

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
the Board of Trustees of the Village
of Larchmont, held on **MONDAY,**
AUGUST 12, 2013

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

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

Mayor McAndrews called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM and welcomed those present. She thanked Library Board Chair Pamela Dubitsky and Library Director Laura Eckley for attending this meeting, as well.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the request of the Library Board of Trustees to solicit bids for repairs to the Library roof, at a cost of approximately \$240,000, subject to similar approval by the Town of Mamaroneck Town Council.

RESOLUTION
Library roof repair
Auth. to solicit bids

Fire Captain Caparelli next addressed the Board and reported on the following:

Fire Captain's
Report

1. The Department has responded to 512 alarms to date.
2. The Weaver Street Bridge remains closed. The Department will continue to respond to Town of Mamaroneck calls as necessary.
3. The Explorer Post is up and running. The members are responding to calls and drills when necessary.
4. Fire truck manufacturers have met and drawings and specifications should be completed shortly for a new Rescue One vehicle for the Department.
5. The Department participated in the Village of Mamaroneck's Fireman's Parade on July 2, 2013.
6. The Sprint-for-Flint "Larchmont Run" was very successful, and the Department handed out hot dogs after the event.
7. Fire inspections were suspended while the three new members of the Department were trained. The inspections are again being done.
8. A tree limb fell on Bonnett Avenue and Forest Park Avenue during a heavy rainstorm early this morning, which caused a power outage in many parts of the Village.

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

RESOLUTION

Rubin, J.
Appointment
Member of
Traffic Comm.

RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Jay Rubin as a member of the Traffic Commission, for a term to expire in June, 2016.

Mayor McAndrews reminded the audience that the Village has several openings on various Committees and Commissions. If someone would like to volunteer for one of these openings, she urged them to contact or e-mail Village Hall.

Mayor McAndrews indicated that a Combined Funding Application (CFA) was submitted earlier today to the New York State Department of State for potential funding for Lorenzen Park improvements. In connection with that application, on motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Komar, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLUTION

Auth. Treasurer to
Accept funds from NYS
Parks , Recreation &
Historical Preservation
For Lorenzen Park
Project

RESOLVED, that Denis Brucciani, as Treasurer of the Village of Larchmont, is hereby authorized and directed to accept funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of (Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993) in an amount not to exceed \$500,000. and enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the Village of Larchmont for renovation of Lorenzen Park and, if appropriate, a conservation easement/preservation covenant to the deed of the assisted property.

Mayor McAndrews stated that many municipalities are competing for this funding, and she thanked State Assemblyman Steve Otis for encouraging her to submit an application on behalf of the Village of Larchmont.

Mayor McAndrews extended the Board’s condolences to the following families:

Condolences,
Longbucco, W.
Adler, L.
Wittner

- The Longbucco family on the passing of William Longbucco’s father. William Longbucco is an employee of the Village’s Water Department.
- The Adler family on the passing of Lorna Adler. Mrs. Adler was former Library Director for the Larchmont Public Library.
- The Wittner family on the passing of Town Councilwoman Phyllis Wittner’s brother.

Pagliaro, N.
Congratulations on
recent marriage

Mayor McAndrews extended the Board’s congratulations to Court Clerk Nancy Pagliaro on her recent marriage.

Congratulations to
Mayor McAndrews on
Recent birth of first
Grandchild, John

Trustee Kolbert extended the Board’s congratulations to Mayor McAndrews and her family on the birth of her first grandchild, John Douglas McAndrews.

Town of Mamaroneck
Re-designing website
survey

Mayor McAndrews announced that the Town of Mamaroneck is considering a potential re-design of their website. They would like the public’s input as to what they would like to see it contain. A survey is on their current website entitled, “Website Redesign Consideration: Survey and Analytics.”

Mayor McAndrews congratulated Recreation Director Joyce Callahan and the staff at the Flint Park Day Camp for another successful season.

