

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the
Board of Trustees of the Village of
Larchmont, held **MONDAY, NOV. 19, 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 all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

The Mayor announced that due to technical problems, LMC-TV is unable to broadcast the meeting to Verizon subscribers this evening. It is being taped for future airing.

Mayor McAndrews then began to speak about Hurricane Sandy, which occurred on October 29, 2012. Though the Village had many downed trees, telephone poles and widespread power outages (several lasting up to two weeks), the Village was spared from any major injuries and fatalities. She thanked Police Chief John Poleway and the Police Department, Captain John Caparelli and the Fire Department, and Foreman Rick Vetere and the Public Works Department for their tireless efforts before, during, and after the storm. She also thanked the Village staff. The Mayor additionally thanked Con Edison liaison Anthony Taggart for coordinating the restoration of power in the Village. She added thanks to Library Director, Laura Eckley and her staff for extending the Library hours so residents without power could stay warm. Ms. Eckley purchased multiple power strips to be used as charging stations for resident's cell phones.

Hurricane Sandy Recap

The Mayor said she attended a meeting this morning with County Executive Robert Astorino and other elected officials to discuss hurricane recovery. Also, tomorrow she will be at another meeting, this time with the President of Con Edison.

One of the most significant issues of this storm was lack of communication Mayor McAndrews said. With phones not working due to downed wires or power outages, it was difficult for residents to get the information they needed. Cell phone signals were also difficult to acquire. The Library posted notices, and the Village even considered mailing postcards to inform the community. Con Edison's website was often incorrect and misleading which led to further frustration amongst residents. To get a better understanding of the electrical power issues, the Mayor requested a map of the grid from Con Edison. The request was denied because of National Security concerns.

Solutions for power outages (such as burying power lines) could be costly and time consuming the Mayor stated. An upgrade to the power grid would also be beneficial. It is important, due to the frequency of these storms, that residents be prepared, alert and learn to cope. Anyone with suggestions should contact the Mayor via e-mail, mayor@villageoflarchmont.org.

Chief Poleway made the following report.

Police Chief's Report

- 1) Hurricane Sandy: The Chief said there will be meetings to discuss what went right and wrong before, during and after the hurricane. He thanked the members of the Police, Fire (career & volunteer) and Public Works departments for their dedicated service in dealing with the storm. He also thanked the residents for their patience and cooperation. The FEMA Disaster Recovery Center is open at the Westchester County Center in White Plains. Operating hours are 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Sunday through Saturday until further notice.
- 2) With Thanksgiving approaching Chief Poleway reminded everyone not to drink and drive. During the holiday weekend there will be additional DWI patrols throughout the Village.
- 3) Chief Poleway reminded the audience of New York State's slogan, "If you see something, Say something." Call the New York State 24-hour hotline, 866-723-3697 or the Larchmont Police Department at 834-1000.

The Mayor thanked Chief Poleway for all of his efforts during Hurricane Sandy.

Fire Chief's Report

Captain Caparelli gave the following report.

1. The Department has responded to 916 calls to date. Recent calls include 3 mutual aid calls to the Town of Mamaroneck Fire Department. Additionally, they have completed 249 fire inspections, with a few left to complete. Due to the storm, the Fire Department Inspection and dinner were cancelled. To abide with New York State law, a new date will have to be scheduled.
2. On December 22, at 10:00 AM Santa Claus will arrive in Flint Park. There will be hot chocolate and treats for the children. The volunteers will have their traditional Santa Run on Christmas Eve. Anyone wanting Santa to drive by their home should call the fire house.
3. Firefighters Allen and Bogart participated in the program "Parents as Reading Partners" at Murray Avenue School. The program's aim is to foster a love for reading in children with the aid of community leaders.
3. Hurricane Sandy:
 - a) There were 198 calls over a three-day period, 123 calls in a 24-hour period alone.
 - b) He expressed thanks to the Police and Public Works Departments for their assistance.
 - c) All apparatus put into use was manned by the volunteer and career staffs. Damage to apparatus and equipment was minimal.
 - d) Marine 34 was used to gain access to 39 Ocean Ave.
 - e) The department performed multiple basement pump outs.
 - f) Over a four-day period, firefighters went around the Village to check on the welfare of residents who remained without power, especially the elderly.

Captain Caparelli added that when trees are down with power wires attached to them, the Fire Department cannot proceed unless Con Edison deems the area safe to operate in. He stated that residents who use

generators should keep them at least 10 feet away from the house. Also, when residents see yellow tape with the word "Caution" on it, that means stay out. During the storm to many residents put themselves and others in danger by disregarding the warnings.

The Captain said all apparatus and equipment are operational and are in service.

The Mayor and Board thanked Captain Caparelli along with the career and volunteer firefighters for all of their hard work during the hurricane.

Trustee Fanelli made the following report:

- 1) Thanks to the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments, especially the volunteer firefighters, many of whom worked around the clock, using the third-floor as a make-shift bunk room during the storm. He also commended the Mayor for her leadership during the emergency.
- 2) On October 22, the Ragamuffin Parade was held and was a great success, with volunteers handing out two thousand hot dogs.
- 3) The tennis courts closed on October 31st. The paddle courts are now open. Anyone interested in getting a paddle permit should contact the Recreation Department.
- 4) Santa Claus will arrive in Flint Park at 10:00 AM on December 22.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Komar gave the following report:

- 1) Thanks to the Police, Fire and Public Works Department for their around-the-clock service during Hurricane Sandy. Residents should be proud of them.
- 2) He expressed the Village's gratitude to Bessemer Venture Capital for donating meals to the Police, Fire and Public Works Department employees.
- 3) The Traffic Commission extended the one-hour parking time zones in the business district to two hours for the holiday season beginning November 23rd.
- 4) November 24th is "National Shop Local Day". Everyone should shop and support local merchants.

