

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees of the
Village of Larchmont, N.Y.
held on Monday, May 21, 2018

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

ABSENT: None

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

Mayor Walsh welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:31PM.

The Mayor made the following announcements.

Mayor's Announcements

1. Congratulations to Captain Tony Rigano of the Police Department on his son Mark's appointment to the US Naval Academy.
2. Condolences to the victims and families of last week's school shooting in Texas. Elected officials should work towards bringing stricter gun legislation.

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

RESOLUTION
Brennick, J.
Arts Committee

RESOLVED, to appoint Jill Brennick to the Arts Committee.

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

RESOLUTION
Liptack, B.
Library Board of
Trustees

RESOLVED, to reappoint Barbara Liptack to the Library Board of Trustees for a term of 5 years.

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

RESOLUTION
Open Public Hearing
Traffic Commission

RESOLVED, to open the Public Hearing on a proposed local law to amend Chapter 64 of the Village Code-Traffic Commission.

Mayor Walsh said the Village has been performing a comprehensive parking study with BFJ Planning. The Traffic Commission has been charged for many years with the rules and regulations of parking in the Village. For the results of the parking study to be put in place, the law needs to be amended to allow the Board the flexibility to make changes.

The Mayor asked if there were any comments on the proposed law. There were none.

RESOLUTION
Close P.H.

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

RESOLVED, to close the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION
Adopt L.L. No. 2-2018
Amend Ch. 64
Traffic Commission

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

WHEREAS, the Larchmont Board of Trustees has been conducting a Comprehensive Parking Study in collaboration with a professional planning consultant and community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, by a resolution adopted on September 14, 1987, the Board of Trustees delegated to the Traffic Commission any and all powers to adopt orders, rules and regulations under the terms of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law and the New York State Village Law as it pertains to on-street traffic control regulations; and

WHEREAS, to implement the recommendations as a result of the Comprehensive Parking Study, the Board of Trustees will need to revise such laws, orders, rules and regulations; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees herein adopts Local Law No. 2-2018, to Amend the Chapter 64 - Traffic Commission of the Village Code, authorizing the Village Board to enact certain regulations to properly implement recommendations as a result of the Comprehensive Parking Study.

RESOLUTION
Open Public Hearing
Water Rates

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

RESOLVED, to open the Public Hearing on the proposed increase to the Water Rates.

Administrator Datino stated water in the Village is not funded by taxes. The last increase to the water rates was in 2015 and since then, there were upgrades to the system that forced the Village to acquire debt.

Mayor Walsh said that due to deferred maintenance of the water system, the Board had to make the decision to replace the storage tanks and pumps at the Byron Place Station, and prior to that, the water meter replacement project.

The Mayor asked if there were any comments on the proposed water rate increase. There were none.

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

RESOLUTION

Close P.H.

RESOLVED, to close the Public Hearing.

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

RESOLUTION

Approve 2018/19

Water Rates

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 283-20 of the Village Code, water rates are to be set by resolution of the Village Board; and

WHEREAS, water rates were last adjusted in 2015, since then the cost of providing water to Village customers has increased, largely due to the impact of over \$3,000,000 of debt service to complete required capital improvements to the distribution system; and

WHEREAS, a review of the 2018/19 Water Fund budget has been conducted by the Village Board and the Finance and Budget Committee, said committee recommends rate increases as proposed to cover the increases identified in the 2018/19 budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the peak and off peak water rates as well as the fixed meter fees be increased as identified on the attached schedule, and be it further

RESOLVED, that increases are effective June 1, 2018.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Poleway gave the following report.

1. As you are aware, bike lanes are in place on Larchmont Avenue from Palmer Avenue to the manor. In an attempt to promote bicycle safety, the Village of Larchmont Recreation Department and the Larchmont Chamber of Commerce are once again sponsoring 'The Skull Patrol' in conjunction with the Larchmont Police Department. The Skull patrol is a program designed to encourage kids to wear bike helmets properly and it provides opportunities for positive interactions between police and school age children in our village. Patrol Officers will reward kids who are wearing their helmets properly by giving them "tickets" for donated items and they can be redeemed from local businesses within the Village. The redeemed tickets will then be collected and entered into a raffle for four new bikes and it will be held at the end of summer. This program provides positive reinforcement for children making proper safety decisions as it relates to bike riding and it was well received last year. I would like to remind all bicycle riders that the bike lanes do not guarantee your safety simply because you are using them. Taking proper safety precautions and staying alert when riding are extremely important factors in preventing accidents and avoiding injuries.
2. Just a reminder that as of May 15th through September 15th – there is no parking on Park Avenue from Larchmont Avenue to the entrance of Manor Park on Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. As people seek to use Manor Park and the surrounding areas, or for parking anywhere in the Village, it is always a good practice to take the time to read the parking signs to ensure that you are not in violation.

