

Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Trustees of the  
Village of Larchmont held on  
**Monday, April 21, 2014**

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

**Also Present:** Dep. Clerk Riley, Attorney Staudt and Treasurer Brucciani

Mayor McAndrews welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

The Mayor invited Jan Northrup, President of the Kemper Memorial Park Preservation Fund, to give a video presentation on the Kemper Memorial.

**Northrup, J.**  
**Kemper Memorial**  
**Presentation**

After the video Mark Shumer from the Preservation Fund spoke about the park was deeded to the school district for use by the community as a place to heal and bring people together.

Next, member John Esposito who taught in the Mamaroneck Schools for 35 years addressed the Board. Mr. Esposito said that for the first 25 years of his career he didn't know the Kemper Memorial existed. He stated that what he and other teachers discovered was that the Kemper Memorial was a valuable instructing tool. He asked for the Board's continue support of the park.

Trustee Komar said his house was once owned by Lt. William Farrington whose name is on the Kemper Memorial. Lt. Farrington was severely wounded in France and was given the option to go home but chose to stay. He was killed in action in Germany in 1945.

Mayor McAndrews thanked Ms. Northrup and the members of the Kemper Memorial Preservation Fund for their presentation.

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Walsh, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned briefly at 7:26 PM and returned in session at 7:30 PM.

Mayor McAndrews said that recently she received a letter from Con Edison regarding the dangers of gas. The Mayor said that gas is extremely volatile and caution is needed when dealing with it. If there is an odor of gas, vacate the premises immediately and call the police. Do not turn lights or appliances on or off because that may cause a spark and ignite the gas.

**Mayor/ Con Ed**  
**Gas dangers**

Chief Poleway made the following report.

**Police Chief's Report**

The Chief added that recently there two incidents on Palmer Avenue involving gas leaks. He concurred with Mayor McAndrews that if you smell gas leave the building and call 911.

1. On April 26<sup>th</sup> in the lobby at Village Hall, will be "Drug Give Back Day". Residents may bring old or unused prescription medications for proper

disposal. This event will take place between the hours of 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and is in association with the DEA.

2. Residents should be aware of their surroundings whether crossing streets or in a vehicle and everyone should obey all signs. Schools are still open and there are "School Zones" which means speed limits are reduced.

3. The Village has a "No Idling" law which means when temperature reaches 40 degrees you may not idle your car longer than three minutes.

4. There recently have been a number of bicycle thefts at the train station. The Chief reminded everyone to lock their bikes securely.

5. If you "See Something, Say Something", call 1-866- SAFENYS/723-3697 or the Village police at 834-1000.

Trustee Kolbert asked Chief Poleway how residents should bring their medications in on "Drug Give Back Day"?

The Chief said they should be turned over in clear plastic bags. He added this program is important so medications won't get in the hands of children and it also helps to keep them out of the water systems to protect the environment.

NYSDEC  
2014 Stormwater  
MS4 Report

Mayor McAndrews next spoke about the New York State MS4 Stormwater Report. Any municipality along the Long Island Sound needs a permit to operate a stormwater system. In order for a municipality to obtain the permit a NYS MS4 Report must be completed. The report contains what a municipality does to educate residents on water run-off, environmental legislation a municipality has enacted and proof of what a municipality does to prevent pollutants from entering into the sound. The report is open to public review and comment before being voted on by the Board at the next public meeting. Anyone wanting to view the report may go to the Clerk's Office.

Devito, E.  
Sidewalk Sales

Local merchant Ellie Devito from Love Bella Fiore next addressed the Board. Ms. Devito was seeking Board approval for merchants to hold sidewalk sales from May 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor McAndrews asked Ms. Devito since this is not a Chamber of Commerce sponsored event, who will be providing the insurance? Ms. Devito said that all the participating merchants will be providing money for the insurance.

Attorney Staudt will speak to Ms. Devito about what insurance would be acceptable for this event. The Mayor requested that all insurance documents be delivered by the merchants involved to the Clerk's Office by Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

**RESOLUTION**  
Approve  
Sidewalk Sales  
5/29-31

**RESOLVED,** to approve Merchants Sidewalk Sales from Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, on the condition of fulfillment of insurance.

Mayor McAndrews said though there is no confirmed date, the Palmer Avenue Streetscape Project will be starting soon. Through an agreement with Town of Mamaroneck, the staging area will be over near the entrance to I-95. The Project will be done in 8 stage's with an estimate of 5 to 8 workdays to complete each stage. Every effort will be made to notify merchants and property owners on when construction will begin. Before work may begin, a meeting with NYS Department of Transportation is required. As of this time no meeting has been scheduled.

