Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees of the
Village of Larchmont held on
Monday, January 22, 2018

PRESENT: Mayor Lorraine Walsh
          Deputy Mayor Carol Miller
          Trustees Peter Fanelli
          Malcolm Frouman

ABSENT: Carol Casazza Herman

Also Present: Dep. Clerk Rilley, Attorney Staudt, Treasurer Brucciani, Administrator Datino

Mayor Walsh welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

Mayor Walsh made the following announcements.
1. The pins looking like a tree branch the Board is wearing were given by a 5th grade Girl Scout Troop who earlier gave a presentation on the Mindfulness Garden they are making in Chatsworth Park.
2. Congratulation to Treasurer Brucciani and his family on the birth of his granddaughter, Mackenzie.
3. The Joint Sanitation Commission now has its own website and phone app. Features are pick-up schedules and a search called “Waste Wizard Recyclopedia” that allows residents to enter in an item they wish to discard and it will inform on how to do so. Go to www.lmsanitation.org.

On motion of Trustee Frouman, seconded by Trustee Miller, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED, to reappoint Jody Rosenstrach and Joseph Carney to the Board of Assessment Review for three year terms.

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

RESOLVED, to open the Public Hearing to consider and take comments on amending the filming law of the Village of Larchmont.

The Mayor stated the purpose for amending the filming law is to attract companies to come to the Village and film. In the past many productions shied away from Larchmont because of the law. She added there is a need to find non-taxable revenues for the Village. In December there was a two day film shoot at St. John’s Church that brought in $14,000 into the general fund. Some residents were able to be extras in the film.

Mayor Walsh then read some of the restrictions of the amended law that deal with days and times filming is prohibited and fines for violating the law. The Mayor asked if there was anyone in attendance who would like to comment on the proposed law. There were none.

On motion of Trustee Frouman, seconded by Trustee Miller, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED, to close the Public Hearing.

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

RESOLVED, to adopt Local Law No. 1-2018, amending the Filming Law of the Village of Larchmont, Chapter 157-1, by modifying permitting requirements and time and place regulations.
Lt. Olsen gave the following report for the absent Chief Poleway.

1. As a reminder, residents and business owners are responsible for clearing any sidewalks in front of their property of snow and ice after a storm. Village law dictates that this is done within 24 hours of the precipitation event or the responsible tenant could receive a court summons for a lack of compliance. The Village law (245-11) specifically states that there “should be a free and continuous passageway for a width of at least 3 feet within 24 hours of the time the snow event ends. Failure to comply could also result in the Village DPW removing the snow or ice and the cost of the labor can be assessed against the person responsible for the property. So for safety reasons, please be responsible and shovel your sidewalk.

2. The police department has been receiving numerous complaints of vehicles making illegal u-turns throughout the Village. These violations are extremely dangerous as they create hazardous situations and quite often, accidents. I have urged my officers to summons any offender they observe making illegal u-turns in order to reduce the risk of injuries or accidents related to this violation within the Village. So please, when driving, always be safe and obey all local and New York State traffic laws.

3. The police department and Village would like to be able to contact you in the event of an emergency. So if you have not enrolled to receive the Village’s mass callings and e-mails, please visit our website at Villageoflarchmont.org and supply us with any contact information that you may have.

4. See something — Say something — Finally, I would like to remind everyone to stay vigilant in reporting any suspicious activity that may be observed. As you are aware, New York State participates in the nationwide “If you see something, SAY SOMETHING” program regarding suspicious or possibly terrorist activity. If you observe something that may be suspicious, please, do not keep it to yourself — call the 24 hour NYS Terrorism Tips Line at 866 SAFE-NYS (866-723-3697) or simply call the Larchmont Police Department at (914) 834-1000.

Chief Caparelli gave the following report.

1. The Larchmont Fire Department is poised to begin 2018 with a focus on increased training of both career and volunteer fighters. Leadership development, firefighter tactics, specialized incident awareness and community education are just a few of the topics we will be working on this year.

2. The Volunteer staff has renovated their third floor rooms. A weight room, bunk room and freshly painted meeting room have been completed and will enhance the members time spent serving the residents of Larchmont.

3. The Career staff will be doing the renovation of their bunk room this spring which will make their overnight shifts a bit more comfortable.

I would like to note that both groups are doing the work on their own with minimal cost to the Village.

4. On January 27, 2018 the Volunteer staff will be sponsoring the second annual Bon Fire at Manor Beach from 5-9 pm. There will be hot chocolate, cider, music and of course a large bon fire for all to enjoy. Please come out and support the Volunteers.

