

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
the Board of Trustees of the
Village of Larchmont, held on
Monday, September 22, 2014

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

ABSENT: Deputy Clerk Rilley

Also Present: 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.

Mayor McAndrews made the following announcements:

1. Mayor McAndrews thanked Harry Taranto for his service as Chair on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Taranto was given a proclamation highlighting his 16 years of service to the Village of Larchmont.
2. There are currently four election districts in the Village of Larchmont, which may be unnecessary. NYCOM has a resolution that could shrink the election districts into one for the Village. This change would save the Village money, as the Village would be able to hire 2 inspectors rather than 2 per district and it would save a significant amount of effort and time to combine the districts. Other municipalities have turned over the elections to be run by Westchester County. The Village of Larchmont is not in favor of turning over the elections to Westchester County but may look into it further.
3. Property owners will be assessed a certain amount for the sidewalk and curbing work of the Streetscape Project. These numbers will be in the form of a resolution which will be voted upon at the October 20, 2014 meeting. The Village will be able to provide specifics on the cost for the property owners and the property owners will be able to work out a timetable on how they want to pay.

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

RESOLVED, to reappoint Robert Fletcher as Chair of the Board of Assessment Review.

RESOLUTION

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Police Chief's Report

Chief Poleway made the following report.

1. School is in session and drivers need to be attentive to children walking and biking to school. Drivers should know that the speed limit is lower in the school zones at 20 mph. and is strictly enforced. Chief Poleway reminded drivers that when a bus is stopped unloading and loading children, traffic in both directions must stop.
2. On September 27, 2014 from 10-3 PM the Village of Larchmont will be holding Public Safety Day. This will commemorate the anniversary of the conception of the Larchmont Police Department. Some of the events at Public Safety Day include, Child Safety Seat Installation, VIN Etching, Bicycle Safety, Internet/ID Theft, and Drug Take Back.

Chief Poleway added that Westchester County Dept. of Public Safety, New York State Police, MTA Police, Town of Mamaroneck Police and the Larchmont Fire Department will be among the different public safety services for the community. Residents are encouraged to come and take a closer look at the public safety services.

3. Drug Give Back Day will also be held on September 27, 2014 from 10-2 PM at the front doors to Village Hall. Residents can safely dispose of their unused or expired medications. Chief Poleway thanked Janet Buchbinder and Trustee Kolbert for getting the word out about the program and for its success in the past. For more information on safely disposing of medications call 1-800-882-9539 or online at www.epa.gov.
4. The Village has a "No Idling" law which means when temperatures reach 40 degrees you may not idle your car longer than 3 minutes.
5. Several businesses in Larchmont had been contacted by someone stating they were a Con Edison employee and stated their accounts were delinquent. This person asked the businesses to purchase a green dot impact card. One business did supply their account information and lost \$487.00. Chief Poleway reminded businesses and residents that utility companies do not conduct business this way, never give your information without being able to verify the information of the employee and if you do receive a call such as this, contact your local police department.
6. If you "See Something, Say Something", call 1-866-SAFENYS/723-3697 or the Village police at 834-1000.

Mayor McAndrews encouraged residents to turn in their expired or unused drugs for safe disposal, instead of flushing them down the toilet. Chief Poleway stated the program has been successful and that last year the Village collected 225 lbs. in expired/unused drugs. Chief Poleway added that flushing the medications is dangerous as they can get into the water system and tests have shown the medications can be seen in fish and groundwater.

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Trustee Walsh questioned whether there were privacy concerns with bringing the medications in the bottles or should the labels be removed. Chief Poleway stated the medications are packaged and go right to the DEA to be incinerated. All types of medications either, liquid or pills are accepted.

Trustee Komar inquired how the school drop off and pick up is working and whether the existing staffing is adequate. Chief Poleway stated the police department is working on some changes to the area and addressing concerns regarding the school drop off and pick up procedures. The cooperation of the school and parents are necessary to make the changes run smoothly and the area safe for the kids.

Chief Caparelli made the following report:

Fire Chief's Report

1. 659 alarms to date
2. On September 27, 2014 from 10 am to 3 pm is Public Safety Day in Larchmont. Various apparatus from the Fire Dept., DPW and Police Dept. will be on display as well as demonstrations and other events related to public safety. Please make every effort to attend.
3. The week of Oct. 5-11 is Fire Prevention Week. This year's topic is Smoke Detectors. This is a good time to replace your smoke detector batteries as well as your carbon monoxide detector batteries. Working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors save lives. The Chief urged all residents to be proactive and install or maintain working detectors in their home.
4. October is also Breast Cancer Awareness month. You may see the firefighters wearing pink uniform shirts in support of this worthwhile cause. If you would like to join them in support of this cause you may purchase shirts at the fire house on Public Safety Day and all proceeds go to Breast Cancer research.
5. Rescue 1 is in production and should be delivered in early 2015.
6. Fire inspections and code enforcement efforts are ongoing.
7. All apparatus is in service and all equipment is operational.

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Trustee Komar asked about Code Enforcement and how things were going. Chief Caparelli stated the CVS Parking lot was restriped. Also the awnings were replaced on Palmer Avenue for the Corner Store, Chatsworth Cleaners, La Magnifique and Pink on Palmer.

Chief Caparelli updated the Board on other code enforcement issues.

1. Progress of construction at 1916 Palmer Avenue.
2. Installation of new signs at Verizon and Stephanie's Kloset.

Trustee Komar questioned who is responsible for the maintenance for CVS? He noted there is a branch that needs to be addressed as it is big and hanging within the CVS lot. Chief Caparelli stated there seems to be a new manager each time he goes into CVS and it has been difficult to get a hold of someone to address concerns. Chief Caparelli stated he has a new contact at Corporate Headquarters, Mr. Santiago, and he seems very good with following through with the Village's request.

