

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the
Board of Trustees of the Village of
Larchmont, New York held on
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012

PRESENT: Mayor Anne H. McAndrews
Deputy Mayor John Komar
Trustees Marlene Kolbert
Lorraine Walsh
Peter Fanelli

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

Mayor McAndrews welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM.

The Mayor spoke about the fire that took place at Alfredo's Foreign Cars at 2030 Boston Post Road this past week. She thanked the following for their efforts in this matter:

**Fire at Alfredo's
Foreign Cars – 2030
Boston Post Road**

- Larchmont Professional and Volunteer Firefighters
- Larchmont Police Department
- Larchmont Public Works Department
- Larchmont Water Department
- Town of Mamaroneck Fire Department
- Village of Mamaroneck Fire Department
- Village of Pelham Fire Department
- City of New Rochelle Fire Department
- Greenville Fire Departments
- Larchmont/Mamaroneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps
- Westchester County Cause and Origin Team
- Con Edison

Captain Caparelli gave the following report on the efforts of his Department, to date, noting that they have responded to 1663 calls since January, 2012. Those calls included:

- a.) 9 Mutual Aid responses for the Town of Mamaroneck Fire Department
- b.) 2 Water related calls – Larchmont Yacht Club & Horseshoe Harbor Yacht Club
- c.) 2 motor vehicle accidents with injuries
- d.) 2 spontaneous combustion incidents
- e.) 2 structure fires.
- f.) 190 Fire Inspections completed to date.

Fire Captain's Report

One of the structure fires referred to by Captain Caparelli was the recent fire at Alfredo's Foreign Cars, 2030 Boston Post Road. He detailed the events of that evening, from when the initial call was received to when the fire was declared under control. The Westchester County Cause and Origin Team's initial determination is that a short in the electrical controls for the air compressor malfunctioned and caused the fire; however, this determination has yet to be confirmed.

He extended his appreciation to the following groups:

- a) All of the responding departments who assisted us in this effort.
- b) The career and volunteer staffs of the Larchmont Fire Department

- c) Rick Vetere from the Public Works Department for his assistance in logistics
- d) The Larchmont Police Department for their help in traffic and crowd control
- e) The Larchmont Water Department for their quick response to problems with the water supply.

Additionally, Captain Caparelli announced that:

1. Firefighters Jones, Bogart, Rosenberger and Allen all completed their New York State Fire Codes Certification, earning each of them the title of New York State Fire Inspector Technician.

2. Last week was Fire Prevention Week. The Fire Department visited a number of schools and had many visits from schools for Fire Prevention talks. He reminded the audience of the following items that residents can do to prevent fires:

- Please check the batteries in your smoke and c/o detectors.
- Dispose of oily rags by placing at least ten feet outside your home.
- Discard fireplace embers in a metal can at least ten feet outside your home.
- Have your heating system checked prior to turning it on for the season.
- Always have two ways out. Practice your fire escape route with your families prior to an emergency.

3. Captain Caparelli advised that firefighters have been wearing pink uniform shirts this month as October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Firefighters' union is participating in a program called "Firefighters in Pink." Shirts are being sold at the firehouse, and all proceeds will be going to a local Breast Cancer charity.

4. He reminded the audience that this Saturday is the Ragamuffin Parade and encouraged everyone to bring their children to the parade and then to the firehouse for hot dogs, drinks and music. Lineup is at 12:30 pm at the intersection of Palmer and Larchmont Avenues.

5. Captain Caparelli asked the Board to reserve the date of November 1, 2012 for the annual Fire Department Inspection Dinner at Larchmont Yacht Club.

6. Through the kindness of the Terry Farrell Foundation, the Fire Department has acquired a Multi-Gas Detector valued at \$1,000. The Foundation will also provide training for the Personal Escape Ropes the department received last year, with the training to cost \$2,000. He additionally noted that a box trailer has been obtained that will be used to transport fans, barricades, pumps and hose, etc. to emergency scenes. The trailer will allow these items to be removed from trucks and will provide much needed space.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Poleway made the following report:

1. A suspect in one of the burglaries was arrested on August 18. Jarue Williams was apprehended through a multi-jurisdictional task. On September 26, the Westchester County District Attorney's Office unsealed a grand jury indictment and charged Williams with one count of burglary in the second degree, two counts of criminal mischief in the fourth degree,

and one count of petty larceny. Williams is being held at the Westchester County Jail on \$100,000 bail pending his next court date.

