

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
the Board of Trustees of the
Village of Larchmont, held on
Monday, June 16, 2014

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

ABSENT: None

Also Present: Dep. Clerk Riley, 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 7:40 PM.

Police Chief John Poleway spoke to the Board about the reorganization of the detective bureau. With the retirement of Sgt. Barbara Daquino there was an opportunity to reevaluate the bureau. The decision was made to promote Det. James Cristiano to sergeant and patrolmen Jonathan Dispenza and Michael Doucette to Detective 1st Grade. All three promotions are effective to January 1, 2014.

The Mayor then administered the oaths of office to Det./Sgt. Cristiano, whose daughter Beth pinned his shield on, Det. Dispenza and Det. Doucette whose girlfriend Connie pinned his shield on.

Chief Poleway thanked the Board for their efforts in these promotions.

Fire Chief John Caparelli gave the following report.

1. 388 Alarms to date.
2. April 30, 2014 a boater in distress was removed from their vessel by the Larchmont Fire Dept. with the assistance of the LYC launch, the WCPD and Larchmont VAC.
3. May 17, 2014 a report of an oil spill in a residence was received. Responding units found an interior home heating oil tank had been damaged and was leaking. Approximately 100 gallons of # 2 oil leaked into the basement of a resident's home. The Larchmont Fire Dept. along with the Hazardous Materials Squad 2 from the NRRFD mitigated the incident and called for a private hazardous waste contractor to assist the resident. The Chief read a letter of thanks from the home owner, Eleanor Davidson.

The Volunteer Staff report.

1. April 26 an open house for all residents was conducted.
2. May 22 the annual Memorial Day parade kicked off.
3. June 7 the FASNY Annual Spring Fair.
4. June 13 the Sprint to Flint was cut short due to bad weather.
5. June 14 the Chatsworth Avenue School Carnival.

At all these events volunteer staff turned out in large numbers to offer demonstrations and display fire department equipment for residents. Fire prevention handouts were distributed as well as recruitment information for new volunteers. The Chief thank all those who participated.

On July 1, 2014 the annual VMFD Fourth of July Parade and Carnival will kick off along Mamaroneck Ave at 7 pm sharp.

The Career staff has been training in preparation for a large scale hazardous materials drill involving the 4 County Hazmat Squads of which Larchmont is part of Squad 2 with NRFD and PMFD, along with the FDNY on July 9, 2014. This drill will be an actual simulated hazardous materials incident involving actual victims and will test the response, equipment and tactics of the 4 squads.

Code Enforcement efforts are ongoing. A reminder to all residents to please notify their landscapers to place their organic waste bags at the curb the night before their second trash pickup day. Wednesday night for Thursday pickup and Thursday night for Friday pick up. Green reminder notices have been left at those locations that violate this code, please heed this warning to avoid an appearance ticket being issued.

All Fire inspections are ongoing and all apparatus are in service and all equipment is operational.

Chief Caparelli then presented newly hired career Firefighter John Adams. Mayor McAndrews administer the oath of office to Firefighter Adams whose wife, Nicole and his parents, John Sr. and Betty Ann were in attendance.

Mayor McAndrews made the following announcements.

1. Beautiful Larchmont took place on June 7th. Volunteers from local churches, community groups and committees spruced up the tree beds in the business district.
2. Chair and longtime member of the Zoning Board, Harri Taranto has decided to step down. Mr. Taranto has been a member of the Zoning Board since 1998 and has served as chair since 2006. Member David Kriss will move up to the position of chair.

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

RESOLVED, to appoint David Kriss as Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

3. The Public Hearing to increase the fines for parking without a permit at the train station, scheduled for this meeting has been postponed. Further work to amend the statute needs to take place before this can be rescheduled.

4. Palmer Avenue Streetscape Project update. An agreement has been reached with the surety company and a new contractor, McNamee Construction has been hired. A meeting is scheduled for this Friday, June 20th with the NYSDOT for the final approval. The Village will be able to complete the license agreement with the Town of Mamaroneck for the use of land near the entrance of I95 for the staging area. The project will take up 150 days which should be close to Thanksgiving. The Chamber of Commerce has been notified.

Trustee Fanelli gave the following report.

The Larchmont Volunteer Fire Department Officers, elected on April 3, 2014

1st Deputy Chief- Sam Orans
Captain- Adam Piscietello
Lieutenants- John Pomponio
Devon Foulke
Secretary- Paula Jackson
Treasurer- John Pomponio
Wardens:
Hose- Carl Hudders
Hook- Steve Harris
Myron Joseph
Engine-Bill Welker
Rescue- John Pomponio
Adam Piscietello
Devon Foulke

Recreation:

1. Larchmont Fun Run was able to be completed last Friday night before it rained. The 5K had to be cancelled. Thanks to Rec. Director, Joyce Callahan, committee members, Carolyn Lee and Kate Verni, Captain Tony Rigano and the Police Department, the volunteer firefighters and Rick Vetere and the DPW workers for all their work to make this event happen.
2. Marcia the Musical Moose will be at the Flint Park Playhouse this Friday, June 20th at 10:00 AM.
3. Come Out and Play free tennis clinic for kids ages 6 to 11 years old, will take place on June 25th at the Flint Park Tennis Courts between 1:30 and 3:30 PM, bring your own racquet.
4. The Annual Fourth of July Races will happen Friday July 4th in Flint Park at 10:00 AM. There will be hot dogs, watermelon and fun for everyone.