Chief Caparelli noted that the public is cooperating for the most part with the leaf baggage.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Kolbert gave the following report:

1. Condolences to the family of Judith Rubin. Judith and Harvey Rubin were longtime residents of the Village and Mr. Rubin was an active member of the community.
2. In conjunction with One Book One Mamaroneck, the library is hosting a community read event with the book "I am Malala". This event will take place on October 17th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and is hosted by Catherine Wald.
3. Everyone who is celebrating New Year's was wished a happy and healthy New Year.

Trustee Fanelli gave the following report:

1. The previous monthly report was submitted this past August 18, 2014. Under the guidance of the Village arborist, DPW crews removed 3 trees while another 15 trees were thinned and trimmed of dead wood. Five stump removals were also completed. Eleven shrubs chosen by the Parks & Trees Committee were planted in Flint Park along with 2 trees that were planted as street trees.

2. There were 23 streetlights and 5 traffic lights repaired during this period. Four water leaks have been repaired and Village personnel started reading water meters. As pothole and road repairs go on, we continue the process of painting the double yellow traffic lines. We have completed cleaning and painting all parking areas including the repair and painting of all guiderails. Repairs were completed in the tunnel beneath the Larchmont Train Station and the ceiling and walls have been cleaned and painted. Parking meters were painted and trash receptacles in the business area have been power-washed.
3. Landscape maintenance continues in the parks and on the traffic islands. Several stair treads in Pine Brook Park were damaged and repaired.
4. At the Larchmont Reservoir, James G. Johnson Jr. Conservancy, the Garden Group has distributed over 150 pounds of fresh vegetables this year to the local food pantries. At the large dam, as requested by the NYSCEC, crews replaced missing chinking stones in the left abutment wall. Work on the right abutment wall has been started but is not yet complete. Maintenance work on the large dam was performed as crews weeded the upstream face of the dam. Similar maintenance work was performed on the small dam and also at the bird bath area.
5. Trustee Fanelli thanked the DPW for their work at the Larchmont Art Festival. Many artists extended their appreciation for the work done by the DPW as well.
6. The Larchmont Art Festival was a great success with over 58 artists participating. There were 2 music acts performing from the gazebo throughout the event, Madeline & Nicole, Madeline is a Village resident and Track 4 which is a trio from Larchmont.
7. New this year was on-site charcoal portraits by Gallery 1989. Gallery 1989 is filling a vacant store by the movie theater until the owner finds a permanent tenant.
8. The Art Committee would like to see more art filing the stores and this business is helping to do that.
9. Mayor McAndrews presented the Beautification Committee's award for prettiest store front to Fox Funeral Home. Fox Funeral Home was presented with an Art Festival poster signed by feature artist Linda Austrian.
10. The Larchmont Art Festival Founders award was presented to Rachel Grimm, a Larchmont resident. The \$500 award was sponsored by the Art Festival Committee members and Kenise Barnes Fine Art.
11. Beauty Queens, Ms. Lower Hudson Valley and Ms. Westchester were in attendance for the event and the DPW had their pictures taken with the queens.

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- 12. LMC-TV documented the Larchmont Art Festival.
- 13. Trustee Fanelli thanked Kerry Federspiel and her whole team for a fantastic job.
- 14. The Arts are back in Larchmont and it is important to continue to support them.
- 15. Thank you to the Volunteer Fire Department for coming out and showing their support at the 911 tribute at the Girl Scout rock.
- 16. The Rag-a-Muffin Parade will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 1:00 PM.
- 17. Big Truck Day and Safety Day will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2014 from 10-3 PM on Larchmont Avenue.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Brucciani made the following report:

Treasurer Brucciani requested authorization from the Board, to accept the bids from the respective highest bidder on the Village owned vehicles and equipment and simultaneously approve the sale of the vehicle as previously designated.

RESOLUTION

Auth. Treasurer to accept bids for the sale of Village vehicles

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

RESOLVED, to authorize the Treasurer to accept the bids for the sale Village vehicles and equipment to the highest bidder as follows:

- 1. 1980 Mauldin Pavement Roller vin# 125 – Liberty Motors Inc. - \$366.99
- 2. 1984 Aqua tech Sewer Jet vin#0311- Liberty Motors Inc. - \$516.99
- 3. 1985 Trail King Lawn Mower Trailer vin#6062 – Bob McGuigan - \$151.00
- 4. 1986 Vermeer Brush Chipper vin#6062 – Liberty Motors Inc. - \$888.99
- 5. 2001 Ford Crown Victoria vin#3530 – Bob McGuigan - \$551.00
- 6. 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe vin#4747 – Bob McGuigan - \$888.99
- 7. 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe vin#6720 – Patsy Gambardella - \$800.00
- 8. 2008 Ford SUV Expedition vin#4014 – Liberty Motors Inc. - \$1,033.99

RESOLUTION

Approve minutes of August 18, 2014

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 18, 2014.

The Village Board will defer the works session minutes for May 12, 2014 for the next meeting.

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

RESOLVED, that Abstract Audit Voucher No. 4, dated September 22, 2014, in the amount of \$181,813.57, per copies to be filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval of Trustee Walsh.

Mayor McAndrews announced the next Village Board meeting will be held on October 20, 2014.

The Village offices will be closed on Columbus Day, Monday, October 13, 2014.

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