Palmer Ave  
Streetscape Project

Erik Mathisson of 10 Nassau Road was next to address the Board. Mr. Mathisson came to speak about the re-occurring flooding problems on his property. The Village has hired Woodard and Curran Engineering Consultants to study this problem. Mr. Mathisson asked about the status of the study? Mayor McAndrews said she would be speaking to Woodard and Curran tomorrow and would notify Mr. Mathisson on the study. Mr. Mathisson expressed his gratitude to the Board for their efforts.

Mathisson, E.  
10 Nassau Rd.

On motion of Trustee Komar, seconded by Trustee Kolbert, and unanimously carried, the public hearing for the 2014-2015 Village Budget was opened.

P.H.  
2014-2015 Budget

The Mayor stated after many long meetings between the Board, Treasurer and Budget Committee the current tax levy of 4.724% was established. With the New York state Tax Cap of 2% this year's increase was unavoidable. Mayor McAndrews then itemized the increases.

- 1. Debt up 10.97%
- 2. Salaries up 1.59%
- 3. Benefits up 5.21%
- 4. Workman's Compensation up 31%
- 5. Library transfer up 2.6%
- 6. Insurance up estimate 5.0%
- 7. Sanitation up 3.59% Note: Committee to be formed with Town to look at costs
- 8. Paving up 35%

Treasurer Brucciani said the Village is \$115,000.00 over the State tax cap bringing the tax rate to 4.18% and the tax levy to 4.724%.

Trustee Komar extended his gratitude to the Budget Committee for all their work and effort in helping put this budget together.

John McGarr of the Finance and Budget Committee was next to speak. Mr. McGarr said that the budget process was done in open meetings where anyone could attend. The budget is there to provide services from paving the roads to community security.

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Komar, and unanimously carried, the public hearing was adjourned.

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

**RESOLVED**, to adopt the 2014-2015 Village of Larchmont Budget, with a tax increase of 4.724%.

**RESOLUTION**  
Adopt 2014-2015  
Village Budget

Trustee Reports

Trustee Fanelli gave the following report.

DPW:

1. The previous monthly report was submitted two weeks ago on April 7<sup>th</sup>. DPW Crews continue milling large damaged areas of pavement and installing permanent asphalt at these locations.
2. There were 6 streetlights and 1 traffic lights repaired during this period. 2 catch basins were rebuilt. There are no water main breaks to report this period.
3. Spring cleanup continues in the parks and on the traffic islands and the flower beds are being edged and mulched. Lorenzen soccer field has opened for play.
4. At the Larchmont Reservoir, James G. Johnston Jr. Conservancy, The Garden Group has started to plant seeds for the greens beds. The door to the gatehouse had been vandalized and was repaired. Earth Day activities are planned for the upcoming Saturday and Sunday.

Recreation:

1. Tennis courts are opened. Go to the Clerk's Office to buy a permit.
2. Flint Park Day Camp still has room available. Contact the Recreation Office.

Trustee Komar made the following report.

1. Green Team Taxi Company began servicing the Village last week. The vehicles used are environmentally clean.

Trustee Kolbert gave the following report.

1. Friends of the Library will welcome Elizabeth Kolbert on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 PM, to discuss her new book "The Sixth Extinction".

Trustee Walsh gave the following report.

1. Thanks to the Beautification Committee for their flower planting in the Village parks
2. Pavers will soon be installed in the newly renovated Woodbine/Willow Park. No date has been set for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

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

**RESOLUTION**

Approve minutes  
10/21/13

**RESOLVED,** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 21, 2013.

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

**RESOLUTION**

Approve minutes  
11/18/13

**RESOLVED,** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 18, 2013.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 16, 2013.

**RESOLUTION**  
Approve minutes  
12/16/13

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 27, 2014.

**RESOLUTION**  
Approve minutes  
11/27/14

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Komar, and unanimously carried, with Trustees Kolbert and Walsh abstaining, it was:

**RESOLVED**, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 24, 2014.

**RESOLUTION**  
Approve minutes  
2/24/14

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 18, 2014

**RESOLUTION**  
Approve minutes  
3/18/18

On motion of Trustee Komar, seconded by Trustee Fanelli, and unanimously carried, with Trustees Kolbert and Walsh abstaining, it was:

**RESOLVED**, to approve the minutes of the work session meeting held on March 3, 2014.

**RESOLUTION**  
Approve work  
session minutes  
3/3/14

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve the minutes of the work session meeting held on March 10, 2014.

**RESOLUTION**  
Approve work  
session minutes  
3/10/14

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

**RESOLVED**, that Abstract Audit Voucher No. 9, dated April 21, 2014, in the amount of \$162,666.51, per copies to be filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval of Trustee Walsh.

On motion of Trustee Kolbert, seconded by Trustee Fanelli, and unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.