The Chief added that though there was an arrest, residents should still secure their vehicles and homes. He asked everyone to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the Police Department. For crime prevention tips residents should go to larchmontpolice.org for further info.

2. The Ragamuffin Parade is being held on October 20th. The parade begins at 1:00 Pm, travels down Larchmont Avenue ending at Village Hall. He asked all to plan accordingly and drive safe for this event.

3. October 31st is Halloween which a busy pedestrian day because children and parents will be Trick or Treating. Chief Poleway requested all motorists to drive slowly to prevent any accidents. He reminded parents to check all candy their children receive. There will also be a heavy police presence that evening in the Village.

4. Chief Poleway announced the promotion of Officer Matthew Irvine to Detective and the hiring of Michael Smith as Police Officer.

Oaths of Office
Irvine, M.
Smith, M.
Police Dept.

Mayor McAndrews then administrated the Oaths of Office to Detective Irvine and Officer Smith and wished them well in their new positions.

Mayor McAndrews presented June Hesler with a New York State Conference of Mayor’s (NYCOM) certificate for thirty-five years of distinguished public service as a Librarian at the Larchmont Library. Trustee Kolbert added that Ms. Hesler acted as temporary Library Director during the time a search was performed to replace the recently retired Director, Diane Courtney.

Hesler, J.
Library
NYCOM Service
Certificate – 35 years

The Mayor said that Public Works Department employee, Richard Berlingo also has been awarded a thirty-year certificate by NYCOM but was unable to attend tonight’s meeting. His award will be presented at a future meeting.

Berlingo, R.
Public Works Dept.
NYCOM Service
Certificate to be
presented at future
meeting

The Mayor made the following announcements:

1. Parking permits will go on sale Nov. 1 for Village residents; Nov. 2 for Town of Mamaroneck and Out-of-Town residents. On both days, sales will be from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM in Village Hall. Applications will be available online the week of October 22. The Mayor advised that people should sign-up for the Village’s e-mail notification and watch their mail. Postcards have been mailed out to all 2012 permit holders, and e-mails will be sent out to all who have signed up for this service.

Mayor’s
Announcements

2. She extended the Board’s appreciation to the Mamaroneck Schools Foundation, as well as to the Larchmont Police and Fire Departments, for their efforts during the Junior Triathlon on September 22, 2012.

3. She extended the Board’s appreciation to the Police Department for collecting expired prescriptions on September 29, 2012.

4. She reminded the audience that leaves should not be left near storm drains. Residents should advise their landscapers or remove the leaves themselves.

5. Elections are on Tuesday November 6. Polls will be open from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM. For details, visit County Board of Elections’ website at www.westchestergov.com/boe.

6. The Village received a thank you note from Tom Curnin for the repaving on Prospect and Willow Avenues. There were some areas this year where the asphalt was sub-standard, however, the contractor corrected the problem.
7. St. Augustine's will have a Walk for Humanity on November 4, at 1:00 PM.
8. The Old Timer's Athletic Association of Mamaroneck-Larchmont will be holding their Third Annual Oktoberfest Dinner on October 18, 2012, at 6:45 PM at American Legion. The cost is \$30 per person. Reservations are required. Call Skip at (914) 424-1823. If interested in joining the Association, contact Skip at the same number or e-mail him at thegolfwarrior@aol.com.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Fanelli made the following report:

1. He extended the Board's appreciation to the Library, Public Works Department, Police Department, and Fire Department for Big Trucks Day on September 29.
2. On September 29, the 10th Annual Art Show was held. Over eighty vendors participated. He thanked Palmer Davis, the Committee on the Arts, the Public Works Department, and the Police Department for their efforts.
3. Window Painting will be on October 19 after school. Go to the Village's website for the e-mail link to sign-up.
4. Tennis courts will be closing on October 31st. The Paddle courts will open on November 1st and permits will be on sale at Village Hall.

Building Maintenance:

At Village Hall, offices in the Police Department have been painted and stained; ceiling tiles were replaced. Also, a deteriorating hot water heater was replaced. Faulty exterior lighting has also been repaired. The windows at the Public Works Yard have been repaired and painted. A compromised pump at the Shore Drive sanitary sewer pump station has been repaired and is in service. The Byron Pump Station serving Larchmont's drinking water has had its annual service completed. Preventive maintenance has been performed on the 6 boiler systems located in various Village buildings.

Parks:

Landscape maintenance continues in the parks & on the traffic islands. Several irrigation sprinkler heads were found to be damaged and have been replaced. The installation of the 'Pine Brook Park Play Area' has been completed and is open for use. Benches in all of the parks have been repaired and painted. In Turtle Park it was necessary to replace the sand in the small play area as a result of damage from vandals.