Trustee Walsh made the following report:

- 1) Thanks to the Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works Department for their efforts during the hurricane recovery.

Trustee Kolbert gave the following report:

- 1) Thanks to all the members of the emergency services for making the Village safe and for always being there.
- 2) Thanks to the Library staff for working extra hours during the hurricane recovery.
- 3) The restoration of the WPA murals at the Library has been completed and every resident should go in and see them.
- 4) There have been several complaints about "blue" dog-waste bags being left throughout the Village. All dog owners should be responsible and clean-up after their dog.

Condolences
Okun, B.
Santucci, B.

Mayor McAndrews extended condolences to the family of former Deputy Village Clerk, Blanche Okun, on her passing and to Joanne Lanza on the passing of her brother, Bernie Santucci.

On motion of Trustee Kolbert, seconded by Trustee Walsh, and unanimously carried, it was;

RESOLUTION

McGarr, J.
Library Board of Trustees

Berlingo, R.
Public Works Dept.
Presentation of NYCOM
Service Award

Boyer, J.
USA Triathlon
Proposed Splash &
Dash event – 6/22/13

RESOLVED, to reappoint John McGarr as a member of the Larchmont Library Board of Trustees, for a term to expire in May, 2017.

Next Mayor McAndrews presented Richard “Richie” Berlingo from the Public Works Department with a NYCOM certificate for thirty years of service to the Village. Mr. Berlingo’s daughter, Elizabeth, and son-in-law, Mike, were also in attendance.

Jeff Boyer from USA Triathlon was next to address the Board. Mr. Boyer was requesting Board approval to hold an event in Flint Park on June 22, 2013. The event is titled “Splash and Dash” and would be held in two locations, the Hommocks Pool and Flint Park, for children 7-15. The children would swim first then run approximately 1.5 to 2.5 laps around Flint Park.

There was a discussion between the Board and Mr. Boyer concerning details of the event. Mayor McAndrews thanked Mr. Boyer for attending the meeting and said the Board would discuss the event further at an upcoming work session with a possible decision for the next Board meeting on December 10th.

Dave Clark of Gartner Productions spoke to the Board about approval for a filming permit. The film shoot would be for an Optimum Online commercial centering on small businesses and would take place on November 29th. The majority of the filming would be indoors but exterior shots are needed. The locations would be Arrow Lamp and Lighting on Boston Post Road, The Larchmont Meateria on Addison Street, and possibly Mancino’s Tailors on Palmer Avenue.

Mr. Clark discussed details of the film shoot with the Board. Mr. Clark said each location would take possibly 1 to 3 hours to film. Equipment would be brought in 2 cube trucks with 4 to 5 cars for personnel. He added his company would be willing to hire a police officer for any traffic concerns the Board may have.

Mayor McAndrews thanked Mr. Clark for coming to the meeting and also expressed gratitude from the Board for filming a commercial that could help Village businesses.

On a motion of Trustee Kolbert, seconded by Trustee Fanelli, and unanimously carried, it was;

RESOLUTION

Gartner Productions
Approval to film
Optimum Online
commercial in Village

Discussion on field fees
tabled to future
meeting

Mayor’s
Announcements

RESOLVED, to approve the film permit request by Gartner Productions to film an Optimum Online commercial at the following location:

- Mancino’s Tailors, 1931 Palmer Avenue
- The Larchmont Meateria, 9 Addison Street
- Arrow Lamp and Lighting, 2091 Boston Post Road

The Board decided to table the discussion of 2013 Field Fees to a future meeting.

The Mayor made the following announcements.

- 1) The Palmer Avenue Streetscape Project has been postponed until Spring 2013. There is a meeting this week with the Department of Transportation about insurance issues. The contractor requested the postponement due to insurance questions and because the winter season is about to set in. Most of the equipment has been

- 2) removed from Pine Brook Park and the construction will not interfere with the holiday shopping season.
- 3) The Lorenzen Park Improvements. The Village received a notice of complete application from the Department of Environmental Conservation. A public notice was published for a period of public comment and that will end shortly. The goal is to have two baseball fields in Lorenzen Park.
- 4) The Village has received a grant in the amount of \$125,000 for a new generator at Village Hall. An electrical engineer will inspect the building and the new generator will be installed with a back-up.
- 5) The Village is looking into replacing the windows in Village Hall. The windows are original to the building and are in need of upgrading. There was some damage to a few windows during Hurricane Sandy, including one that fell out of the second floor.

On motion of Trustee Komar, seconded by Trustee Walsh, and unanimously carried, the meeting minutes of September 5 and October 15, 2012, were approved.

On motion of Trustee Komar, seconded by Trustee Fanelli, and unanimously carried, it was;

RESOLVED, to approve the sale of the following Village vehicles.

- 1972 Bombardier Snow Plow in amount of \$669.99 to Liberty Motors Inc.
- 1990 Chevrolet Pick-up Truck in the amount of \$351 to Bob McGuigan
- 1995 Chevrolet Gardeners Dump Truck in the amount of \$951 to Bob McGuigan
- 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe in the amount of \$351 to Bob McGuigan

RESOLUTION

Approve sale of Village vehicles

Mayor McAndrews reminded everyone to shop locally during the holiday season. She extended a Happy Thanksgiving to her fellow Board members as well as the audience.

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