Congratulations to
Rec. Director
Callahan, J. and
Flint Park Day
Camp staff

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

RESOLVED, to authorize Mayor McAndrews to execute the Prisoner Transportation Agreement with the County of Westchester, subject to approval by the Village Attorney.

RESOLUTION
Auth. Mayor to
Execute Prisoner
Trans. Agreement
with West. Cty.

Trustee Fanelli reported on the following:

Trustee Reports

1. The Public Works Department has been continuing its seasonal efforts around the Village, including:

- Stop Bars have been painted
- Landscaping Maintenance continues
- Eleven Village trees have been removed from Village property
- Twelve stumps have been ground down
- Stormwater lines have been cleaned
- Streetlights have been repaired
- Ninety pounds of vegetables have been harvested at the Reservoir by the Garden Club

2. The Flint Park Summer Day Camp has ended. He extended his appreciation to Joyce Callahan and the Day Camp staff for making the camp a fun experience for the children again this year.

3. He attended a recent Volunteer Ambulance Dinner and thanked them for the invitation. He also thanked them for their dedicated service to the community.

4. The Larchmont Arts Festival will be held on September 28, 2013, in Constitution Park, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

5. The Ragamuffin Parade will be held on October 19, 2013, with a rain date of October 26, 2013.

Trustee Walsh reported on the following:

1. The playground at Willow/Woodbine Park has been closed since Superstorm Sandy hit last year. The Village is now soliciting bids for new play equipment. Those bids are due back on August 14 at 11:00 AM. Bid packages are available in the Building/Engineering Office during regular business hours.

2. The Village offices and Public Works Department have switched to Cablevision internet services. They are less expensive than the current service used by the Village.

Trustee Kolbert reported on the following:

1. The Committee on the Environment will have a table at the Larchmont Arts Festival to talk about the plastic bag law which will prohibit the use of certain types of plastic bags in the Village starting on October 1, 2013. Michelle DelGuercio will have children using trash to make art work.

Additionally, within the next few weeks, flyers will be coming out about the plastic bag law.

2. The mobile shredder from Westchester County will be positioned in Lot #1 at the Larchmont Railroad Station on Saturday, September 21, 2013, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM for anyone who would like to have important and/or confidential documents shredded. A maximum of two boxes will be accepted per car.

3. She wished everyone in the Jewish community a Happy New Year.

**Mayor's
Announcements**

Mayor McAndrews reported on the following:

1. New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli will be attending several County fairs around the State to make people aware about unclaimed funds the State is holding for individuals. Details can be found at www.osc.state.ny.us.

2. The Westchester County Board of Legislators approved an act to exempt the Larchmont Reservoir from County taxes. The Village has been incurring taxes on this property from both the County and the New Rochelle School District. Now the Town of Mamaroneck and County of Westchester have exempted it. The County's exemption will save \$9,000 annually. The Village is continuing to pursue an exemption from the New Rochelle School District.

She thanked County Legislator Judy Myers, Town of Mamaroneck Town Councilwoman Jaine Elkind Eney, and Village resident Michael Gottfried for their efforts to secure these exemptions for the Village.

Monica Hoffman next addressed the Board concerning a tree outside of her family's building at 1890 Palmer Avenue, as well as other trees along Palmer Avenue.

She questioned why trees on Larchmont Avenue that are over 80 years old are allowed to exist and trees along Palmer Avenue are slated to be removed. Grates could be put around them to preserve them, and she is confused why the Village of Larchmont would be upset about going with that course of action.

The Village Attorney's associate, Joanna Feldman, addressed Ms. Hoffman at Mayor McAndrews' request. Ms. Feldman explained the status of the project at this time, indicating that the contractor has been declared in default and that the Village is awaiting a decision from the contractor's surety company before any additional work can be performed. As this is a matter now in dispute, the Village of Larchmont officials may not comment any further on this matter at this time.

Regarding the tree adjacent to 1890 Palmer Avenue that was planted by Ms. Hoffman's grandfather, Mayor McAndrews stated that she and Trustee Walsh sat down with an arborist concerning the tree's health. While the arborist felt that the health of the tree was questionable, he said that it could be kept for now and pruned, but it should be watched closely.