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3. Thursday – May 24th - is the annual Larchmont Memorial Day Parade. It will begin promptly at 7:00 pm on Chatsworth Avenue near the intersection with Palmer Avenue. The parade route will continue for a short time on Palmer Avenue and will then proceed down Larchmont Avenue where it will end in front of Larchmont Village Hall. Once the parade has ended, Larchmont Avenue between Boston Post Road and Cherry Avenue will be closed to vehicular traffic. Residents and motorists should expect possible delays and temporary road closures as all of the participants gather and prepare to march and as the parade progresses. Please be patient and exercise caution when traveling within the Village on May 24th and seek alternative routes of travel, if possible.
4. June 1st, the use of gas powered leaf blowers within the confines of the Village of Larchmont is strictly prohibited. Village Code section 195.5 subsection (b) specifically states that between June 1st and September 30th “no person shall operate any gas powered leaf blower within the Village of Larchmont”. Failure to obey and comply with these statutes is punishable by a court appearance ticket and a fine. For those residents that do not personally mow or maintain their lawn, I urge you to speak to your gardener or landscaper to ensure that they are aware of this law and in this way, compliance can be attained.
5. In March 2011 the Hawthorne, California, Police Department Community Affairs Unit hosted their first *Coffee with a Cop* event. Police and community members came together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee.

Community policing has long been considered a framework for establishing relationships between the community and the police. The importance of trust between officers and residents certainly has not changed. What *has* dramatically changed, however, is the character and composition of our nation's communities. Shifting demographics, greater mobility with longer commutes to and from work, instantaneous communications, and the advent of web-based social networking have forever altered the very concept of community. With this redefinition, community policing itself must gain a contemporary perspective.

It is elegant in its simplicity—just have a cup of coffee. In over 175 communities across the nation, law enforcement agencies are doing just that. *Coffee with a Cop* is enhancing community trust, increasing police legitimacy, and building partnerships. Community members come to their local *Coffee with a Cop* event for a variety of reasons, but no matter why they come, they are likely to leave with a more positive impression of their local law enforcement officers.

In less than five years, Coffee with a Cop events have been hosted in all 50 states and is one of the most successful community oriented policing programs across the country. The program has also expanded to outside the United States to Canada, Europe, Australia, and Africa. The key to Coffee with a Cop's growing success is that it opens the door for interactions outside of the crisis situations that typically bring law enforcement officers and community members together.

The Larchmont Police Department will be hosting its' first coffee-with-a-cop event on Saturday June 30th at Starbucks on Palmer Avenue from 10:00 a.m. to noon. We encourage our residents to stop by to say hello and enjoy a cup of coffee with some of our officers.

6. A Texas high school student unleashed a hail of bullets inside one of his classes early Friday morning, gunning down 10 people – 8 students and two teachers and injuring a dozen more.

Santa Fe High School in Texas became the latest scene of carnage in what has become a national epidemic of mass shootings. For the second time in the past three months, the victims were children and their teachers. Cable news and social media were dominated Friday by painfully familiar images of students being led out of the school by armed officers.

Santa Fe is a city of about 13,000 residents, located 30 miles southeast of Houston. The incident is the nation's deadliest school shooting since the February attack in Parkland, Florida, that killed 17 people.

Police officers responded to Santa Fe High School around 8 a.m. after reports that a shooter opened fire inside. Police identified the trench-coat-clad gunman as student Dimitrios Pagourtzis Jr. He came into an art classroom armed with a pistol and a shotgun and pipe bombs and began shooting.

Pagourtzis, whom students described as a quiet loner, is being held without bond at the Galveston County Jail, charged with capital murder and aggravated assault on a peace officer. It was unclear what motivated the attack, as authorities said it came without any obvious warning.

Pagourtzis made his first court appearance Friday evening, a little more than 10 hours after the massacre. Police said he gave a statement admitting responsibility for the shooting, according to a probable-cause affidavit filed in court. They said that Pagourtzis told police that he went into the school wearing a trench coat and wielding two guns, intent on killing people. The affidavit states that the 17-year-old told police that "he did not shoot students he did like so he could have his story told."

