

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
the Board of Trustees of the
Village of Larchmont, held on
Monday, July 21, 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 called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Chief Caparelli gave the following report.

Fire Chief's Report

1. 486 Alarms to Date
2. On July 16th about 1421 hrs at 3 East Ave. a report of noxious fumes affecting residents was dispatched. Lt. Martyn, FF Forrest, FF Jones and I responded to find the super and residents overcome by unknown fumes inside building # 3. Lt. Martyn and FF Jones entered the building and were themselves overcome by the fumes. I immediately requested the City of New Rochelle Hazmat unit to the scene while the building was evacuated by the duty crew and responding volunteers. Upon arrival of the NR Hazmat unit Engine 22 it was determined that an unknown substance was found throughout the building and further investigation followed with NR Ladder 12 requested as well as Larchmont's Rehab unit to treat overheated firefighters and residents. Larchmont VAC was requested to treat possible victims, the TMTD was requested as a FAST team in the event a firefighter needed assistance within the building and the Larchmont Police maintained scene security as well as the command post detail. Every apartment was checked for affected residents and after approx. 3 hours, the unknown substance dissipated and no further readings on the gas meters were detected. Possible causes of the fumes were determined to be an improper disbursement of a household chemical, a cleaning agent used by contractors or an improperly disposed of chemical into the trash room of the building. No definitive cause was determined. No injuries were sustained and the building was declared safe for occupancy at approx. 1730 hrs. I would like to thank the City of New Rochelle, Larchmont Police, Larchmont VAC and The TMTD for their assistance during this alarm.

Fire Chief's Report
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3. The Career staff attended a Hazmat Drill as part of the Westchester County Hazmat Squad training along with the FDNY and 12 other career Westchester Departments. The drill was a simulated chemical disbursement inside a county bus with live victims and realistic response, decontamination procedures and communications. The drill displayed a typical response a community would receive if a similar event took place within their borders. The training Larchmont firefighters received over the past year has enabled the Larchmont Fire Department to participate in such events and allowed Larchmont residents to be the beneficiary of the vast resources available from the Hazmat Squads as evidenced in the alarm. Trustee Fanelli was in attendance and saw firsthand the value of our inclusion in these organizations.

Trustee Fanelli added that the ability of multiple fire, police and emergency departments to work in a professional cohesive manner is outstanding. He congratulated the Chief and all the participants of the drill.

4. Three new Volunteer members were approved by the Board last month, Conor Fay, Ryan Powers and Kristopher Walters increasing the numbers of both explorer Post 622 and the general membership.
5. Two volunteer firefighters completed FF1 training this month. Their graduation will be on July 30 at the WCFTC. Dylan Jewel and Alex Gerace will now be certified interior firefighters and able to serve the residents of Larchmont in all firefighting capacities.
6. The new Rescue 1 has been ordered and should be completed in early 2015. I will be traveling to Ocala Florida on July 29 to meet with the warranty personnel and to view the manufacturing facility and finalize all the details of the construction of the new Rescue 1.
7. All Fire Inspections and Code Enforcement efforts are ongoing and all apparatus and equipment are in service.

Chief Caparelli then presented Fire Fighter Alex Augsburg for his promotion to the rank of lieutenant. Lt. Augsburg's wife Grimelda, sons Noah and Lucas along with his parents Alex, Sr. and Ellie, who pinned on his shield were in attendance.

Oath of Office
Augsberg, A.
Fire Dept.

Mayor McAndrews then administered the oath of office to Lt. Augsburg.

Trustee Kolbert congratulated Lt. Augsburg on his promotion and congratulated Chief Caparelli on his code enforcement of organic waste.

Trustee Fanelli noted that there were many volunteer members of the Fire Department in attendance as well as many professional fire fighters which is proof of the unity inside the department.

Mayor McAndrews said that during the interview process Lt. Augsburg proved to be the superior candidate and thanked him for his willingness to accept the promotion.

Mayor McAndrews made the following announcements.

