

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
the Board of Trustees of the Village
of Larchmont, held on **MONDAY,**
JULY 15, 2013

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

Mayor McAndrews called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

Mayor McAndrews administered the Oaths of Office to newly-hired Firefighters Richard Valentine, Michael Wetzel, and Michael Ettore.

Oaths of Office
Valentine, R.
Wetzel, M.
Ettore, M.
Fire Department

Mayor McAndrews stated that these new firefighters were hired through a SAFER grant that was received by the Fire Department earlier this year. If expected retirements occur when the SAFER grant funding ends, their salaries should not be an added expense to the Village's Fire Department salary line.

Fire Captain John Caparelli presented his monthly report to the Village which included:

Fire Captain's Report

1. The Department has responded to 435 calls to date.
2. He read a letter from Robert Snedeker, Commodore of Larchmont Yacht Club, commending Lt. Tony Martyn and Firefighter Chris DiGilio on their lifesaving efforts to save a camp counselor who almost drowned. Mayor McAndrews additionally extended the Board's appreciation to Lt. Martyn and Firefighter DiGilio and stated that the Village was very fortunate to have such skilled individuals in the Fire Department.

Lee, C.
Recreation Committee -
Presentation of
appreciation plaques for
Larchmont Run-Sprint for
Flint

Carolyn Lee of the Recreation Committee next appeared to present plaques to the following individuals/groups in recognition of their efforts on the Larchmont Run – Sprint for Flint that was held on June 14. The individuals/groups recognized were:

Mayor Anne McAndrews
Larchmont Police Department, accepted by Trustee Komar
Larchmont Fire Department, accepted by Fire Captain John Caparelli
Larchmont Volunteer Ambulance Corps, accepted by Chief Alex Rapp and Capt. Grant Nishanian
Larchmont Public Works Department, accepted by Trustee Fanelli
United Stage Associates, accepted by Trustee Fanelli

Trustee Fanelli extended the Board's congratulations to Mrs. Lee and the members of the Recreation Committee on organizing a fun-filled event for all. There were approximately 600 participants. Mrs. Lee said that this was the first year that online registration for this event was permitted, and almost 50% of the participants used the online form for registration.

Rilley, B.
Dep. Village Clerk
To serve as Village's
recipient of **N**otice of
Claims filed with NYS
Secretary of State

Mayor McAndrews advised that at their last work session, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution authorizing Deputy Village Clerk Brian

Rilley to serve as the Village's recipient of Notices of Claims served on the Secretary of State, in accordance with the recently enacted Uniform Notice of Claim Act. Litigants now have the right to file notices of claims against a specific community with the Secretary of State.

Trustee Walsh reported on the following:

Trustee Reports

1. The Sanitation Commission has advised that starting tomorrow, July 16, through Friday, July 19, trash and recycling pick-up will begin at 6:30 AM to help workers avoid the extreme heat that is predicted for the remainder of this week.

Trustee Kolbert reported on the following:

1. She reminded the audience that Children's reading passports are available at the Library.

2. She asked that all property owners abide by the acceptable times to place organic waste out at the curb; i.e., on Wednesday evenings or Thursday evenings, depending upon their last day of garbage pick-up.

3. She noted that leaf blowers are banned in the Village of Larchmont through September 30 and encouraged residents to remind their gardeners about this law.

4. The reusable bag initiative will begin on October 1. Plastic bags may no longer be given out at point-of-sale locations after that date.

5. The Westchester County Mobile Shredder will be coming to Lot #1 at the Larchmont Railroad Station on September 21 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Trustee Fanelli reported on the following:

1. Since his last report on June 10, the Public Works Department has accomplished a number of seasonal tasks, including:

a) They have, and continue to, paint stop bars and crosswalks around the Village.

b) Landscape maintenance continues.

c) Preparations were done for the annual July 4 races in Flint Park as well as for the Sprint for Flint – Larchmont Run.

d) A new wooden bench was installed in Addison Park, trees were removed and new shrubs planted.

e) New storm drains have been installed.

f) Four malfunctioning streetlights and two malfunctioning traffic lights have been repaired.

g) The Garden Club has harvested 60 pounds of produce from the Larchmont Reservoir garden.

2. Trustee Fanelli expressed his personal condolences to Fire Captain Caparelli on the passing of his mother.

On motion of Trustee Komar, seconded by Trustee Fanelli, and unanimously carried, the public hearing to consider a proposed water rate increase for the Village of Larchmont was opened.

Mayor McAndrews explained that the analysis for this proposed increase has not yet been completed by the Village Treasurer and, therefore, suggested the hearing be postponed until the next meeting. On motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Komar and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED, to adjourn the Public Hearing on a proposed water rate increase for the Village of Larchmont to the August 12, 2013, meeting at 8:00 PM.