The Public Works Department assisted in the Big Trucks Day event at the Library, at the Arts Festival in Constitution Park, and the Fall Festival held at the Larchmont Reservoir.

Street Maintenance:

Street sign repair and replacement is ongoing as are streetlight, traffic light and parking meter repairs. Crews continue to fill potholes and mill &

pave where necessary. Street sweeping and sanitary sewer maintenance continue on a weekly basis. The removal of leaf piles has commenced and will continue through the fall season. As a reminder, don't block fire hydrants and storm drains when making leaf piles.

Repairs were made to surveillance cameras in parking Lot # 1. Line striping in the parking lots continues.

Crews have finished trimming low hanging branches on existing street trees that block sidewalks and curbs. As per our Arborist's recommendation, 22 dead street trees have been removed during this reporting period.

The gator bags used for irrigation of newly planted trees have been removed. All 37 new trees planted this year appear to be doing well. There were a total of 18 block parties held on Village streets during this reporting period.

Approximately 500 linear feet of residential sidewalk and 535 linear feet of curbing have been replaced. A total of 11,000 square feet of pavement has been replaced on 5 different streets in the Village. Stop bars and crosswalks have all been freshly painted as well as the double yellow lines on the newly paved streets. Coordination with Con Edison made it possible to perform gas main repairs and upgrades in areas affected by the Streetscape Improvement Project.

A total of 4 storm drain catch basins have been rebuilt due to deterioration. A 3000' foot section of storm drain has been televised in the ongoing search for sanitary sewer infiltration as called for by the DEC. This work is performed to assist engineers in reducing the amount of contamination flowing into the Long Island Sound via the East Creek. After review, any remediation necessary will be initiated.

Public Works Department personnel met with engineers from Malcolm Pirnie regarding the 'All Hazard Mitigation Plan', coordinated by Westchester County, and discussed flooding issues within the Village. Malcolm Pirnie engineers are developing the All Hazard Mitigation for the entire county which will be submitted to FEMA for approval.

Additionally, a meeting was held with Westchester County engineers and LISWIC to discuss the inflow and infiltration of storm water into the sanitary sewer system. The Village will work with the County's engineers to reduce the amount of storm water entering the sanitary sewer system during heavy rain events. The resulting inflow can overwhelm the sanitary sewer stations. Heavy rain on September 28th resulted in flooding and road closures at many different locations around the Village.

A total of 14 water leaks were repaired in the past 3 months. The investigation of possible water leaks continues throughout the Village. Water department personnel continue to repair non-operating residential and commercial water meters. Personnel are also in the process of reading water meters for billing. A kick-off meeting was held for the 'Water Meter Replacement Project'. Engineers from Hazen and Sawyer will assist the Village in choosing the appropriate solutions to fit our needs and provide support during installation of the new meters.

Larchmont Reservoir Property:

General Dam maintenance and inspections continue along with trail maintenance as needed. The Emergency Action Plan, developed by the

Village to assist in responding to a potential dam failure, was reviewed, updated and submitted to the DEC as is required annually. Volunteers helped remove 15 bags of garbage during a cleanup held on Beautification Day. The vegetable garden, maintained by the volunteers from the Sheldrake Garden Group, harvested over 200 pounds of produce this season. The harvested vegetables are delivered to local food pantries to help provide free meals for people in need.

A leaking water main on the Larchmont Reservoir property has caused the shutdown of a section of trails adjacent to the Larchmont Dam. Westchester Joint Water Works personnel stated that the leaking section of water main has been isolated and repairs will be completed in November. The trails will be reopened when the repair is complete.

Trustee Komar gave the following report:

1. Trustee Komar said he hoped the fire at Alfredo's Foreign does not mean the end of a longtime family business in the Village. He commended Captain Caparelli and Dep. Chief Sam Orans for coordinating the professional and volunteer firefighters along with the mutual aid that responded to the scene.
2. Oktobertfest was held on October 8th and was a big success. Trustee Komar thanked Ben Aiello from Auray Gourmet and all the merchants who organized the event.

Trustee Walsh made the following report:

1. The new pre-school playground in Pine Brook Park has been completed. Trustee Walsh thanked the Pine Brook Association and those who donated privately to the park's renovation. The funds raised went toward the purchasing and installation of the new equipment. She also thanked Larchmont Nurseries and DPW for all their work in the park's renewal. Gratitude was extended to the residents donated two new benches for park.
2. Anyone interested in donating a bench or a tree should contact the Parks and Trees Committee.