5. Lt. Martyn and FF. Bogart of the career staff will be attending the IAFF Leadership Training Summit and the Human Relations Conference in Lake Buena Vista Fla. January 28-31 2018. This conference offers events, workshops, information sessions and networking opportunities to strengthen their leadership skills.

6. Finally, I would like to remind all residents and business owners now that we have experienced a few snow events. It is required by the Village Code 245-11 for you to shovel your sidewalks within 24 hours of a snow event. If you are a business owner it is required by the Village Code for you to shovel out and make accessible your trash collection containers so the sanitation can maneuver them for pick up. Also, if you have a fire hydrant on or near you home or business, please help the fire department by shoveling out the hydrant so it is available for use in the event it is needed.
7. Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors save lives. Now is a good time to ensure you have fresh batteries in your detectors to start the New Year off right.

All apparatus and equipment are in service.

Fire Inspections and Code Enforcement are ongoing.

On motion of Trustee Frouman, seconded by Trustee Miller, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED, to approve the listing of overdue/delinquent taxes as presented, comprised of eighteen (18) parcels for an aggregate amount of $129,153.26 in the current fiscal year 2017-2018.

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

RESOLVED, to schedule the 2017-2018 Tax Lien Sale for Monday, March 5, 2018 at 10:00 AM, in the Courtroom, Village Hall, with publication dates of Tax Lien Sale on February 7th, February 14th and February 21, 2018 in the Journal News.

Administrator Datino gave the following report.

1. Notices were sent out a few weeks ago notifying residents that the Village will now be assessing properties at full market value. Anyone with questions should contact the Assessor’s office at 834-6202.
2. Water bills will be mailed in February. In future water bill will be sent quarterly.
3. For Board approval this evening is an Intermunicipal Agreement between the Village, the Town of Mamaroneck, the City of New Rochelle and the Village of Pelham Manor. This agreement is for the design, grant management and construction management of the sanitary sewer repairs.

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Larchmont Board of Trustees approved an Intermunicipal Agreement with Westchester County on July 20, 2015, the terms of the agreement include specific obligations with regard to the Village performing a sewer system evaluation study (SSES) of the sanitary system and subsequent repairs if defects are identified within the system; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mamaroneck, City of New Rochelle and the Village of Pelham Manor (hereinafter, Municipal Consortium or MC) are within the New Rochelle Sanitary Sewer District and parties to the same agreement with Westchester County; and

WHEREAS, the MC recognized the economies to be realized in cooperating together to meet the requirements set forth in the agreement with Westchester County and entered into an IMA on April 18, 2016 for the coordination and oversight of the SSES and contracted jointly with GHD Consulting Services Inc. to perform the SSES; and

WHEREAS, the SSES has been completed and submitted to Westchester County and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for review; and

WHEREAS, the MC has been awarded a $5,720,000 New York State Intermunicipal Water Infrastructure Grant which will fund 40% of the initial “Inflow and Infiltration” repairs identified in the SSES; and

WHEREAS, given the amount of work GHD has conducted and the institutional knowledge obtained during the SSES, the MC believes that the Project will continue most efficiently if GHD is retained to provide next phase design and construction management services relative to the Project; and
WHEREAS, the Intermunicipal agreement will allow the MC to share the cost of the services by GHD Consulting Services Inc. based upon the amount of construction work performed by each municipality; and

RESOLVED, that the Village of Larchmont Board of Trustees hereby approves the attached agreement between the Town of Mamaroneck, City of New Rochelle, Village of Pelham Manor and the Village of Larchmont; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the Intermunicipal Agreement for the Design, Grant Management and Construction Management Services relative to the repairs of the Sanitary Sewer System in substantially the same form as attached hereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator is authorized to undertake any administrative acts required under the terms of the agreement.

Mayor Walsh announced resolutions adopted at recent work sessions.

2. Approve appeal of ARB decision- One River School of Art & Design-building sign

Trustee Fanelli made the following report.
1. The Volunteer Fire Fighters will host the 3rd Annual Bonfire at Manor Park this Saturday, January 27th. There will be live music and hot cider and cocoa.

Trustee Miller gave the following report.
1. The Friends of Library will sponsor the Larchmont Open Mini Golf at the Library. On February 10th from 6 to 9 PM, will be Raffle & Tee-Off for adults. The next day, February 11th will be Family Fun Mini Golf from 11 AM to 4PM. Go to the Friends website to buy tickets.
2. Flint Park Day Camp and Tennis Clinics sign-up will begin March. Go to the website for more information.

On motion of Trustee Frouman, seconded by Trustee Miller, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of December 18, 2017.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the work session minutes of January 8, 2018.

On motion of Trustee Miller, seconded by Trustee Frouman, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.