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The two guns used in the shooting belong to Pagourtzis's father, and it is unclear if the father knew his son had taken them. Unlike many other mass shootings carried out with high-powered rifles such as the AR-15, this one, included relatively common weapons. Police said they also found explosive devices inside the school and at locations off campus. The suspect documented his thoughts on his computer and cellphone, and the writings revealed not only that he intended to commit the shooting but also planned to commit suicide.

Experts on mass shootings note that the killers study their predecessors, copy their moves and even their fashion choices. The shooter at Santa Fe High appeared to copy elements of the Columbine massacre: a black trench coat, a shotgun, explosives.

Survivors of the Parkland massacre and their relatives, many of whom have become outspoken advocates for stronger gun-control laws, publicly offered support to the Santa Fe community — and sent angry messages to politicians they said have not acted to avert such massacres. As Santa Fe mourns and prepares to bury the victims of this latest tragedy, it is my hope that these innocent people will not have died in vain and that some significant action can be taken to mitigate the causes of these events.

Experts need to convene to discuss ways to stave off another school or mass shooting, including speeding up background checks on gun buyers, putting more money into mental-health treatment, and adding security personnel. We may also need to harden our schools in terms of being potential targets and make them safer. Any possible solution would need to consider the complexities of all the elements that cause these types of incidents, but whatever the solution is, it needs to come sooner rather than later.

7. With the Memorial Day Holiday approaching, 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. This concludes my report for this evening. Are there any questions?

Trustee Reports

Trustee Bauer made the following report.

1. The Village Leaf Blower law will be effective June 1st to September 30th.

Trustee Fanelli gave the following report.

Trustee Reports Con't.

1. The Tour De Larchmont was a success with over 150 bike riders. Thanks to Recreation, Police Fire and Public Works departments.
2. The Adult Cardio Tennis Clinic in Flint Park is sold out.
3. The Memorial Day Parade is this Thursday, May 24th. It begins at 7 PM at the train station.
4. Marcia the Moose will be at the Flint Park Playhouse on Friday, June 15th at 10 AM.
5. The Sprint to Flint will take place on June 15th. The 1 Mile-Fun run starts at 6:30 PM and the 5K at 7:15 PM. For sign-up go to the Village's website.
7. Congratulations to Joe Williams, Oscar Guzman and Myron Josephs their fire training certifications.
8. Congratulation to Alex Raap of the Fire Department for receiving a Certificate of Life Saving at SUNY Purchase. At a wedding he was attending, Alex performed CPR on a man in cardiac arrest and saved his life.
9. The Professional Fire Fighters will be holding a Blood Drive, Thursday, June 14th from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the fire room on the 3rd floor in Village Hall.
10. Today was the PBA's 25th Annual Golf Tournament.

Trustee Herman made the following report.

1. Thanks to the Finance and Budget Committee for all their efforts on the water rates.
2. Thanks to the Beautification Committee for all the flower pots that will be hanging in the Village.

Mayor Walsh added thanks to the Parks and Trees Committee for their efforts in planting new trees throughout the Village.

Trustee Frouman gave the following report.

1. The Historic Preservation Task Force has completed its annual report. To view the report residents can go to the Village website.

Administrator Datino made the following report.

Administrator's Report

1. Tax bills will be mailed soon. If you don't receive your bill by June 8th, contact the Treasurer's office. Residents have till July 1st to pay without penalty.
2. Water Bills will be mailed soon. To move the billing cycle to the Village Fiscal Year, this invoice will include charges for February 1st to May 31st. Consumption charges for February 1st to April 30th, will be at the winter rate and will be shown on the invoice as previous charge. There is no penalty. The May 1st to May 31st charge shown will be at the summer rate. Going forward bills will be quarterly.

RESOLUTION

Adopt 2018 MS4
Stormwater Report

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

RESOLVED, to authorize the Administrator to sign and submit the 2018 MS4 Stormwater Report to the NYSDEC.

