

Minutes of the Meeting  
Of the Board of Trustees of the  
Village of Larchmont, N.Y.  
**held on Monday, April 16, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Lorraine Walsh  
Trustees Peter Fanelli  
Malcolm Frouman  
Carol Casazza Herman  
Sarah Bauer

**Also present:** Dep. Clerk Riley, Attorney Staudt, Administrator Datino

Mayor Walsh welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:38PM.

The Mayor made the following announcements:

1. Condolences to former trustee, John Komar and his family on the passing of his mother, Mary Elizabeth.
2. Condolences to the family of Eugene Grant on his passing. Mr. Grant, who was 100 years old, was a well-known philanthropist whose generosity spanned many years.

**Mayor's Announcements**

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

**RESOLUTION**

**Garcia, B.**  
**Fire Dept.**

**RESOLVED,** to approve the application of Ben Garcia as a volunteer member of the Fire Department.

**Mam'k High Students**  
**Original Science Research**  
**Program**

Next Mayor Walsh spoke about Mamaroneck High School students who are part of the Original Science Research program. These students dedicate much of their free time including summers to this program. The Mayor added that it is great to acknowledge achievements of students who excel in the classroom not just on the field. Mayor Walsh presented certificates to the students.

Sussana Webber, Peter Simpson, Sam Brause, Katherine LuBoue, Maggie Bennett, Pablo Garza, Zoe Crevlin, Zoe Wisen, Simon Gerzberg, Noah Patrick, Lizzie Kaplan, Thomas Grossmark, Allie James, Will Cook, Rebecca Marcus, Brian Pffefer.

Mayor Walsh presented framed certificates to teachers Guido Garbarino and Alejandro Victoria.

Girl Scouts Mila Kinnear and Shannon Gallaher next spoke about their Silver Award project. It is called Music For Everyone and it was done in conjunction with the Westchester Library System. Their shared enjoyment of playing stringed instrument music is what inspired them to ask for donations of sheet music so it may be shared. They created a website [www.musciforeveryone.net](http://www.musciforeveryone.net), where donations can be made. Mayor Walsh presented to Mila and Shannon viola sheet music that was once her daughter's as her donation.

**Girl Scouts**  
**Kinnear, M.**  
**Gallaher, S.**  
**Music for Everyone**

Catalano, A.  
Robbins, S.  
Woodard & Curran  
Awards

Next Anthony Catalano and Steve Robbins of the Village’s consulting engineering firm, Woodard and Curran, addressed the meeting. Mr. Catalano congratulated all the students for their work and success. He then said he and Mr. Robbins were in attendance to present two awards to the Village that were given for the Byron Place Water Rehab Project. The awards were:

1. ACEC Gold Award-Comprehensive Water Supply Rehabilitation for Safety & Sustainability.
2. American Water Works Assoc., NY Section Project of the Year-Infrastructure Upgrade for Safety & Sustainability.

Mr. Catalano, on behalf of Woodard and Curran, thanked the Board for their support throughout the project.

**RESOLUTION**  
Open Public Hearing  
2018-19 Tentative Budget

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

**RESOLVED,** to open the Public Hearing to review and take comment on the 2018-2019 Tentative Budget.

Mayor Walsh stated that the Tentative Budget has been amended by the Board, the Budget Committee and the Treasurer and they are:

Revenue

- Field permits up \$5,000 (requires fee change by resolution);
- Use of Fund Balance up \$25,000 (defers portion of Lorenzen pay down to maintain % of FB)

Expenditures

- 1620 Village Hall gas heat down \$500;
- 1650 Telephones down \$5,000;
- 1650 Cell phones down \$1,500;
- 1900 Contingency account down \$6,471;
- 3120 PD miscellaneous down \$1,000;
- 5182 Street light electric down \$5,000;
- 5650 Parking meter service contracts down \$1,000

The Mayor asked if anyone present had comments on the tentative budget. There were none. She added that the total percentage of taxes that a Larchmont resident pays to the Village is 21.35% and to the schools is 56%.

Mayor Walsh asked if the Board members had comments on this budget. There were none.

Trustee Herman extended her gratitude to the Budget Committee for all their work on this budget.

