

Minutes of the Reorganizational
Meeting of the Board of Trustees of
the Village of Larchmont, held on
Monday, April 7, 2014

PRESENT: Mayor Anne McAndrews
Trustees Marlene Kolbert
Lorraine Walsh
Peter Fanelli

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor John Komar

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

Mayor McAndrews welcomed everyone in attendance
and called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

The Mayor then welcomed Rabbi Jeffrey Sirkman from
the Larchmont Temple to give the invocation.

Next Village Justice Thea Beaver administered the oath
of office to Mayor McAndrews, Trustee Kolbert and
Trustee Fanelli.

Oaths of Office
McAndrews, A.
Kolbert, M.
Fanelli, P.

Mayor McAndrews welcomed Town Supervisor, Nancy
Seligson and Town Board members, Ernie Odierna, Jaine
Elkind Eney and Abby Katz.

Next the Mayor began to give the "State of the Village"
address. The subjects mentioned were the post Super
Storm Sandy restoration of Willow Park, the upcoming
Palmer Avenue Streetscape Project, parking lot
maintenance and code enforcement. Mayor McAndrews
also spoke about the Pine Brook culvert, upgrading an
aging Water Department including computerizing the
pump stations, water meters and installing a new water
tank at Maxwell Avenue.

Mayor
State of Village Report

The Mayor included the replacement of the windows at
Village Hall, a new Police garage and a consultant report
for the modernization of the Village government. There
were also in the past year successful contract
negotiations with two of the municipal unions. The
ultimate goal is that the Village will be run in a more
efficient manner.

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Certificate of Election for the
Village Election held on March 18, 2014.

RESOLUTION
Accept Certificate of
Election held on
March 18, 2014

RESOLUTION

Appointments

McMillan, M.

Parks & Trees Comm.

Lefever, R.

Board of Architectural
Review

Fire Chief Report

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

RESOLVED, to approve the appointments of Matthew McMillan to the Parks and Trees Committee and Richard Lefever to the Board of Architectural Review.

Chief Caparelli gave the following report.

1. 225 Alarms to date.
2. 3/20/2014 at 1139 hours a structure fire was reported at 37 Woodbine Ave. by the homeowner. Engine's 34, 33 and TL-7 responded with Lt. Doherty and Fire Fighters DiGilio and Allen. Upon arrival Lt. Doherty observed fire from the right side of the residence and a worker outside the residence with severe burns to a significant portion of his body. Police Officer Schnall arrived and attended to the victim. Lt. Doherty and FF. Allen proceeded to enter the residence and extinguish the fire in the kitchen area while FF. DiGilio supplied the hose line with water. Mutual Aid was requested from the Town and Village of Mamaroneck, New Rochelle and Pelham Fire Departments. The arriving Mutual Aid companies proceeded to vent the residence and check for extension of the fire. The incident was terminated at 1500 hours. The injured worker was taken by ambulance to Jacobi Medical center for treatment of burns sustained from the fire. He is currently still hospitalized and his condition is stable. The Westchester County Cause and Origin team were called to investigate the cause of the fire. They determined that fumes from a solvent the workers were using to clean the kitchen cabinets ignited. The official report indicates an unintentional fire caused by an unknown source of ignition. I would like to thank the TMFD, VMFD, NRFD and the PFD for their assistance during this alarm. I would also like to thank the Larchmont Police Department for their help with stretching hose, perimeter security and patient care.
3. 3/18/2014 at 1628 hours, a report of an odor of natural gas was reported at 1916 Palmer Ave. Workers on the premises broke a gas line while removing plaster walls during a renovation project. Nearby businesses and residents were evacuated while Con Ed worked to shut down the gas supply. The alarm terminated at 1730 hrs. No injuries were sustained.
4. The Fire Dept. has begun our annual hose and pump testing. Discolored water may be present for a period of time; however, we will make every effort to minimize the effect on resident's water quality. Discolored water is safe to drink but residents should use caution when washing clothes possible staining could occur.
5. April 26, 2014 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm the Larchmont Fire Department will hold an open house with demonstrations on fire prevention and recruitment being the main topics. It will be a great opportunity for residents to learn about the Fire Department, fire safety and how to become a member. All are welcome to attend.