RESOLUTION

Auth. AAdministrator
To execute the
2016/17 & 2017/18 &
2018/19 Snow & Ice
Agreements

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 12 of the New York State Highway Law, the maintenance of State highways includes control over snow and ice removal authorized by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), in order to make these roads safe and passable; and

WHEREAS, the snow and ice control on these State roads may be done by the host municipality, pursuant to an agreement entered into by the municipality and the NYSDOT; and

WHEREAS, there are 4.8 lane miles of New York State-owned roads located within the Village of Larchmont; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Larchmont, in the interest of public safety, has historically contracted with the State for snow and ice removal services on these roads; and

WHEREAS, during severe winters which require municipalities to perform snow and ice removal services in excess of the ten-year average, the NYSDOT amends the intermunicipal agreement covering the impacted period to provide additional funding; and

WHEREAS, due to the severity of the winter storms during the 2016/17 Snow and Ice Season, the Village is entitled to an additional \$4,431.02 for the 2016/17 Snow and Ice Season which when added to the original amount of \$7,574.40 equals \$12,005.42; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Village to obtain these additional funds, the Village Board must authorize by resolution the execution of an amendment to the 2016/17 Snow and Ice Agreement increasing the estimated expenditure; and

WHEREAS, renewal agreements have been provided to the Village by NYSDOT for 2017/18 and 2018/19 in the amounts of \$7,814.40 and \$7,944.00 respectively to be paid to the Village; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Administrator to execute Amendment "B" to the 2016/17 Snow and Ice Agreement, between the Village of Larchmont and the New York State Department of Transportation to revise the estimated expenditures and increase the Village's reimbursement for snow and ice removal services, in substantially the same form as attached hereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator is authorized to execute the renewal agreements for 2017/18 and 2018/19 and to undertake all administrative acts necessary pursuant to the agreements.

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

RESOLVED, to authorize the Treasurer to collect Property Taxes in the amount of \$14,520,069.00, 2018-19 Boston Post Road Streetscape Assessment in the amount of \$31,280.90, 2018-19 Palmer Avenue Streetscape Assessment in the amount of \$38,326.94, Water Fund Arrears as of 5/16/2018 in the amount of \$63,546.35, Sewer Fund Arrears as of 5/16/2018 in the amount of \$3,154.00, and Alarm Arrears in the amount of \$18,515.00, Sidewalk Arrears in the amount of \$14,822.40.

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

RESOLVED, to authorize the Treasurer to commence with closing and adjusting entries for the Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 2018.

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

WHEREAS, the transfer a police officer out of the department in the fall of 2017 created a funded vacancy; and

WHEREAS, a selection committee comprised of the Police Chief, Captain and Lieutenant have screened numerous candidates and have recommended a potential candidate to be appointed as a police officer; and

WHEREAS, the candidate under consideration must first undergo physical and psychological evaluations before appointment, said evaluations may only take place upon an offer of employment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes the Village Administrator to provide a conditional offer of employment to the candidate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that contingent upon positive results from both the physical and physiological evaluations the candidate shall be appointed to the Larchmont Police Department on a date to be determined by the Village Administrator, at a starting annual salary of \$62,622 and said permanent appointment is subject to Civil Service Rules and a probationary period of 52 weeks.

Mayor Walsh announced resolutions adopted at recent work session meeting:

1. Increase Fees/Alma Field- Flint Park
2. Modify Fund Balance Transfer- Lorenzen Park Project
3. Set Public Hearing for May 21, 2018- Water Rates
4. Catherine Kassenoff- Zoning Board of Appeals
5. Naomi Lowenthal & Dana Post- Recreation Committee
6. Approved 3 Events for Turtle Park Fund Raiser Renovation Group
7. Abstract Audit Voucher #10, \$126,281.97

RESOLUTION

Auth. Treasurer to collect Property Taxes

RESOLUTION

Auth. Treasurer to close entries for FY- 5/31/2018

RESOLUTION

Auth. AAdministrator to offer Employment Police Dept.

Work Session Resolutions

RESOLUTION
Minutes 4/2/2018

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting held on April 2, 2018.

RESOLUTION
Minutes 4/16/2018

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 16, 2018.

RESOLUTION
Work Session **Minutes
4/16/2018**

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the work session meeting held on April 16, 2018.

RESOLUTION
Work Session **Minutes
5/7/2018**

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the work session meeting held on May 7, 2018.

RESOLUTION
Work Session **Minutes
5/8/2018**

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the work session meeting held on May 8, 2018.

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

RESOLVED, that Abstract Audit Voucher #11, dated May 21, 2018, in the amount of \$101, 825.00, per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval of Trustee Herman.

On motion of Trustee Herman, seconded by Trustee Frouman, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.