

Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Board of Trustees of the  
Village of Larchmont held on  
**Tuesday, February 20, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Lorraine Walsh  
Deputy Mayor Carol Miller  
Trustees Malcolm Frouman  
Carol Casazza Herman

**ABSENT:** Trustee Peter Fanelli

**Also Present:** Dep. Clerk Rilley, Administrator Datino

Mayor Walsh welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM.

Mayor Walsh made the following announcements.

1. At 8 PM this evening, County Executive, George Latimer will bat the meeting to speak on the Good Neighbor Policy.
2. Village Elections will be held on March 20, 2018, in the Village Center and the polls will be opened from 7 AM to 9 PM. Offices up for election are Mayor and 2 Trustees.
3. The Village recently entered into agreement with Cleary Consultants, Inc. for professional planning services. This should help streamline the Planning Board process from application, to review and resolution.

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

**RESOLVED,** to appoint Roland Young as a member of the Planning Board for a term of three years.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Young for joining the Planning Board and said if anyone else is interested in volunteering they should contact the Clerk's office.

Chief Poleway gave the following report.

1. If you have a Burglar Alarm System installed in your home or business it must be registered with the Larchmont Police Department, as required under the Local Law 4-2016, enumerating the required fees and fines set forth in Chapter 85 of the Larchmont Village Code. If you recently installed an alarm system, an Application to Operate an Alarm System must be filed with the Larchmont Police Department along with a \$75.00 initial application fee. The alarm must also be renewed annually at a fee of \$35.00. In order to ensure the accuracy of our records, please notify us if you are moving, no longer have an alarm system or if it has been disconnected so your account can be closed.
2. There have been several reports of larcenies from vehicles that have been parked in driveways over the last several weeks. Residents are reminded to lock their vehicles and refrain from leaving valuables or electronic equipment when parked overnight.
3. 135 police officers died in the line of duty in 2016, making it the deadliest year for police officers in at least five years. And while there were fewer deaths in 2017, the numbers weren't much better: A total of **129 officers died** last year. And 46 of those deaths were caused by gunfire. Since the start of 2018, at least 12 officers across the U.S. have died while on duty - with 10 of those deaths caused by gunfire. Six of them died in just one week, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

These tragic deaths are a stark reminder of the dangers our law enforcement professionals face each and every day while protecting and serving our communities. Public safety is a

partnership and, too often, the service and sacrifice of our law enforcement professionals is taken for granted. We must never forget that 900,000 law enforcement officers nationwide risk their lives every day for our safety and protection. And last year, 129 of those men and women did not make it home to their families at the end of their shift. In 2018, let us all resolve to respect, honor, and remember those who have served our communities so well and sacrificed so much in the name of public safety.

3. We continue to learn of the grim details of the nation's [latest school shooting](#), a massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, that took the lives of 17 people. The Parkland shooting, which began shortly before 3 p.m. on Wednesday, is [among the 10 deadliest mass shootings](#) in modern U.S. history. The victims included students and adults.

As we are now aware, the shooter is 19-year-old former student, Nikolas Cruz, who had been expelled for multiple disciplinary reasons, and police are continuing to investigate his digital profile.

This latest incident requires us to commit to solving the problem of mass shootings in this country and the fact is, we have a serious problem in America with gun violence.

The statistics speak for themselves. A mass shooting is defined as an event where at least four people are shot. We now have one every day in America, if you adopt the broad definition used by the Gun Violence Archive. In fact, Las Vegas wasn't the only mass shooting on October 1<sup>st</sup> of 2017, it was just the biggest. There was one outside the University of Kansas on the same day. It's up to us to stop this public health crisis and unfortunately, we haven't reached the tipping point like we have with cancer and opioids.

Everyone knows someone who has been diagnosed with cancer. That's why we care about solving the problem of cancer.

Virtually everyone knows someone who has suffered from or died as a result of opioid abuse. That's why we care enough to declare it a public health crisis.

We are dangerously close to a moment in time when every one of us will know someone who has been shot in a mass shooting. Unfortunately, based on the research, that's what it's going to take for us to care. It has to become personal.

Twenty children and six adults killed in Newtown wasn't enough to make us change. They weren't our kids or relatives.

Forty-nine young adults dancing at the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando wasn't enough to make us change. Those weren't our brothers, sisters, sons and daughters.

Fifty-eight country music fans in Vegas weren't enough to make us change either. We weren't in the audience.

And the 26 churchgoers in Texas won't be enough to make us change either.

The truth is, in a few days, the news cycle will change and life will go on.

We don't have to agree on what causes a mass shooting -- we just have to agree that we want to solve the problem of mass shootings. We don't need to know how to solve the problem -- we just need to put our best minds to the task of solving it.

We've already learned that arguing about the problem doesn't change anything. Instead, we need a different approach -- looking toward a solution.

This is a moon shot approach, and it's worked for us before. In 1962, when JFK spoke at Rice University, he announced his goal of landing an astronaut on the moon and his confidence in doing so.

Kennedy didn't have his full plan yet. He didn't know exactly how a man would land on the moon. But he did know what he wanted the outcome to look like. He didn't ask Congress to solve it; he challenged our nation to do it.

Using this problem-solving method, let's look at mass shootings in the United States from the same "moon shot" approach.

Imagine if we said that by 2025 we wanted to be the nation that led the world in having the least number of mass shootings.

Based on how divided we are and how many tragic shootings happen in this country, this vision may seem as difficult as landing a man on the moon.

Creating this vision is a start because then, we can work backwards and make it happen. And we must start. We must admit that we have a problem that we want to solve. Because if we don't start now, we'll all be waiting for the next unhinged person with too many guns,

accessories and ammunition to slaughter our loved ones and those we care about. When that happens, maybe then it will become personal.