Ms. Hoffman stated that she has hired her own arborist to look at the trees along Palmer Avenue and has been assured that the trees are healthy. They are not interfering with the wires and only need proper pruning. The particular trees she referenced on Palmer Avenue were trees in front of Starbucks, Julia B. Fee Real Estate, The Corner Store, and the apartment building at 1921-25 Palmer Avenue.

Trustee Kolbert stated that the Village of Larchmont has made it a goal to be one of the “greenest” communities in the County. When a project like this is considered, the Board assesses all areas to be improved; i.e., sidewalks, trees, etc. The Village’s landscape consultants, I.Q. Landscape Architects, gave us their opinion as to which trees to keep, which to remove, and what types would be best to plant along the street. Also, every effort was made to determine ways to preserve trees longer.

Mayor McAndrews also noted that the Village needs to pay particular attention to gas lines under some of the sidewalks. In many instances, a tree has to be removed because the tree roots have engaged in a gas line.

She stated that the tree planted by Ms. Hoffman’s grandfather in front of 1890 Palmer Avenue will be monitored for further deterioration. If the tree eventually has to be removed, she offered to have a plaque planted to commemorate her grandfather and his tree. She also offered to replace it with a beautiful American Elm tree at that time, as well.

Ms. Hoffman said that she is concerned about the old trees and believes problematic trees can be remedied with other methods. Trustee Kolbert pointed out that the Board has the obligation to remove trees that are unhealthy or might cause hazard to the traveling public.

Ms. Hoffman also questioned the property owners’ costs that will be associated with this project. Mayor McAndrews stated that if the sidewalk needs to be replaced, the cost will be amortized and/or apportioned to the property owner. It can be paid off entirely or over a fifteen (15) year period. The cost of trees is not being added to the expenses that the property owner may incur under this project.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the following rates for 2014 parking permits and further authorizes the Village Clerk’s Office to begin the sale of said permits on November 6, 2013 to Village residents and November 7, 2013 for all other residents:

RESOLUTION
Parking Permit
Rates for 2014

Railroad Station – Daytime Metered Parking

Permits Only:

Village of Larchmont Resident	\$55
Village of Larchmont Merchant	\$55
Town of Mamaroneck	\$180
Out of Town	\$530

Combined (Includes Permit and Annual Up-Front Meter Cost for TOM and Out-of-Town)

Village of Larchmont	\$675
Town of Mamaroneck	\$1,300
Out of Town	\$1,650

Meter Fees – \$5.00/12 hours

Railroad Station – Non-Metered Daytime Parking

Permits

Residents Only	\$825/year (with night permit)
	\$675/year
	\$350/semi-annual

All other lots – Daytime Parking

\$600/year (with night permit)
\$450/year (without night permit)
\$250/semi-annual (without night permit)

Nighttime Permits (Valid in All Municipal Lots)

Cost: \$225/year
\$150/semi-annual

Resident Senior Citizen Night Permits - \$25 fee (age 65 and over) *

Resident Volunteer Emergency Services Personnel - \$25 fee *

*** = Fee waived if daytime annual permit is purchased.**

Saturdays and Nights

\$300/year (includes Sat. day & annual night)
Residents Only - Day portion valid in Lots 4-10; Night valid in any lot

Temporary Parking \$5.00 (for each 12-hour period)

Replacement Permit \$40.00 (without old sticker)
\$10.00 (with old sticker)

Late Fee– If purchased after December 20, 2013: \$25.00

The Board opened up discussion on whether or not to set aside a number of spaces and charge motorcycles and scooters for parking in them at the Railroad Station. In recent weeks, motorcycles and scooters have been seen parking in any open area around the lot, typically not in approved parking spaces. This has caused some controversy and difficulty with parking enforcement at the Railroad Station.

After a brief discussion on whether to issue permits to motorcycles and scooters or whether to require meter payments, this matter was held over to the next meeting of the Board for further consideration.