**RESOLUTION**  
Close P. H.

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

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

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

Police Chief's Reprt

**RESOLVED**, to adopt the 2018-2019 Village of Larchmont Budget in the amount of \$14,520,69. with a tax levy increase of 1.99%.

Chief Poleway made the following report:

1. The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee and representatives from the New York STOP-DWI Foundation wish to remind everyone of the release of its free "Have A Plan" mobile application. The app encourages people to have a plan to get home safely if they are impaired by alcohol or drugs. This app provides you with a timely and convenient resource that enables you to locate and call a taxi service, program a designated-driver list, and educate yourself on Blood Alcohol Content levels. There is also information on DWI laws and penalties and how to report a suspected impaired driver. To download the app, simply visit [www.stopdwi.org/mobileapp](http://www.stopdwi.org/mobileapp). Available for Apple, Droid, and Windows smart phones.
2. Spring is here (supposedly) and as the weather continues to get warmer and as more people venture outside, I would like to remind pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists alike to be aware of your surroundings when traveling throughout the Village. Pedestrian and vehicle safety is a paramount concern of the police department and we want everyone to please abide by the local and state traffic laws that govern the use of our public roadways. This includes but is not limited to: inspecting and wearing proper equipment, completely stopping at traffic lights and stop signs and using designated crosswalks and sidewalks as necessary. Working together, we can promote safety and prevent avoidable accidents and injuries.
3. As part of Larchmont & Mamaroneck's Safe Routes to School Program, all four elementary schools in the Mamaroneck School District (Central, Chatsworth Avenue, Mamaroneck Avenue and Murray Avenue) will hold Walk to School Week from (today) April 16<sup>th</sup> thru April 20<sup>th</sup>. The event is organized by the elementary schools' PTA organizations. The idea is that this program will highlight the health benefits of regular daily physical activity among children. It also emphasizes the need for pedestrian safety, the dangers of traffic congestion, concern for the environment, and the positive impact of building connections between families, schools, and the broader community. I would therefore like to remind motorists to be aware of the increased number of children walking to and from school for the next few days and to be careful when driving especially in and around school zones.
4. 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 – call the 24 hour NYS Terrorism Tips Line at **866 SAFE-NYS (866-723-3697)** or call the Larchmont Police Department at (914) 834-1000 or simply dial 911.

Police Chief's Report  
Con't.

5. On the evening of October 12, 1976, 46 year old Larchmont Patrolman Arthur Dematte responded to a call of a male walking erratically on the railroad tracks behind the Daitch / Shopwell supermarket which is now the site of Decicco's on Palmer Avenue. The engineer of a train bound for New Haven, Connecticut had observed the male, later identified as Anthony Blanks of Missouri, walking dangerously close to the rails, and out of concern for the man's safety, had alerted the New Rochelle Police Department. The call was then forwarded to the Larchmont Police. Patrolman Dematte was dispatched to assist the transient man out of harm's way. During Dematte's attempt to remove Blanks from the tracks, a struggle ensued and Patrolman Dematte was mortally wounded with his own service revolver and eventually succumbed to his injuries. Anthony Blanks was apprehended and subsequently charged with first degree murder and is still incarcerated, but maybe not for too much longer.

Unfortunately, Anthony Blanks is being considered for parole in June. Upon his conviction, Blanks was given a 25 years to life sentence. In New York, offenders who have served the minimum term are eligible to request a parole hearing every other year. It is my strong belief, both as a New York resident and as the Larchmont Chief of Police, that individuals who take the life of a police officer should serve the maximum sentence – not the minimum – without the possibility of parole.

Upon his death, Arthur Dematte left behind his wife Alice and four children, Joyce, Jane, Jill, and Billy and a community that will never forget him. When this event occurred, I was 8 years old and far removed from the realities of what was occurring in Larchmont. While none of the officers that currently serve on the Larchmont Police Department ever had the privilege of working with Artie, they understand and respect his dedication and selflessness through the shared bond of being police officers. All new officers to the department are quickly enlightened concerning Artie's actions that fateful day so that they may continue to properly honor him as time passes. It is incumbent upon us to strive to remember and pass along our institutional knowledge of these events so that Artie's sacrifice will never be forgotten. This terrible tragedy reminds us that each and every officer that puts on a uniform to serve and protect their communities across this great nation are inspired by the selfless and courageous actions of police officers like Artie Dematte and numerous others whose conduct exemplifies the best of what law enforcement is and aspires to be.