Public Works:

1. The previous monthly report was submitted on May 19th. DPW Crews continue milling large damaged areas of pavement and installing permanent asphalt at these locations as well as filling smaller potholes. As crews are trimming low hanging branches over sidewalks a total of four street trees were removed. Thirteen new Village trees have been planted in coordination with the Parks and Trees Committee.
2. There were 9 streetlights and 3 traffic lights repaired during this period. 1 collapsing catch basin has been rebuilt and a drainage study was completed for Nassau Road. There are no water main breaks to report this period although the water tanks at Byron pump station overflowed due to a jammed altitude-valve. The valve has been repaired.
3. Landscape maintenance continues in the parks and on the traffic islands. Mulch is being added to all flower beds in the parks as dead shrubbery is being removed. At Willow Park, work was completed on the new walkway leading from the street to the play area. A broken spring toy was reported as damaged at Pine Brook Park and has been repaired along with a damaged section of fence on the Alma Field. All of the irrigation systems have been put in service and new gravel has been spread in the parking area at Lorenzen Park.
4. Repairs were made to the 3 concrete and stone staircases on Hall Avenue as well as the 2 staircases on Palmer Avenue and the steps leading to Village Hall. Repairs to the sidewalk on the Chatsworth Avenue Bridge have also been completed.
5. At the Larchmont Reservoir, James G. Johnston Jr. Conservancy, The Garden Group has distributed 29 pounds to date of garden vegetables to a local food pantry. On June 12th the Sheldrake Nature Center held its annual fundraiser on the property.

Trustee Walsh made the following report.

1. Thanks to the Parks and Trees Committee for planting the trees this year. A reminder to anyone who did have a tree planted in front of their home to fill the Gator Bag to water the tree.
2. Thanks also to the Beautification Committee for planting flowers in the pots around the Village.
3. The pathway in Woodbine/Willow Park has been completed. The bricks used were donated and have been engraved. The Parks and Trees Committee should be arranging a ribbon cutting ceremony soon.

Trustee Kolbert gave the following report.

1. Bastille Day will take place on July 13th. This event happened a few years ago and was very popular.
2. Residents may only place their organic waste in front of the house the night before or the morning of their second weekly garbage pick-up. Organic waste bags left out for long a period of time may be damaged by rain and break causing a mess. Residents should speak to their gardeners. For those whose gardeners are unable to place the organic waste out during the correct days, there are containers with wheels attached for purchase to make it easier for the home owner to discard the organic waste.
3. For information on the summer programs at the Library, go to: www.larchmontlibrary.org

Work session resolutions June 2, 2014

1. Retirement settlement with Sgt. Barbara Daquino, Police Department.
2. Approve applications of Conor Fay, Ryan Powers and Kristopher Walters as volunteer members of the Fire Department.
3. Curb cuts- 55 Prospect Ave and 40 Magnolia Ave
4. Agreement with the Town and Village of Mamaroneck, City of New Rochelle, Pelham and Pelham Manor for joint bidding of street paving contracts.
5. Police promotions- J. Cristiano, J. Dispenza and M. Doucette.
6. Amend previous resolution requesting \$250,000 from NYS for the restoration of Lorenzen Park. The application to the state will be completed by Fields for Kids.
8. Approve the future hiring of one police officer to bring the department roster to twenty-five.

William Thoma of 14 Shadow Lane and Architect, Greg Lewis next spoke to the Board about moving the curb cut on his property. Mr. Lewis said that Mr. Thoma would like to relocate the garage to the other side of the property thus the reason for the curb cut.

Trustee Walsh noted the driveway was not directly across from driveway on the other side of the street. She asked if the curbing would be made of concrete which Mr. Lewis replied yes.

Mayor McAndrews said the drawings show that the new curb cut has a straight angle at the base. Mr. Lewis said he would change the plans to show a flared cut.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the request of William Thoma, for a new curb cut at 14 Shadow Lane, with the agreement that the existing curb cut be removed.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the reorganization meeting held on April 7, 2014.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 21, 2014.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 19, 2014.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the work session meeting held on April 7, 2014.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the work session meeting held on April 7, 2014.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the work session meeting held on April 21, 2014.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the work session meeting held on May 5, 2014.

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

RESOLVED, that the Abstract Audit Voucher No. 1, dated June 16, 2014, in the amount of \$523,966.24, per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval of Trustee Walsh.

On motion of Trustee Kolbert and seconded by Trustee Walsh, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.