RESOLUTION

Adjourn Public Hearing on Water Rate increase to 8/12/13

Mayor McAndrews made the following announcements:

1. Hazard Mitigation Plan: The Village received a grant from FEMA to prepare a Hazard Mitigation Plan for the community. The plan is currently being drafted. She suggested that everyone take a look at the Village's website where the plan has been posted, with particular attention being paid to Sections 6-9 of it. She said the Board welcomes the community's input as they continue to work on the draft.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

2. Palmer Streetscape Project: Mayor McAndrews displayed a poster that addressed the trees along Palmer Avenue. The poster showed the demolition plan for the trees, along with a planting plan for new trees. She indicated that 29 trees are to be removed, with over 40 trees to be kept along the street. Approximately 35 new trees will be planted.

Palmer Streetscape Plan Update

Additionally, she noted the following:

- The Village has declared the Contractor in default, has terminated its work, and has served a demand on the bonding company to cause the job to be completed in accordance with the Contract price and terms.
- Because this project is in part a federally-funded project administered by the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT), the Village has conferred with the DOT regarding its recent actions, and the DOT has agreed that these actions are appropriate.
- The Contractor has voluntarily agreed to move its equipment out of Pine Brook Park. We are pressing them to do so, and they have begun to remove their equipment.
- The bonding company has made a timely initial response to the Village's demand and is in communication with the Village's consulting engineers in order to perform its own assessment.
- The bonding company is on notice that the project is both time- and weather-sensitive.
- The Village anticipates that within ten days to two weeks from today, the bonding company will have completed its initial assessment and will communicate its position to the Village.

The following business owners appeared to speak in connection with this project:

- Judy Graham, Pink on Palmer
- Jennifer Deutsch, Crush Wine Bar, 1985 Palmer Avenue
- Rebecca Deutsch, Crush Wine Bar, 1985 Palmer Avenue

The above individuals expressed their displeasure about the progression of this project. They believed the areas around their businesses, and along Palmer Avenue, have been left in an unattractive condition. Trees in some areas have been partially cut, and some areas have tree stumps that have not been removed. Parking has also become confusing in some areas. The unacceptable conditions are causing them a loss of business and, therefore, financial hardships.

Mayor McAndrews explained that the Village has declared the contractor to be in default, and the surety company has been notified. An answer from the surety company is expected in the coming weeks. Until then, some things can be done under the law, and that is where the Village stands right now. She noted that the Village has every intention of planting new trees and removing the roots between now and the fall.

Geese Control

Mayor McAndrews announced that the Village has received two proposals for non-lethal control of the geese population at Flint Park and Lorenzen Park. As one of the proposals was just received this evening, it was decided to hold this matter over to the August 12 meeting for further review.

Mayor McAndrews next announced that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has ordered the Village to install a drain and oil/water separator in its Public Works maintenance garage. Therefore, on motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Komar, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLUTION

Woodard & Curran
Accept bid for preparation of stormwater improvement construction documents for **Public Works Garage Oil/water separator and drain**

RESOLVED, to accept the proposal from Woodard and Curran Engineering, dated June 28, 2013, for the preparation of stormwater improvement construction documents for the Public Works Maintenance Garage, at a cost of \$6,500.

Mayor McAndrews announced that she has joined with Town Supervisor Nancy Seligson in sending a letter to area landscapers about the prohibited use of leaf blowers during summer months. Leaf blowers are banned in the Town of Mamaroneck from June 1-September 15 and in the Village of Larchmont from June 1-September 30 each year.

On motion of Trustee Kolbert, seconded by Trustee Komar, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the May 13, 2013 meeting were approved.

On motion of Trustee Kolbert, seconded by Trustee Komar, and carried, the minutes of the June 10, 2013 meeting were approved. Trustee Walsh did not participate in this vote.

On motion of Trustee Komar, seconded by Trustee Walsh, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the worksession on June 24, 2013 were approved, with the condition that the bottom portion of the minutes be indexed in the margin.

Mayor McAndrews extended the Board's condolences to the following families on recent passings:

- Fire Captain John Caparelli and family on the passing of his mother.
- The Tebbens family on the passing of former Village resident Arthur Tebbens.
- The White family on the passing of Village resident Betty White.
- The Wittich family on the passing of former Village resident Robert Wittich.

Condolences

Caparelli family

Tebbens family

White family

Wittich family

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

RESOLVED, that Abstract Audited Voucher No. 1, dated July 15, 2013, in the amount of \$244,862.88, per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval by Trustee Walsh.

On motion of Trustee Komar, seconded by Trustee Fanelli, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.