The New York State Parole Board is currently accepting responses for the upcoming hearing in June. I encourage all of our residents and everyone that has a desire to see justice served to contact the parole board and voice your opposition to Anthony Blanks potential release. Letters opposing this action should be sent directly to the Supervising Offender Rehabilitation Coordinator (SORC) at the inmate's current facility which in this case is Sing-Sing Correctional Facility at 354 Hunter Street Ossining, New York 10562 – reference NYS Inmate #78A0538. Online responses can also be sent and given the time constraints that may be a preferable mode of communication. The parole board website is <http://www.doccs.ny.gov/letters.html>

Police Chief's Report  
Con't.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Carol Miller the best of luck in all her future endeavors. I would also like to extend my congratulations to Trustee Bauer on being elected and I look forward to getting to know you and working with you in the future on finding viable solutions to the issues that affect Larchmont and its' residents.

Fire Chief's Report

Chief Caparelli gave the following report:

1. The Fire Department as well as the Police and Public Works Departments have been busy this past storm season dealing with the damage caused by winter storms. We are gearing up for the spring rains we are experiencing now and the summer hurricane season yet to come. The Westchester County Department of Emergency Services along with the State of New York is offering the NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm.
2. A new Volunteer membership application for the Board to approve. I would recommend accepting the application of Ben Garcia and approving his membership to the Volunteer staff.
3. The Volunteer staff has elected a new slate of Officers. Captains John Pompano and Kris Walters, Lt's Alex Grace, John Ruggiero and Joe Clifton. I will schedule a swearing in ceremony as soon as possible with the Board.
4. The Fire Department is required to test all our fire hose annually. We will begin testing this month and should complete testing by the end of May. There should be no disruption or discoloration to the water system.
5. Now that we are getting into spring weather, I would like to remind all residents that yard waste shall be collected at curbside on the second trash pickup day in your area. That is Thursday for residents West of BPR and Friday for those residents East of BPR. Residents can go to [www.VillageofLarchmont.org](http://www.VillageofLarchmont.org) to view Village Code Section 241-14 to 241-20 which outlines the collection procedures. Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors save lives. Please ensure you have fresh batteries in your detectors.

All apparatus and equipment are in service.  
Fire Inspections and Code Enforcement are ongoing.

Chief Caparelli congratulated Trustee Bauer on being elected and wished her well for her time on the Board.

Trustees Report

Trustee Bauer gave the following report:

1. The Larchmont Environmental Committee would like to remind all residents that from June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, the leaf blower law is in effect.

Trustee Fanelli made the following report:

1. On April 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Free Kids Tennis Clinic in Flint Park. From 12:30-1:30 PM, ages 5-7 and 1:30-2:30 PM, ages 8 and up. There is no fee.
2. Adult Cardio Tennis Clinic in Flint Park, April 24<sup>th</sup> to June 14<sup>th</sup>. The fee is \$195.
3. Tennis for Tots Clinic will be held in Flint Park from April 24<sup>th</sup> to June 14<sup>th</sup>. The fee is \$225.
4. The 2018 Flint Park Day Camp is looking for counselors and lifeguards. Go to the website for more information.
5. The Tour de Larchmont will take place on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. The starting point will be in Constitution Park.
6. The Skull Patrol, a program that rewards children who wear helmets while riding their bikes, in the Village, is going on again. Go to the website for more information.
7. The Larchmont Run, "Sprint to Flint" will take place on June 15<sup>th</sup>. To register go to the Village website.
8. Marcia the Moose will be at the Playhouse in Flint Park. Watch the website for the date and Time.
9. Thanks to the Captains John Pompano and Kris Walters, Lt's Alex Grace, John Ruggiero and Joe Clifton of the Fire Department. Anyone interested in joining the fire department go to [www.larchmontfire.net](http://www.larchmontfire.net).

