

Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Trustees of the  
Village of Larchmont held on  
**Monday, April 20, 2015**

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

**Also Present:** Dep. Clerk Riley., Treasurer Brucciani and  
Joanna C. Feldman, Esq., representing Village Attorney's office

Mayor McAndrews welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:55 PM.

The Mayor congratulated the Mamaroneck High School Future Business Leaders of America Chapter for being named the chapter of the year for the second time in a row at the State Spring Leadership Conference in Rochester. 130 teams took part in the competition with MHS winning 18 out of the 60 events.

Congratulations  
Mam'k High School  
Future Bus. Leaders  
NYS title

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

**RESOLVED,** to open a Public Hearing to consider a local law Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in Government Law

**RESOLUTION**  
Public Hearing  
Tax Cap Levy

Mayor McAndrews said through the work of the Treasurer Brucciani, the Budget Committee and the Board there will be no need to adopt this local law this year because the budget will be under the mandated 2%.

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

Chief Caparelli gave the following report.

Fire Chief's Report

1. 124 alarms to date.
2. Lt. Andersen and Lt. Augsburg of the career staff successfully completed the 4 week First Line Officer Training Program at Fort Totten. They are adjusting well to their new roles and I am confident they will make a positive impact on the management of the Fire Department and to the services provided to the residents of Larchmont.
3. The Volunteer staff elected their new officers this month. The results are as follows: Dep. Chief- Sam Orans, Capt. Adam Piscitello, Lt. John Pomponio and Lt. Devon Foulke. They have the experience to lead the volunteer staff and will make a positive impact on the services we provide to the residents of Larchmont as well. I would like to congratulate them on their successful reelection.

Fire Chief's Report  
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4. The Fire Department was awarded a \$ 1000.00 equipment grant from the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in Sleepy Hollow New York. This is a nationally recognized nonprofit organization which donates over 10 million dollars annually to local communities to make life more desirable by lessening its ills and promoting peace, prosperity, gladness and hope. The grant will be used for much needed equipment that will benefit the services we provide to the residents of Larchmont.
5. The new Rescue 1 expected delivery date of April 2015 has been delayed until July of 2015. The reorganization of the Spartan manufacturing plant and the move from Florida to Michigan has caused some unexpected problems with retraining personnel on the new tooling equipment and some employees did not make the move from Florida to Michigan causing Spartan to find new qualified mechanics for their new facility. Spartan has added an extra year of bumper to bumper warranty, credited to cost of the radio installation as well as offering free lettering to the apparatus as a way to ease any inconvenience this delay may have caused us.
6. Fire inspections are ongoing.

Chief Caparelli then introduced Firefighter Charles Boettcher who was recently hired coming from Poughkeepsie.

Oath of Office  
Boettcher, C.  
Fire Dept.

Mayor McAndrews then administered the oath of office to Firefighter Boettcher whose parent were in attendance.

Trustee Komar asked the Chief on the status of what was the Larchmont Store.

Chief Caparelli said that Building Inspector Blasi has spoken to the contractor who is in the dispute with the owner. The Mayor added she spoke to the owner and hopes the will be a resolution in two weeks.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Poleway made the following report.

1. April is Distracted Driver, "You Text, You Pay" month. In recent years injuries and fatalities have increased nationwide from texting while driving. For more information go to [www.distraction.gov](http://www.distraction.gov).
2. The DEA will no longer sponsor "Drug Take Back" days where unwanted and expired pharmaceutical drugs can be disposed of safely. The Town of Mamaroneck will have their own Drug Take Back Days on the following dates:

May 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:00 AM- 1:00 PM at the Maxwell Avenue  
Recycling Center

May 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM- 1:00 PM at the VFW/Senior Center

May 30<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM- 11:00 AM at the Maxwell Avenue  
Recycling Center

3. Residents are asked to keep their vehicles locked and not to leave valuables out in plain sight. There have been many reports of items being taken from unlocked cars.
4. Parents are being asked to comply with all parking signs and regulations at school zones. The Police Department has increased its presence at the schools to cut down on illegal parking.
5. "See Something, Say Something." Residents are asked if they witness suspicious activity to call, 1-866-SAFENYS or the Larchmont Police Department at 834-1000.