Mayor's announcements

1. The Village received a grant in the amount of \$10,000, through the Morris and Florence Bender Foundation. Former Village resident and volunteer Ralph Engel made this grant possible. The Mayor thanked Mr. Engel and the foundation for their generosity.
2. The contract with AFSCME, the union that represents the Public Works Department has been finalized and executed. This was previously approved on August 12, 2013.

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Komar, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION
Approve contract with AFSCME, Public Works
June 1, 2013- May 31, 2016

WHEREAS, the Village of Larchmont (“Village”) and Council 66, Local 1735, AFSCME, Larchmont DPW Unit (“Local 1735”), are parties to a collective bargaining agreement which expired on May 31, 2013, and are parties to a Memorandum of Agreement covering the period June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2016 (the “2013-2016 MOA”); and

WHEREAS, representatives for the Village and Local 1735 have incorporated the changes from the 2013-2016 MOA into a collective bargaining agreement covering the period June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2016 (the “2013-2016 CBA”); and

WHEREAS, representatives of Local 1735 have executed the 2013-2016 CBA; now, therefore, it is

RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes Mayor Anne H. McAndrews to execute the CBA between the Village and Council 66, Local 1735, AFSCME, Larchmont DPW Unit (“Local 1735”), covering the period of June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2016, on behalf of the Village.

Mayor's announcements
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3. A work shop for the affordable housing at the Pinebrook Condominiums will be held Tuesday July 22 at 6:30 PM in the Village Center. Anyone interested should attend or contact the Mayor for information.

Alexandre Grantcharov of Edward Jones Financial Advisors was next to address the Board about a solicitor’s permit. Mr. Grantcharov would like to go door-door and speak with residents on financial planning. He also distributed brochures from his company to the Board.

Trustee Komar asked if he would be the only individual going door-door. Mr. Grantcharov replied he would be the only one and added he would only solicit from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Trustee Kolbert asked the applicant that if there is a sign on the property that says “No Solicitors” that would be respected. Mr. Grantcharov agreed not to enter a property with such a sign.

RESOLUTION

Approve Solicitor's
Permit- Grantcharov, A.
Edward Jones Financial
Advisors till 7/21/15

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

RESOLVED, to approve the Solicitor's Permit application of
Alexandre Grantcharov of Edward Jones Financial Advisors.

Treasurer Brucciani next requested the Board's approval to sell
Village owned vehicles and equipment through a formal sealed
bidding process. The sale of these items is recommended by Public
Works General Foremen, Rick Vetere.

RESOLUTION

Auth. Treasurer to sell
by bid- Village vehicles
& equipment

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

RESOLVED, to authorize Treasurer to sell through bidding
process, the following Village vehicles and equipment:

1980 Maudlin Roller
1984 Aqua Tech Sewer Jet
1985 Trail King-Lawn Mower Trailer
1986 Vemeer Brush Chipper
1999 Chevrolet Tahoe
2001 Ford Crown Victoria
2002 Chevrolet Tahoe
2002 Chevrolet Tahoe
2008 Ford Expedition SUV

Trustee reports

Trustee Kolbert made the following report.

1. Reminder the Village's Leaf Blower Ban is still in effect till
September 30th.
2. Residents should not put their yard waste till the night before
their second garbage pick-up.

Trustee Komar gave the following report.

1. Congratulations to Alex Augsburg on his promotion to
lieutenant. Lt. Augsburg has always been helpful with the
volunteers by making them feel part of the department.
2. The Pinebrook Condominiums Affordable Housing will be
available to Village employees and volunteers. He added he was
glad to hear volunteers are being included along with
employees.

Trustee Fanelli made the following report.