Trustee Kolbert gave the following report:

1. Committee on the Arts member, Palmer Davis announced this would be the final year he would be one of the organizers the Larchmont Arts Festival. Trustee Kolbert congratulated and thanked Mr. Davis for all his efforts on the Art Festival through the years and commented that Jane Nishimura and the rest of the committee will continue to make the festival the popular event it has become. Thanks to Kenise Barnes for donating this year's \$500 prize.
2. There will be a program sponsored by the Friends of the Library on October 26, at 3:30 PM on the subject of the Presidential Election.
3. A recently released book titled "The Drinking Diaries" was the subject of a program at the Library a couple of weeks ago. The book's editors Village residents Leah Epstein and Caren Gerszberg were guest speakers. The book has a contribution by another resident, Pricilla Warner. Ms. Gerszberg and Palmer Davis helped start the Art Show ten years ago.
3. Trustee Kolbert thanked the Village staff and all the volunteers who work for no money and benefits. She encouraged all residents to volunteer

and get involved. She added that the scarecrows in front of the Library were created by another volunteer group, the Friends of the Library.

Mayor McAndrews next talked about the Larchmont Reservoir, and stated that there continues to be water main break there which will require extensive repairs. The water pressure and level at the dam will be reduced to expedite the repairs.

Next Eric Grossman of 58 Willow Avenue addressed the Board. Mr. Grossman requested that he would be allowed to install Belgium Blocks on the apron of his driveway. He stated that he has already replaced the sidewalks at his expense and the blocks are consistent with the area.

Mayor McAndrews thanked Mr. Grossman for repairing the sidewalks at his expense. She added there has been hesitation in the past to allow Belgium Blocks installed because they may encroach Village property. The Mayor said he may install them if he would sign an agreement that would prevent the Village from being liable to damages cause by snow plows. Mr. Grossman said he would be willing sign an agreement.

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

RESOLVED, to allow Eric Grossman to install Belgium paving blocks on the apron of the driveway at 58 Willow Avenue, pending agreement with the Village Attorney's office.

RESOLUTION
Grossman, E.
Approval to install
Belgium paving blocks
on driveway apron at
58 Willow Ave.

The Mayor next gave an update on the Palmer Avenue Streetscape Project. The Village will have pre-construction meeting tomorrow, October 16, with the New York State Department of Transportation. To receive Federal money the project is under the same guidelines as a contractor building an interstate highway. The Village would like to start the Project at the PDQ end of Palmer Avenue then halt work by Thanksgiving to allow the holiday shopping season to proceed. The reason the Village would like to start the Project soon is so the Village may receive New York State funding.

On motion of Trustee Kolbert, seconded by Trustee Komar and carried, the minutes of August 13, 2012, Board of Trustees' meeting, were approved, with Trustee Walsh not participating in the vote.

On motion of Trustee Kolbert, seconded by Trustee Walsh and carried, the minutes of the October 1, 2012, Board of Trustees' work session, were approved, with Trustees Komar and Fanelli not participating in the vote.

Treasurer Brucciani next spoke to the Board and asked approval so he and the Mayor may sign the 2012-2013 Snow and Ice Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation.

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

RESOLVED,to authorize Mayor McAndrews and Treasurer Brucciani to sign the 2012-2013 Snow and Ice Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation, pending clarification by the Village Attorney's office.

RESOLUTION
Auth. Mayor and
Treasurer to sign 2012-
2013 Snow and Ice
Agreement with NYS
Dept. of Transportation

Next, Treasurer Brucciani requested authorization to put out to bid Village vehicles for the purpose of sale, as recommended by Rick Vetere, General Foreman, Public Works Department. The vehicles are: 1995 Chevrolet

dump truck, 1990 Chevrolet pick-up truck, 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe and a 1972 Bombardier snow plow.

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

RESOLUTION

Auth. Treasurer to solicit bids for the sale of Village vehicles

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

- 1995 Chevrolet Dump Truck
- 1990 Chevrolet Pick-Up Truck
- 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe
- 1972 Bombardier Snow Plow

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

RESOLVED, that Abstract Audit Voucher No. 6, dated October 15, 2012, in the amount of \$467,002.93, per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval by Trustee Walsh

Mayor McAndrews announced the next Board meeting will be on November 19, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

On motion of Trustee Kolbert, seconded by Trustee Komar, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.