The Governor of Florida described the mass shooting in Parkland as "pure evil," and I concur. We saw yet another demonstration of senseless killing and it is difficult to say "yet another" when we are referring to the massacre of 17 people at a school in Parkland, Florida, but here we are.

Since a week ago Friday, five police officers have also been killed in the line of duty in this country, bringing the early year's total to 12 officers murdered. We all offer our sincere condolences, thoughts, prayers, and words of action for the families and friends of the fallen in Florida, and to the families and friends of the fallen officers, including Chicago Police Commander Paul Bauer, who was killed while responding to an incident last Tuesday. We cannot ignore the fact that our country is divided today. Our communities may have different priorities, trends, and challenges, but our mission must remain consistent all across this great nation.

Our airwaves - television, newspapers and social media especially - are so littered with negative discourse. We not only have an opportunity but a duty to be more proactive.

Our voice needs to be loud and our voice needs to be clear, and it starts with decency. Perhaps we can create circumstances in our communities where there is a reduced chance for mass shootings, fatal overdoses, suicide, and the killing of police officers.

I don't pretend to know the solution but there is an answer to this problem.

No reasonable person would ever suggest that there is a simple solution to our epidemic of gun violence. No one would suggest that mental health isn't an issue when there is another tragedy like the one we had in Parkland, Florida. But what is certainly unacceptable, and an ongoing national shame, is that so many politicians refuse to even try to do or change anything. We now have a nation of schoolkids that are afraid to go to school because they think a violent confrontation could happen to them next. We would be wise to listen to these students who have taken to social media and have mobilized rallies to ensure that those that have been elected and entrusted with our well-being finally step up and do the right thing.

We are a great nation. We are better than this. There are ideas, products, training resources, programs, and people out there today that are saving lives and preventing tragedies but we need to unite our efforts if we are to be successful. I hope and pray that this latest tragedy reveals itself to be the turning point in our nation's history when we finally act to stop the madness and violence that has become so commonplace in our society.

5. I would like to remind everyone to stay vigilant in reporting any suspicious activity that may be observed. If you observe something that may be suspicious, please, do not keep it to yourself but report it immediately to the Larchmont Police Department at (914)-834-1000 or simply dial 911.

Trustee Herman gave the following report.

1. The 2018-19 Fiscal Year budget is progressing. Thanks to the members of the Budget and Finance Committee for their efforts.

Trustee Frouman made the following report.

1. The Historic Preservation Task Force has recently completed their report and forwarded it to the Mayor for review.

Trustee Miller made the following report.

Recreation:

1. The Recreation Committee will meet on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM in the Conference Room at Village Hall.
2. On March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Flint Park Paddle Courts will be Friday Night Lights Paddle Tennis Scramble and Social Night. Sign-up is on the website.
3. 2018 Flint Park Day Camp sign-up will take place on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Playhouse in Flint Park.
4. From April 24<sup>th</sup> to June 14<sup>th</sup> on every Tuesday and Thursday, there will tennis clinics held at the Flint Park Tennis Clinics. Adult Cardio from 9:30-10:30 AM and Tennis for Tots from 1:30-2:15 PM. The instructors will be from Sportstime.
5. The Tour de Larchmont will take place on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Library:

1. There was a good turnout for the Larchmont Open Mini-Golf Night sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
2. On March 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a reading of the Devil's Claw by the author Laura Dearman.
3. A production of Hamlet on March 25<sup>th</sup> by the M&M Performing Arts Co. and the Red Monkey Theater Group.
4. The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Spelling Bee will take place on April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Larchmont Temple.

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Larchmont recognizes the Larchmont Public Library as a vital part of everyday life in the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, residents for many years have been educated and entertained by the many programs, events and reading materials provided by the Library ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board in concert with the Town Board of the Town of Mamaroneck and the Larchmont Library Board of Trustees has reviewed the Library's Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Proposed Budget and concluded after that review, so,

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Village of Larchmont Board of Trustees approves the Village of Larchmont apportionment costs of the 2018-2019 Larchmont Library Budget and further states those apportionment costs to be \$920,031 (42%) .

Trustee Miller said residents should go to the Library's website and sign-up for e-mail notifications

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

**RESOLVED**, that a Public Hearing is hereby scheduled by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Larchmont to be held in the Court Room in Village Hall on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 7:30 PM to review a local law authorizing the Board of Trustees to adopt a budget for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in the General Municipal Law §3-c, as attached hereto and made a part hereof; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to advertise said Public Hearing.

Mayor Walsh announced resolutions approved at recent work sessions.

1. Agreement w/ New York Leak Detection, Inc.
2. Abstract Audit Voucher #6- \$289,985.73
3. Course Reimbursement- FF Rosenberg/Fire Department
4. Girl Scout Mindfulness Garden- Addison Park
5. Cleary Consultants, Inc. - Planning Services
6. Marika Gatta- Treasurer's Office

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve the minutes of the work session meeting held on January 17, 2018.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve the minutes of the work session meeting held on January 22, 2018.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 22, 2018.

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

**RESOLVED,** to approve the minutes of the work session meeting held on January 26, 2018.

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

**RESOLVED,** to approve the minutes of the work session meeting held on February 5, 2018.

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

**RESOLVED,** to approve the minutes of the work session meeting held on February 12, 2018.

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

**RESOLVED,** that Abstract Audit Voucher #7, dated February 20, 2018, in the amount of \$341,273.72, per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval of Trustee Herman.

On motion of Trustee Herman, seconded by Trustee Miller, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.