1. The previous monthly report was submitted on June 16th. DPW
Crews continue trimming low hanging tree branches over
sidewalks. A total of eight street trees were removed as per the
arborist's direction.
2. 4 streetlights and 4 traffic lights repaired during this period. A
section of broken sewer main was located and repaired. There
were two water main breaks to report this period, both have
been repaired.
3. Landscape maintenance continues in the parks and on the traffic
islands. Mulch is being added to flower beds in the parks as
shrubbery is being trimmed. Metro North crews assisted the
Public Works in the cleanup of overgrown weeds in the area of
Railroad Way and Chatsworth Avenue. DPW crews have been
painting all of the crosswalks and stop bars in the Village.

4. Larchmont Reservoir, James G. Johnston Jr. Conservancy, The Garden Group has distributed 72 pounds of garden vegetables to date to the local food pantries. And lastly, maintenance work on the large dam was performed as crews repaired the cracked mortar joints by the spillway.

Trustee reports
Con't.

Recreation:

1. The Flint Park Day Camp is still going on and the children continue to have a great time.
2. The concerts in Flint Park will be every Thursday in July. Bring a blanket and a basket.
3. The Village always needs volunteers. If interested contact the clerk's Office.

Mayor McAndrews next spoke about a proposed resolution for the remediation of storm water in the Westchester County New Rochelle Sanitary Sewer District.

Storm water remediation
West. Cty.- New Rochelle
Sanitary Sewer District
discussion

There are two water systems, storm water and sanitary. An excess of storm water is entering the sanitary system. One of the causes is illegal sump pump hook-ups. The Village will begin to test to find the illegal hook-ups. Another cause is the pipes are old and storm water leaks into the sanitary system. The Village is being forced to repair these pipes by the Federal Government through the Clean Water Act along with New York State and Westchester County.

The Mayor read the resolution.

Trustee Komar asked if the Village Attorney's office read this resolution. Attorney Feldman said she had read it. He then said the resolution should be rewritten to state that the Village is being coerced into this agreement.

Mayor McAndrews agreed with Trustee Komar the Village is being coerced in this matter but saw no reason to change the resolution.

The Mayor added that in the back of Flint Park there is an Overflow Retention Facility (ORF) that holds 300,000 gallons of water in a large tank when it rains hard. When the tank reaches its peak the excess goes into the sound. This is called a Sanitation Out-flow System (SOS) which goes from Cedar Island out to the sound. After August 1, 2014, this system will be prohibited. Without the adoption of this resolution the over-flow system could be shut-down by the Federal government causing sewer back-ups.

Trustee Kolbert also agreed the Village is being coerced but faces a \$25,000 a day fine for not complying. She added this has become a political issue and Larchmont's representatives on the federal, state and county level need to be brought in.

On motion of Trustee Kolbert, seconded by Trustee Walsh, the vote on the resolution is as follows:

AYES, Mayor McAndrews, Trustee Kolbert, Trustee Walsh, Trustee Fanelli

NAYS, Trustee Komar

WHEREAS, the Village of Larchmont lies within the Westchester County New Rochelle Sanitary Sewer District, and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Larchmont has been identified along with New Rochelle, Pelham Manor, and the Town of Mamaroneck as communities that during times of heavy rain contributes excess flows of storm water into the County Sewer System, and,

WHEREAS, the County of Westchester is under a consent order issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to reduce the flow rates and eliminate the inflow and infiltration of storm water into the sanitary sewer system and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Larchmont is in support of efforts to enhance the water quality of Long Island Sound by reducing the flow of storm water into the sanitary sewer system.

Now therefore be it,

RESOLUTION

Auth. Mayor to execute agreement with West. Cty.-remediation of inflow & infiltration sanitary sewers

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Village Board are committed to working with Westchester County on a cooperative plan and process to remediate inflow and infiltration from Village Sanitary Sewers and be it,

Further Resolved that the Mayor shall serve as the contact person for the Village of Larchmont for this program and is authorized to execute an agreement with Westchester County for the remediation of inflow and infiltration subject to review by Village Board.

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

RESOLVED, that Abstract Audit #2, dated July 21, 2014, in the amount of \$192,593.60, per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval of Trustee Walsh.

On motion of Trustee Komar, seconded by Trustee Walsh, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.