6. Fire inspections and code enforcement are ongoing. I would like to thank the merchants and property owners for their cooperation and compliance.
7. All apparatus and equipment are in service with the exception of Engine 34, the pump seal failed after the fire and is currently being repaired.

Fire Chief Report
Con't.

Trustee Fanelli asked the Chief if there were any volunteer firefighters at the incident on Woodbine Avenue.

Chief Caparelli said there were 2 interior, 4 exterior firefighters along with several Explorers on the scene.

Trustee Kolbert made the following report.

Trustee Reports

1. All residents should put their organic waste out on the curb the night before their second garbage collection day. Putting it out sooner can create an unwanted mess on the sidewalks.
2. With temperatures getting warmer everyone should remember the Anti-Idling Law in the Village. Do not idle an engine above the temperature of 40 degrees.
3. On April 26 in the lobby of Village Hall from 10:00 AM till 2:00 PM, will be "Drug Give Back Day". Bring unwanted prescription drugs for proper disposal.
4. Reminder to bring reusable bags when shopping.
5. The Friends of the Library recently sponsored "Brickfest" at the Village Center. The event was a big success with attendees from as far as France.
6. The Spelling Bee took place this past weekend at the Larchmont Temple. The winners were the team from "At Home on the Sound". Larchmont resident and CBS reporter Lou Young performed the emcee duties. This event was also sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
7. On May 3rd at 4:00 PM, Elizabeth Kolbert will speak about her book "The Sixth Extinction." There will be refreshments at 3:30 PM.

Trustee Kolbert attended a trombone recital by Richard Williams at the Larchmont Avenue Church. Mr. Williams is the son of past Trustee and Planning Board member, Joan Williams. Mr. Williams is married to Diane Wanderer whose father Ken, served on the Board as both mayor and trustee for over twenty years.

Trustee Fanelli made the following report.

Trustee Reports
Con't.

Trustee Fanelli began his report by thanking the voters and encouraged all to volunteer.

1. The previous monthly report was submitted March 14, 2014. The DPW has been repairing winter storm damage and preparing for the spring. Crews were out filling potholes and repairing traffic and street signs. The salt spreader has been removed from the dump truck and the truck was returned to use as a pavement truck. This has allowed DPW to start milling larger damaged areas of pavement and installing more permanent asphalt at these locations.
2. There were 8 streetlights and 3 traffic lights repaired during this period. 3 catch basins were rebuilt and one sinkhole from a broken storm drain was repaired. The annual report for the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System has been compiled from the Village's Storm Water Pollution Plans. A draft is being created for review and approval by the Mayor and Board of Trustees. Village crews also repaired 3 water main breaks and 17 Code 753's were called in for mark-out this period.
3. Spring cleanup has begun in the parks and on the traffic islands. With the exception of Lorenzen soccer field, all Village grass fields and baseball diamonds have been opened. The Alma field has had an annual deep grooming and is ready for the new season. The tennis courts at Flint Park have been set-up, cleaned and ready for play.
4. The Tennis House has been painted and a new sink was installed at the Police Department to replace a broken unit. The gutters have been cleaned on all Village owned buildings.
5. At the Larchmont Reservoir, James G. Johnston Jr. Conservancy, The Garden Group has started to prepare the grounds for this year's growing season. Many cleanups are also scheduled to take place this spring. If you would like to participate and are interested in volunteering at the garden or on a cleanup day, please contact the Sheldrake Environmental Center at 834-1443 for information.
6. The NYSDEC visited the property to perform their biannual Dam Safety Inspection. The Village is also in the process of preparing an Engineering Assessment of the large dam as is required by the NYSDEC Dam Safety Regulations. And (finally), Village crews had to repair the roof on the Potting Shed that was damaged by a tree branch which had fallen during a heavy wind storm.
7. Recreation:
The tennis courts are opened at Flint Park. Village residents wishing to play should go to the Village Clerk's Office to buy their 2014 tennis permit. There is still room available for the 2014 Flint Day Camp. Contact the Recreation Office.