Police Chief's Report  
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Next the Mayor said in order for stormwater to be released into the sound, the Village must receive permission. To get permission the Village must submit an MS4 Stormwater Report to New York State. This year's report has been prepared and is available in the Clerk's Office for anyone to read.

MS4 Stormwater Report

Trustee Kolbert added one of the entries in the report is the Village's plastic bag ban. The reduction of plastic bags means less of them can make their way into the sound. Residents can help by limiting the amount of pesticides and fertilizers on their lawns to prevent run-off into the storm drains.

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

**RESOLVED,** to open the Public Hearing on the 2015-2016 Village Budget.

**RESOLUTION**  
**P**ublic Hearing  
2015-2016 **B**udget

Treasurer Brucciani said the tax rate in this budget is \$338.91 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, an increase of \$6.60 over last year or 1.99%. The assessed valuations grew by \$30,355 which is an increase of .08%.

Treasurer Brucciani said the tax levy grew to \$266,896 which is an increase of 2.07%. He went on to say that under the 2% property tax legislation, the Village is allowed to grow the budget by \$270,881 or to the net tax levy \$13,189,137.00, an increase of 2.09689%.

Out of the \$270,881 that the Village could grow the tax levy by, the Village exhausted \$267,000 of that amount. That leaves the Village with a positive amount of \$4,000 under the tax cap.

Mayor McAndrews noted the roads are in need of repair. Treasurer Brucciani added that the repaving budget is the same as last year at \$225,000 which is an increase of \$57,000 from the 2013/2014 budget.

Public Hearing  
Cont.

Mayor McAndrews noted there is an outstanding proposal from an engineering service that is being used in the City of Rye. John McGarr obtained a price for this service for the Board to review. The Board will also look into amending the code regarding permits for Con Ed street openings and repaving the roads.

Treasurer Brucciani said there was an increase in some of the revenues including: day camp, field permits, permits (other), and mortgage tax all with an increase of \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Trustee Komar said that parking fines were down significantly from \$50,000 to \$40,000 and wondered if the increase in parking from 1 hour to 2 hours in the business district was a cause of that.

Mayor McAndrews noted that when the Board extended the parking from 1 hour to 2 hours they knew there would be a decline in the number of fines the Village collected. The support for the increased time by the community made it reasonable to allow for the 2 hour parking.

Trustee Kolbert thanked Treasurer Brucciani for his efforts on this year's budget and on all of the Village's financial matters.

Mr. Paul Silverman, Chair of the Finance and Budget Committee spoke about the Budget process and encouraged residents to help volunteer on the different Village Committees/Boards/Commissions.

Trustee Kolbert thanked Paul Silverman, Michael Gottfried and John McGarr for their work on the Budget Committee.

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

**RESOLVED**, to close the Public Hearing on the 2015-2016 Village Budget.

**RESOLUTION**  
Adopt 2015-2016  
Village Budget

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

**RESOLVED**, to adopt the 2015-2016 Village Budget.

**RESOLUTION**  
Public Hearing  
purposed water rate  
increase

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

**RESOLVED**, to open the Public Hearing on the purposed water rate increase.

Mayor McAndrews said there were several reasons for a need to raise the water rates.

Public Hearing  
Cont.

1. The Westchester Joint Water Works, who the Village purchases its water from, increases the charge the more water is used per gallon. Another issue is the amount of water leaks within the Village.
2. The new water meters have gone out to bid. Installation should begin this summer and should take between nine to twelve months to complete.
3. The Byron Place pump station is in need of replacement. Bids should go out soon for the new pump station.
4. Currently there are two water tanks that will be replaced by one large tank. This should be ready for bidding in the fall.

