUTION
Approve hiring of
Election Inspectors for
3/16/10 Village
Election

Trustee Reports

3. There will be a Larchmont-Mamaroneck Sustainability Expo at Mamaroneck High School or Hommocks on April 24, 2010, to demonstrate and promote green initiatives.
4. The Library Children's Room renovation should begin in approximately one or two weeks.
5. The Parks and Trees Committee is in the process of developing renovation plans for Constitution Park. Additionally, they are asking for volunteers to plant street trees on their properties so the tree canopy of the Village can be preserved.
6. The Traffic Commission has decided to approve an extension of the "one-hour to two-hour" parking time limit in the business districts until February 1, 2010.

Trustee Ward reported on the following:

1. The Sheldrake Environmental Center will be hosting a program entitled "Reach for the Stars – Oasis in Space" on January 22, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the New Rochelle High School Planetarium.
2. He advised that three new stores have come to Larchmont; a new surf//skate/boarding shop on Gilder Street, a new candy store on Larchmont Avenue, and a new cosmetic store on Addison Street.

RESOLUTION

Auth. Mayor to execute agreement with **IQ** Landscaping for **Palmer** Avenue Improvement Project

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

RESOLVED, to authorize Mayor Feld to execute a standard services agreement with **IQ** Landscaping, in the amount of \$72,500, for the Palmer Avenue Improvement Project.

The vote on the above resolution was as follows:

Ayes: Mayor Feld, Trustee McAndrews, Trustee Kolbert, Trustee Mandell

Nays: Trustee Ward

Mayor Feld stated that the Board had a long discussion on the Palmer Avenue Improvement Project last week, primarily on what the Village can achieve with the funding they have.

Trustee Ward said that his concern from the beginning has been the inadequate scope of work that is being proposed by IQ Landscaping. They considered just two options, leaving things the way they are, or replacing what is there, under the assumption that the Village cannot afford to do more. However, the Village Board does not know what those options might have been or their associated costs.

Mayor Feld noted that the Board had given IQ Landscaping a fairly narrow scope of work as the grant boundaries are well-defined. This project is not meant to be a large-scale overhaul – only lights, sidewalks, and benches.

Treasurer Brucciani mentioned that in Schedule C of this agreement, the fee of \$72,500 could change, primarily if design changes create additional office or field work. It would not be due to construction budget increases.

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

RESOLVED, to authorize Mayor Feld to enter into an agreement with Woodard and Curran to serve as project manager/engineer on the Palmer Avenue Improvement Project, at a cost not to exceed \$42,741.68.

The vote on the above resolution was as follows:

Ayes: Mayor Feld, Trustee McAndrews, Trustee Kolbert, Trustee Mandell

Nays: Trustee Ward

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

RESOLVED, to authorize Treasurer Brucciani to hold a tax lien sale on Monday, March 1, 2010, at 10:00 AM; and further, it was:

RESOLVED, to accept the list of unpaid taxes, as presented by Treasurer Brucciani this evening, totaling \$74,833.15.

On motion of Trustee Ward, seconded by Trustee Kolbert, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meetings of August 10, October 5, October 24, November 2, and November 18, 2009, were approved.

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

RESOLVED, that Abstract Audited Voucher No. 8, dated January 11, 2010, in the amount of \$180,428.02, per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval by Mayor Feld.

On motion of Trustee Mandell, seconded by Trustee McAndrews, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM in memory of former Village resident Wallace Irwin, Jr. Mr. Irwin was very involved with the Friends of the Reservoir, was a historian, and served as Senior Environmental Policy Advisor to President George H.W. Bush.

RESOLUTION

Auth. Mayor to sign agreement with Woodard & Curran – Palmer Avenue Improvement Project

RESOLUTION

Tax Lien sale – 3/1/10

RESOLUTION

Accept list of unpaid taxes for 2009

Adjourn meeting in memory of Irwin, Wallace, Jr.