

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

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

**Also Present:** Attorney Staudt, Administrator Datino

Mayor Walsh welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM.

Mayor Walsh made the following announcements.

1. Today is Election Day and the polls will be open to 9:00 PM.
2. Condolences to former Village Clerk Eileen Finn on the passing of her mother, Pat, who was a lifelong resident of the Village of Mamaroneck.
3. Thanks to the fire, police and public works departments for all their efforts during and after the recent storms. Additional thanks to the Con Edison liaison, Chris Rodriguez for his efforts keeping the Village updated.

The Mayor commented further on the performance of Con Ed during the storms. No manpower visible to assess damage and begin the repair process. Communications that did nothing but misinform residents on the timetable for power restoration.

Mayor Walsh will be attending a meeting this Friday with the County Executive and other local leaders to discuss the performance of Con Edison.

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

**RESOLVED,** to approve the application of Andrew Alloco to become a volunteer member of the Fire Department.

Next to speak to the Board was the Chief of VAC, John Pomponio. Chief Pomponio spoke of the actions of VAC Lt. Alex Rapp. While attending a wedding on February 24, 2018, a fellow guest became ill and collapsed. Lt. Rapp immediately began performing CPR and soon revived the woman so she could be transported to a hospital.

For his swift response and dedication to service, Chief Pomponio presented Lt. Rapp with the VAC Medal of Honor.

Mayor Walsh then presented a proclamation to Lt. Rapp for his service to the community.

Trustee Fanelli said to Lt. Rapp the community is proud of him and as a wedding guest, he gave a great gift.

Mayor Walsh then asked the Chair of the Historic Preservation Task Force, Mauri Tamarin to address the meeting. Ms. Tamarin thanked the Board for their help and encouragement over the past year. She stated that after several meetings and discussions with the Historical Society and other local communities interested in historic preservation, the Task Force created a report of their findings. This report will soon be available on the Village website.

Trustee Frouman, who is a member of the Task Force, said he has been impressed with the work of Ms. Tamarin and the Task Force, many of them who are in attendance this evening.

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

**RESOLVED**, to extend the resolution below, dated March 21, 2017 for one more year;

**Whereas** the Village of Larchmont determines that the historical, architectural and cultural heritage of the Village is among the most important assets of the Village and,

**Whereas** it is in the public interest of this Village to engage in a comprehensive community-oriented review for the consideration of historic preservation processes and legislation,

**Now, therefore be it resolved**, that the Board of Trustees hereby creates the Historic Preservation Task Force (HPTF) according to the following guidelines:

The HPTF will have seven (7) members who will be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Board of Trustee.

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

**RESOLVED**, the open the Public Hearing to consider a local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law.

Mayor Walsh said the 2018-19 Tentative Village Budget, as it is required by law on this date, was presented to the Village Clerk's office. It has been determined after reviewing this budget, the Village will not have to adopt this proposed local law and will stay within the parameters of the tax cap.

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

**RESOLVED**, to close the Public Hearing.

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

**RESOLVED**, that concerning the 2018-2019 Village Budget the Board of Trustees has determined, not to adopt a local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law.

Chief Poleway gave the following report.

1. Starting in April, our village police cars will have an Autism Awareness patch affixed to them for the duration of the month. This effort was initiated last year by 'The New Rochelle Autism Patch Challenge' that was started by the New Rochelle PBA on February 9, 2017. It was created by a New Rochelle detective who is the father of an autistic child. The primary goal of the Autism Patch Challenge is to promote Autism awareness in every community throughout the country by attaching a custom Autism Awareness Police Patch to at least one patrol car within each community's police department during the month of April. On April 2, 2018 the world will celebrate Autism Awareness Day which aims to put a spotlight on the hurdles that people with autism – and others living with autism – face every day. As a growing global health issue, autism is gaining a greater understanding and acceptance and activities are planned every year to further increase and develop national and world knowledge of children and adults who have autism spectrum disorder (ASD). During Autism Awareness Month it is our hope that everyone will see that America's police departments joined forces to demonstrate its' continued support and love for all those living with Autism. Sergeant Paprota first presented the idea of Larchmont participating in this endeavor last year after he was challenged by a friend of his in the New Rochelle Police Department.

2. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the launch of the Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC) during the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Division Midyear Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. This initiative brings together a coalition of the United States' top public safety organizations to provide tailored technical assistance to policing agencies through a \$7 million award from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

Using a "by the field, for the field" approach, the assistance center supports state, local, tribal, and campus agencies through a host of methods, including training, peer-to-peer consultation,

and strategic planning. These resources are designed to support agencies on a range of public safety, crime reduction, and community policing topics. It will provide cutting-edge and innovative education, training, and resources by focusing on the most important 21<sup>st</sup> century law enforcement issues. In this way, we will be able to continue to positively impact our communities by providing and promoting law enforcement leadership and enhancing the trust our citizens have bestowed upon us.

3. There is a winter storm warning in effect for all of Westchester County and much of the tri-state area. There is a possibility that a significant amount of snow could fall in our area. The heaviest snowfall is anticipated to occur mid to late morning on Wednesday and into the evening. Accumulating heavy, wet snow and gusty winds could cause tree damage and downed power lines resulting in power outages. Residents are reminded to never approach any downed wires and always assume that those wires are live and energized. If you observe any downed wires, please immediately call the Larchmont Police Department at 914-834-1000 or dial 911. Travel may become hazardous after the morning commute and all motorists are urged to use caution and common sense if traveling. Also, just a reminder, that residents and business owners are responsible for clearing any sidewalks in front of their property of snow and ice after the 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. 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.

4. Unfortunately there has been another school shooting. A gunman who opened fire at Great Mills High School in Maryland was killed today after engaging an armed school resource officer. The shooter, Austin Wyatt Rollins, 17, was the only fatality. Police said Rollins used a handgun to shoot a 16-year-old female student who is in the ICU with life-threatening, critical injuries. A 14-year-old male student was also shot and is in stable condition. St. Mary's County Sheriff Tim Cameron said there were indications Rollins and the female victim had a prior relationship, which police are investigating as a possible motive for the incident. The school resource officer, Deputy Blaine Gaskill, was alerted of the shooting, immediately responded and engaged the shooter. The Maryland State Police along with the FBI and agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms are on the scene assisting with the investigation. The school is located about 60 miles from Washington, D.C. and the incident comes more than a month after the school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. That massacre, carried out by a former student, left 17 people dead. The shooting also comes days before some 500,000 people were expected to march [Saturday](#) in Washington, D.C. to protest gun violence and push for gun control legislation.

5. Since January 1<sup>st</sup> the police department has responded to a total of 100 burglar alarms, 39 motor vehicle accidents, 55 aided cases, and 576 other calls for service. There were also 24 NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law arrests, 9 Penal Law arrests, and 2 warrant arrests during that period of time.

5. Finally, 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.

This concludes my report for this evening and I would be happy to answer any questions. Thank You.

Chief Caparelli made the following report.

1. This month the Fire Department personnel and equipment has been tested on two occasions with Nor'easter storms hitting the area and one more poised to strike tomorrow. During the first storm on March 2/3, the Fire Department answered over 68 calls for assistance in a period of about 8 hours. Numerous trees on homes, wires down and burning, water conditions inside residents homes, generator issues, gas leaks due to uprooted trees, C/O activation due to improperly placed generators, generator fires and mutual aid to the TMFD who was hit just as hard.

During the second storm, we fared much better with only a handful of wires and trees down and minor flooding. I would like to reassure all residents that we are prepared for tomorrow's storm and all personnel and equipment is ready to render aid to our residents in whatever capacity is needed. Residents should ensure their sump pumps are operational, their belongings are protected from basement flooding, their generators are operating properly and placed at least 10 feet from your home or neighbors home to prevent C/O from entering windows and doors, avoid downed wires, they should be considered live until Con Ed deems them safe and place fresh batteries in your flash lights.

2. FF. Charlie Boettcher of the career staff will be participating in the Hommock's School Real Work Career Day this Friday. Charlie is an excellent firefighter with a wealth of knowledge to share with the children who may be interested in a career as a firefighter.

3. There is one new Volunteer membership applications for the Board to approve. I would recommend to accept the application of Andrew Alloco and approve his membership to the Volunteer staff.