Trustee Herman gave the following report:

1. On April 27<sup>th</sup> the Parks and Trees Committee will the annual Arbor Day Ceremony in Willow Park and in celebration, a willow tree will be planted. The next day, April 28<sup>th</sup>, will be Love Your Park Day.

Trustee Frouman made the following report:

1. A Book Discussion of "1968: A Year That Rocked the World" by Mark Kurlansky, will take place at the Library on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 10- 11:30 AM.

**RESOLUTION**

**Sidewalk-Uncollected Funds**  
**60/40 Program**

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 245 of the Village Code property owners are required to maintain the sidewalks adjacent to their properties in good order; and

**WHEREAS**, to mitigate the cost of repairs for single family property owners, the Village provides for a voluntary cost share program otherwise known as the “60/40 program”, whereby the Village pays 60% of the cost of the repair and the property owner pays 40%; and

**WHEREAS**, this program is available to properties based on degree of the defect, the availability of budgetary appropriations and the amount is based on bid pricing from the contractor awarded the contract with the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, property owners can pay the Village upon completion of the work or have the cost assessed on the subsequent year’s Village property tax; and

**WHEREAS**, the attached schedule identifies \$51,707.75 of money due to the Village, this includes properties that had work completed in FY 2016/17 as well as FY 2017/18, each property has been contacted by letter advising them of the amount due and that unpaid charges will be levied on the 2018 Village Taxes; now therefore be it resolved

**RESOLVED**, that uncollected funds identified on the attached schedule shall be levied on the 2018 Village Tax bill and that residential property owners shall be responsible for 40% of the sidewalk repair cost and other properties shall be responsible for 100% of the repair cost.

**See Attachment**

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

**WHEREAS**, the County of Westchester Board of Legislators has authorized the renewal of the Enhanced 911 Service Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) between Westchester County and the Village of Larchmont; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Larchmont has maintained an Enhanced 911 System for almost two decades; and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of the agreement provide for the E911 System infrastructure which is maintained by the County and requires the Village staff its Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with its own resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Westchester County now desires to enter into a new agreement under similar terms commencing October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police has reviewed the proposed IMA and recommends that the Board of Trustees to approve the proposed agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, participation requires the execution of the attached Intermunicipal Agreement with the County of Westchester; now therefore be it

**RESOLUTION**  
Auth. AAdministrator to  
execute Agreement  
w/West. Cty  
Enhanced 911 System

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Enhanced 911 System Intermunicipal Agreement 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.

BFJ Planning  
Parking Study

Mayor Walsh said the Village has been performing, with the consulting firm BFJ Planning, a parking study. The scope of work performed has included; surveys e-mailed to permit holders, sidewalk interviews with commuters and shoppers and meetings with merchants. There have also been conversations with the police, parking enforcement, staff and the Co-Chairs of the Traffic Commission.

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

**RESOLUTION**  
Set Public Hearing  
Traffic Comm. Law  
5/21/2018

**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 Monday, May 21, 2018, at 7:30 PM to review and take comment on a local law to amend the Traffic Commission Law, Chapter 64 of the Village Code authorizing the Board of Trustees to enact certain regulations; and be it further

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

**RESOLUTION**  
Approve Tax Certiorari  
Settlements

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve the following tax certiorari settlements:

- Great White Hunter,  
2285 Boston Post Road, Section 7/Block 2/Lot 3-  
\$24,994.41
- Palmer Professional Assoc.,  
2039 Palmer Avenue, Section 6/Block/Lot 331-  
\$62,768.14
- Village Assoc.,  
7-11 North Avenue, Section 6/Block 2/Lot 864-  
\$11,670.21

Work Session Resolutions

The Mayor announced a resolution adopted at a recent work session, held on April 9, 2018:

1. Amend the Committee on the Environment title to the Larchmont Environmental Committee



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

**RESOLVED**, to approve the minutes of the work session held on April 9, 2018.

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

**RESOLVED**, that Abstract Audit Voucher #9, dated April 16, 2018, in the amount of \$115,396.86, per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval of Trustee Herman.

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Herman, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

**RESOLUTION**

**Work Session minutes**  
4/9/2018