On motion of Trustee Komar, seconded by Trustee Kolbert, and unanimously carried, the public hearing to consider a possible water rate increase was opened.

Treasurer Brucciani began the discussion by saying that the Water Fund has had a difficult year, and financial losses have been incurred in the fund. The Village is at the end of its water leak survey. Only a few small leaks have been detected, so vast amounts of water are not being lost through leaks.

New York City is now charging a purchase price of \$1,500 per million gallons of water.

Water meters in the Village average between 15-25 years old. As they get older, they become less efficient. The Village is looking into purchasing new water meters which will be more accurate and efficient to collect data.

Treasurer Brucciani stated that the new rates would be \$5.05 per unit for the peak season, and \$4.29 per unit for off-peak season. If approved, the new rates would become effective for the period November, 2013 – April, 2014.

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

RESOLVED, to approve a water rate increase for properties receiving water from the Village of Larchmont, with the rates to be \$5.05 per unit for the peak season, and \$4.29 per unit for off-peak season.

RESOLUTION
Approve Water
Rate increase

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

RESOLVED, to authorize the issuance of \$100,000 serials bonds of said Village to pay for the purchase and installation of a hydro dynamic separator at the Village of Larchmont Department of Public Works Yard in and for said Village of Larchmont, Westchester County, New York.

The vote on the above resolution was as follows:

Ayes: Mayor McAndrews, Trustee Walsh, Trustee Fanelli, Trustee Kolbert, Trustee Komar

Nays: None

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

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

RESOLUTION
Auth. Treasurer to
Solicit bids for sale of
Village vehicles

- 1994 Chevrolet Pick-up Truck
- 2000 Gabrielli Mack Garbage Truck
- 2001 Elgin Pelican Sweeper
- 2003 Mack Garbage Truck
- 2001 Ford Crown Victoria

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

RESOLUTION

Auth. **M**ayor and **T**reasurer to sign Amendment B for 2012-2013 **S**now and Ice Agreement with **N**YS Dept. of **T**ransportation

RESOLVED, to authorize Mayor McAndrews and Treasurer Brucciani to sign Amendment B to change the estimated expenditure for the 2012-2013 Snow and Ice Agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation.

Mayor McAndrews next advised that the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Village of Larchmont has almost been completed by the Village’s engineering consultant, Woodard and Curran. The plan will be finalized shortly and will be forwarded to FEMA for final approval. This must be accomplished by mid-September in order to receive a grant that has been awarded to the Village for a new generator for Village Hall.

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

RESOLUTION

Adopt **H**azard Mitigation Plan

RESOLVED, to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Village of Larchmont as written by Woodard and Curran Engineering Consultants.

Mayor McAndrews advised that both the C.S.E.A. and A.F.S.C.M.E. Public Works unions have ratified their contracts for three-year periods.

The Public Works’ contract provides for a 1.5 percent salary increase per year. Changes were made to the salary schedule, with salary steps being extended from five to seven years. Longevity was increased, along with an increase in the uniform and clothing allowances.

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

RESOLUTION

Approve **A**.F.S.C.M.E. Public Works contract 6/1/13-5/31/16

RESOLVED, to approve the A.F.S.C.M.E. Public Works contract for the period June 1, 2013 – May 31, 2016, with a 1.5 percent salary increase per year.

Regarding the C.S.E.A. contract, the same line of thinking was followed, including:

- 1.5 percent salary increase per year
- Slight increase to dental premium
- Salary steps were extended from five to seven years.
- Increase in longevity

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

RESOLUTION

Approve **C**.S.E.A. Contract 6/1/13-5/31/16

RESOLVED, to approve the C.S.E.A. contract for the period June 1, 2013 – May 31, 2016, with a 1.5 percent salary increase per year.

On motion of Trustee Komar, seconded by Trustee Walsh, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting of July 15, 2013, were approved with changes.

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

RESOLVED, that Abstract Audited Voucher No. 2, dated August 12, 2013, in the amount of \$166,798.39, per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval by Trustee Walsh.

On motion of Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Kolbert, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.