Mayor McAndrews made the following appointments:

Mayor's annual
Appointments

Dep. Clerk Riley – Licensing Officer

Trustee Komar – Deputy Mayor

Trustee Fanelli – Alternate to the Larchmont-Mamaroneck
Joint Garbage Disposal Commission

Liaison Appointments:

Mayor McAndrews: Police Department
Joint Sanitation Commission
TVS (Town/Village/Town/Schools)
Budget and Finance Committee
Cable TV Board of Control
Reservoir Conservancy
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Trustee Komar: Deputy Mayor
Traffic Commissioner
Taxi Commissioner
Budget and Finance Committee
Business Dist. Improvement Comm.

Trustee Kolbert: Committee on the Environment
Library
TVS (Town/Village/School)
Ambulance District

Trustee Walsh: Beautification Committee
Parks and Trees Committee
Reservoir Conservancy
Technology Committee
Bills and Invoices

Trustee Fanelli: Committee on the Arts
Coastal Zone Mgmt. Comm.
Fire Commissioner
Flint Park Conservancy
Board of Architectural Review
Planning Board
Zoning Board of Appeals
Recreation Committee
Facilities Management
Pine Brook Neighborhood Assn.
Business Dist. Improvement Comm.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the reappointment of James Staudt as
Village Attorney for the coming year.

RESOLUTION
Staudt, J.
Village Attorney

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

RESOLUTION

Brucciani, D.
Village **T**reasurer

RESOLVED, to approve the reappointment of Denis Bruccinani as Village Treasurer for a term of two years that will expire in April of 2016.

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

RESOLUTION

Lanza, J.
Village Dep. **T**reasurer

RESOLVED, to approve the reappointment of Joanne Lanza as Deputy Treasurer for the coming year.

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

RESOLUTION

Rilley, B.
Dep. Vill. **C**lerk &
Dep. **R**egistrar

RESOLVED, to approve the reappointment of Brian Rilley as Deputy Village Clerk and Deputy Registrar for the coming year.

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

RESOLUTION

Whittemore, D.
Village **A**ssessor

RESOLVED, to approve the reappointment of Daniel Whittemore as Village Assessor for the coming year.

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

RESOLUTION

Hamid, Dr. Z.
Police Surgeon

RESOLVED, to approve the reappointment of Dr. Zoovia Hamid as police surgeon for the coming year.

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

RESOLUTION

Cinque, J.
Levy, R.
Village **P**rosecutors

RESOLVED, to approve reappointment of James Cinque and Richard Levy as Village Prosecutors for the coming year.

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

RESOLUTION

Village **B**oard
To meet once
a month

RESOLVED, that the Village Board will meet once a month at 7:30 PM unless otherwise needed, all at the Municipal Building, and further, it was:

RESOLUTION

Monthly Village **B**oard
Meeting dates

RESOLVED, that the tentative dates for upcoming meetings are as listed below, and these dates can be changed at the pleasure of the Board.

Monday, April 21, 2014

Monday, May 19, 2014

Monday, June 16, 2014

Monday, July 21, 2014

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

RESOLVED, to approve the reappointment of Judith Doolin Spikes as Village Historian for the coming year.

RESOLUTION
Spires, J.D.
Village Historian

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

RESOLVED, to approve the reappointment of John Poleway as Emergency Coordinator for the coming year.

RESOLUTION
Poleway, J.
Emergency Coordinator

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

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby declares Larchmont's official tree to be the Larch tree.

RESOLUTION
Larch-Designated
Official tree

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

RESOLVED, to set the date of the Memorial Day Parade for Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 7:00 PM and Rick Vetere, Parade Marshal.

RESOLUTION
Memorial Day Parade
5/22/14

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

RESOLVED, that all employees of the Village who are required to provide Surety Bonds according to law shall, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, be covered by blanket Surety Bond now in force, or renewal thereof, and the expense shall be a charge on the Village.

RESOLUTION
Authorize surety bonds
for Village employees

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

RESOLVED, that JP Morgan Chase, Capital One Bank and TD Bank, are hereby designated as depositories for Village Funds for the ensuing year.

RESOLUTION
Village Depositories

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

RESOLVED, that Treasurer Brucciani and Deputy Treasurer Lanza are the authorized signatures on all Village bank accounts.

