

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees of the
Village of Larchmont, N.Y.
held on Monday, October 15, 2018

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

ABSENT:

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

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

The Mayor said the Village has many commissions and committees that need volunteers. From the Land Use Boards, Traffic Commission and Fire Department to the Recreation, Beautification and Parks and Trees committees, help is always welcomed. If any resident is interested in volunteering contact the Mayor or the Deputy Clerk.

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

RESOLVED, to appoint Rachel Marcus to the Environmental Committee.

RESOLUTION

Marcus, R.
Environmental Comm.

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

RESOLVED, to appoint Ian Post and Gwen Shufro to the Budget Committee for a term of two years.

RESOLUTION

Post, I.
Shufro, G.
Budget Comm

Trustee Herman thanked Budget Committee Chair, Paul Silverman for interviewing to the two new members.

Jenna Amenson of Sustainable Westchester addressed the meeting on the 2019-20 Community Choice Aggregation. The "CCA" gives the residents of Westchester County leverage with power suppliers by purchasing electricity in bulk. So far participating households have saved over 14 million dollars. When the RFP was issued, Sustainable Westchester heard from many interested bidders. The winning bid was awarded to Constellation. Ms. Amenson spoke on the following items:

Amenson, J.
Sustainable
Westchester

1. Stable residential rates for 2019-20.
2. Commercial rates have been reduced by 2 cents per kilowatt hour.
3. Notification letters from Constellation to be mailed to residents in mid-November.
4. Residents will be able to opt out of CCA if they wish to over a 30 day period or whenever they want.
5. Rates take effect after first meter read date of January, 2019.

Mayor Walsh asked Ms. Amenson if the Village will be given a copy of the letter prior to mailing. Ms. Amenson said yes and added if residents have questions they can call Sustainable Westchester.

Chief Poleway gave the following report.

Police Chief's Report

1. On Saturday October 20th the Village of Larchmont will be hosting the annual Ragamuffin Parade. If there is inclement weather the parade will be rescheduled for October 27th. The parade will begin at 1:00 pm and will travel on Larchmont Avenue from Palmer Avenue all the way to Cherry Avenue. Larchmont Avenue from Boston Post Road to Cherry Avenue will be closed at 11:00 a.m. The intersection of Larchmont Avenue and Palmer Avenue will be closed around noon as parade participants will begin to assemble at 12:30 or so. This is typically a large event and usually attracts several hundred people to the area. I remind all residents and motorists to please be careful when traveling and to plan accordingly for this event.
2. Halloween is historically a very busy pedestrian day as kids and parents will be walking around the village while making their way from house to house for trick-or-treating. I would like to remind all residents and motorists to please go slow and be careful especially if you are driving through residential neighborhoods so that potential accidents can be avoided. These are some tips that should be followed to ensure the safety of all:
 - a) We recommend parents accompany trick-or-treaters until the age of 11 or 12 and remember groups of children are always easier for motorists to spot than lone children.
 - b) Please remind children never to cross the road mid-block or between parked cars. Studies show nearly three-quarters of pedestrian deaths occur at places other than the crosswalk. Children should look all ways and listen for traffic before crossing the road or when crossing driveways.
 - c) Make sure masks don't obstruct your child's vision, adjust the length of costumes to avoid tripping and add reflective materials or tape to make kids visible. Please don't wear costumes that are all dark.
 - d) Motorists avoid shortcuts through neighborhoods: If possible, avoid driving through residential streets where it's likely there will be lots of trick-or-treaters present.
 - e) Watch for children on darker streets, medians and curbs. Excited trick-or-treaters may not pay necessary attention to traffic and cross the road in unexpected places.
 - f) If you are driving your children around on Halloween make sure they exit and enter the car on the passenger side of the vehicle.