4. 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.

5. Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors save lives. Today is the first day of spring so now is a good time to ensure you have fresh batteries in your detectors to start the new season off right.

All apparatus and equipment are in service.

Fire Inspections and Code Enforcement are ongoing.

Mayor Walsh announced that due to the impending storm, there will be no recycling collection tomorrow, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Residents should put their recycling out on Thursday or Friday of this week, whichever is your garbage pick-up day.

Next Administrator Datino started a review of the 2018-19 Tentative Village Budget. The process began last December with a kickoff meeting between the Administrator and Village staff. Budget meetings continued in January and through March. In February the Board met individually with the Police, Fire, Library and DPW because of the scope of their budgets.

Administrator Datino then began a slide presentation that reviewed budget items such as: Proposed tax increase and the percentage of Village taxes paid as opposed to Town, County and Schools and other topics related to the budget.

Mayor Walsh thanked the Village staff, Administrator Datino, Trustee Herman, Treasurer Brucciani and the Finance and Budget Committee for their efforts.

Trustee Herman, liaison to the Finance and Budget Committee, said the committee were pleased with the work done on this budget.

Trustee Herman made the following report.

1. The Beautification Committee has begun the work to update Pine Brook Park.
2. Thanks to Traffic Commission co-chairs, Rob Rothman and Jay Rubin for their efforts in attempting to attain funds from the NYSDOT Safety Action Plan.

Trustee Fanelli gave the following report.

1. Thanks to the Fire, Police and Public Works Departments for all their work during the recent storms.
2. Thanks to all the campaign workers and to everyone who voted today.

Trustee Miller made the following report.

1. Tennis Clinics:

Tennis for Tots – 4/24-6/14 1:15-2:30 PM \$225

Adult Cardio Tennis- 4/24-6/14- 9:30-10:30 AM \$195

Sign-up on the Village website. Both are through Sportstime.

Come Out and Play-Free Tennis 4/25 and 6/20

Ages 5-7 12:30-1:30PM and Ages 8 up 1:30-2:30PM.

Library:

2. The Annual Spelling Bee will take place on April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Library. This event benefits the Friends of the Library.

Mayor Walsh announced resolutions adopted at recent work sessions.

Approve Save the Children- Flint Park 6/23/18

Increase Income Limit to \$29,000- SCRIE

Approve retainer Agreement w/ Blanchard & Wilson, LLP

Approve Planner's Fee-Planning Board Applications

Approve 2018 Flint Park Day Camp Salaries

Auth. purchase American-Le France Fire Truck

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

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to centralize information, identify sources of non-property tax revenue and manage the cost of providing services to the public, staff developed a Village-wide Fees and Charges Schedule; and

**WHEREAS**, on an annual basis, the Village reviews its schedule of Fees and Charges and compares the services relative to current operating costs, chronology of previous increases and the completion of comparative municipal surveys; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board has reviewed and discussed the proposed 2018-19 Village wide Fees & Charges Schedule at their February 26, 2018 work session and supported the proposed fee changes; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the 2018-19 Village-Wide Fees & Charges Schedule, dated March 20, 2018, attached hereto and made a part hereof, is herein adopted effective immediately; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of the changes to the Village-Wide Fees and Charges Schedule.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 20, 2018.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve the minutes of the work session held on January 8, 2018

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve the minutes of the work session held on February 20, 2018

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve the minutes of the work session held on February 26, 2018

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Frouman, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

On motion of Trustee Herman, seconded by Trustee Fanelli, and unanimously carried, the meeting reconvened at 9:44 PM to announce the results of the Village Election held this day.

Mayor Walsh announced the following:

1,442 votes casted

814 voters

Mayor

Lorraine Walsh- 648 votes

Trustees

Peter Fanelli- 560 votes

Sarah Bauer- 463 votes

Carol Miller- 402 votes

The Mayor thanked Trustee Miller for her service.

Mayor Walsh congratulated Trustee Fanelli both have served on the Board together now for four terms.

Mayor Walsh congratulated Sarah Bauer and added she looks forward to working with her.

On motion of Trustee Frouman, seconded by Trustee Herman, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.