Trustee Fanelli added the Village's water infrastructure is long overdue for updating making the increase necessary.

Trustee Kolbert said residents could help themselves by monitoring their consumption especially shutting their sprinklers off while it is raining.

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Public Hearing was closed.

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

**RESOLUTION**

Approve water rate increase

**RESOLVED**, to approve increases of the water service charge by 40% and water consumption rate by 7.5%.

Trustee Fanelli made the following report.

**Trustee Reports**

1. The Memorial Day Parade will take place on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Line-up will be in Lot #3 at the station at 6:30 PM and the start time is 7:00 PM.
2. The Flint Park fields are open. There has been garbage left around Alma Field. Only water bottles are allowed on that field.

Trustee Walsh gave the following report.

1. At the end of March Con Ed removed trees on Boston Post Road between Chatsworth and Larchmont. The trees had been growing into the wires on the poles on which are lower than the others throughout the Village. After the Village met with Con Ed, their tree company and an inspection by the arborist, it was determined several trees were unhealthy and needed to be removed. Notice was provided on the Village website. The Parks and Trees Committee are reviewing what may be put in their place.
2. The tennis permit process has been computerized. Soon credit card payments will be available.

Trustee Reports  
Cont.

Trustee Walsh added there will be another meeting this week with Con Ed regarding the trees in the business district on Chatsworth and Larchmont Avenues. There are limbs on the power lines and the same process will be followed. Every attempt will be made to preserve the trees.

Trustee Fanelli said that the Mamaroneck High School Architecture Club has decided as a project, to do a rendering of the Palmer Avenue Streetscape to scale. This project will take 4-6 weeks to accomplish.

Trustee Kolbert made the following report.

1. Thanks to Trustee Walsh for starting the Village's Facebook page and for the organic waste sign at the Post Office.
2. Catherine Parker has introduced to the County Legislature a county wide plastic bag ban. With a county wide law, it would make enforcement easier and possibly discourage law suits by major shopping chains. Trustee Kolbert is asking for Board support of this legislation.

**RESOLUTION**  
Approve 2015  
Farmer's Market  
Operating Plan

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

**RESOLVED,** approve the 2015 Down to Earth Farmers Market Operating Plan.

The Mayor said that the Farmers Market has been reminded to inform their vendors about the Village's plastic bag law.

Next Attorney Feldman asked for Board approval for a water easement for the Pine Brook Condominium Development on Palmer Avenue. This easement which was prepared with the attorney for the developer, states that the water main will run from Palmer Avenue, through the property to North Avenue and is in perpetuity.

Trustee Fanelli asked if the Fire Department will have use of the easement. Attorney Feldman replied that they will and it was reviewed by the Village's consulting engineer.

Trustee Kolbert asked if there would be any improvements. The current four inch main will be replaced by a six main and connections.

**RESOLUTION**  
Auth. Mayor to sign  
Easement w/ Palmer  
Housing Fund Co. re  
Pinebrook Condos

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

**RESOLVED,** to authorize the Mayor to sign the Water Line Easement Agreement with the Palmer Avenue Housing Development Fund Company in regard to the Pine Brook Condominium Development.

Mayor McAndrews announced two resolutions approved at the work session held on April 13, 2015

Work Session Resolutions

1. Authorize the bidding of the water meter replacement program.
2. Accept the Certificate of the Election held on March 18, 2015.

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

**RESOLUTION**  
Approve minutes  
3/18/15 & 4/6/15

**RESOLVED,** to approve the minutes of March 18, 2015 and April 6, 2015.

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

**RESOLUTION**  
Approve minutes  
work session  
4/13/15

**RESOLVED,** to approve the minutes of the work session held on April 13, 2015.

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

**RESOLVED,** that Abstract Audit Voucher #11, dated April 20, 2015, in the amount of \$ 410,850.48, per copies 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 adjourned at 9:23 PM.