RESOLUTION
Treasurer & Deputy
Treasurer-
Authorized
signatories on bank
accounts

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

RESOLVED, to hold a Public Hearing on April 21, 2014 in anticipation of the adoption of the 2014-2015 Village Budget.

RESOLUTION
Public Hearing to be
held on 4/21/14
for Village Budget

RESOLUTION

Public Hearing
Amend Code to
Increase fines for
No Parking Permit in
Lots #1, 2 & 3

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

RESOLVED, to hold a Public Hearing on May 19, 2014, to amend the Village Code to increase the fine for parking without a permit in Parking Lots # 1, 2 and 3, from twenty five dollars to seventy five dollars.

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

RESOLUTION

Approve 2014
Field fees

RESOLVED, to approve the 2014 Recreation Field Fees as follows:

- Flint A&B \$25/hour
 Village of Larchmont Residents
 \$50/hour
 Non-Residents

- Lorenzen \$25/hour
 Village of Larchmont
 \$50/hour
 Non-Residents

- Ruth Green \$35/hour
 Village of Larchmont Residents
 \$70/hour
 Non-Residents

- Alma (turf)* \$125/hour
 Village of Larchmont Residents
 \$250/hour
 Non-Residents

P.H.
2014-2015 Budget

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Kolbert, and unanimously carried the Public Hearing to discuss the 2014 Preliminary Budget was opened.

Treasurer Brucciani next spoke on the tax levy which is currently at \$12,859,000.00. That is an increase of \$458,000.00 over last year's tax levy. The current tax rate is \$330.77 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, an increase from \$317.31 from last year. Assessments decreased an approximate \$204,000.00 from last year's adopted budget. The tax cap increase is at 1.97% and currently it is over by \$56,000.00. Revenues are down about \$26,500.00.

Appropriations are at \$17,279,000.00 above last year's \$16,847,000.00, an increase of \$432,000.00. Salaries, benefits and retirement are responsible for 65% of total appropriations. Also debt services are 5%, Library transfer 5%, liability insurance 1.5% and Joint Sanitation 9%.

Treasurer Brucciani added the workmen's compensation premiums have increased by 25%.

Trustee Kolbert asked Treasurer Brucciani what his recommendations would be on how to lower those premiums.

He said though there have not been many injuries, the ones that have occurred, have gone on for a long period of time. There is a need for "Safety First" which would help minimize exposure in this area.

Debt service because of the recent bondings has accounted for an \$86,000.00 increase from last year's budget. An 11 % increase. Retirements were increased by \$48,000.00. Employee salaries went up by \$101,000.00 due to the 1.5% negotiated salary increase.

Mayor McAndrews said when you have a 1.5% salary increase and a 2% tax cap; there is not an awful lot to work with.

Trustee Kolbert encouraged everyone to write to the governor about their displeasure with the tax cap.

The Mayor added that 10% of the budget goes toward the pension plan.

Treasurer Brucciani said to expect increases in vendor's prices. Help may be coming cost reduction in the producing of petroleum products.

Mayor McAndrews said the Village spent \$346,000.00 in energy last year. She has asked Trustee Fanelli to review at the lighting in Village Hall to see if there is ways to improve the efficiency and cut costs at the same time.

Treasurer Bruccinani said the Village is over the tax cap by \$56,000.00 and is currently at 2.56%. He added over the past seven years the average tax rate was 3.07%. Currently it is 4.24%. Because of the recent harsh winter, the budget for street resurfacing went up by \$60,000.00.

Mayor McAndrews added the Village did receive \$115,000.00 from New York State last year for street resurfacing. At this time it is uncertain what amount the Village will get this year.

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Kolbert, and unanimously carried the Public Hearing was adjourned till Monday, April 21, 2014.

The Mayor and the Board thanked Trustee Brucciani for his work on this year's budget.

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

RESOLVED, that Abstract Audit No. 8, dated April 7, 2014, in the amount of \$364,350.59, per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval of Trustee Walsh.

On motion of Trustee Kolbert, seconded by Trustee Walsh, and unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM and it was expected the Board would then move into Executive Session.