3. Hurricane season runs through December 1st and Westchester County Executive George Latimer is urging residents to review their emergency plans and obtain critical supplies in case severe weather strikes Westchester during hurricane season. Take the time to prepare for such events so that you have the essential items that you need at home in case a storm hits that causes flooding and power outages. Items can quickly disappear from store shelves when a major storm is approaching or has just occurred. Residents should have several days of food, water, medicine, and other critical supplies like flashlights and batteries on hand in the event that they are stuck inside their homes without power. Residents should also have a “go bag” ready in case they are asked to evacuate on short notice during an emergency and have some cash on hand and a full tank of gas in their vehicle.

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We have seen in recent years how severe storms have caused significant property damage and extended power outages in Westchester so it is always a good idea to hope for the best but plan for the worst. Westchester County Department of Emergency Services Commissioner John Cullen recommends that people create a disaster preparedness kit that includes: one gallon of water per person per day; a three day supply of canned, packaged or other foods that do not need refrigeration or need to be cooked; a manual can opener; flashlights; batteries; a first aid kit and a battery-powered or hand-crank radio.

If you lose power and are operating a generator, please remember the following safety tips: Never run a generator in a basement, garage, porch, or carport. Generators produce carbon monoxide that can quickly become lethal indoors. Only operate a generator outdoors and away from open windows and do not exceed the rated capacity. Overloading your generator can damage it and any appliances connected to it and a fire may occur. If your generator has a detachable fuel tank, remove it before refilling and if this is not possible, shut off the generator and allow it to cool before refilling.

Families also need to consider what additional preparations may be necessary for people who have special needs or who care for the elderly, infants, or pets. Family members also should plan for how they will communicate if local phone service is not available or is overwhelmed by high demand. Other practical tips can be found at keepingsafe.westchestergov.com.

4. 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.
5. In 2018 there were 115 leaf blower complaints resulting in 31 appearance tickets being issued. The remaining 84 complaints resulted in warnings or were discovered to be unfounded.
6. 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.

Fire Chief's Report

Lt. Doherty made the following report for the absent Chief Caparelli.

1. On October 20, 2018 that Fire Dept. will participate in the annual Ragamuffin Parade down Larchmont. Ave. We will be providing hot dogs water and apples to all who attend in conjunction with the recreation Dept. Please wear your beat costumes and join us for a fun event.
2. On October 26, 2018 the Fire Dept. will hold its annual inspection and dinner beginning at 6 PM sharp at the firehouse and continuing at the LYC for dinner. The entire Board is invited to view the men woman and equipment of your fire dept.
3. The Fire Dept. has been working with the water dept. the past two weeks to test all the fire hydrants in the village as well as installing hydrant markers to identify the locations of the hydrants during heavy snow events. Please help us by shoveling a hydrant on or near your property during these winter events
4. We will be recertifying all of our interior class firefighters this Wednesday and Thursday as well as next Monday and Tuesday in front of the firehouse in our personal escape systems (bailout) please stop by and see this vital skill in operation.
5. The career staff will participate in the annual FDNY. Mutual Aid Drill at Randall's Island fire training center along with personnel from numerous other departments from Westchester. This drill tests Westchester's communication and equipment compatibility with the FDNY. As well as response and staging area credentialing.

All equipment and apparatus are in service

All code enforcement and fire inspections are ongoing

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Siegrist made the following report.

1. Treasurer Siegrist stated that, OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) is the post-employment healthcare costs provided separately from a pension plan. The Village's accrued liability in the OPEB is \$25,870.00 and this year's obligation is \$12,050.00. An increase of \$1,510.00 from the previous year. The \$12,050.00 represents the annual amount that has accumulated as underfunded. Last year the Village made contributions of \$780,000.00. The annual cost of the ARC (Annual Required Contribution) was \$2,290.00. The Village's obligation was underfunded \$1,510.00.
Upon conclusion of the presentation, a discussion began on this matter.

2. Capital Audit Financial Statement. Treasurer Siegrist stated she reviewed in the Capital Fund accounts of the year to date CIP (Construction In Progress). She first listed the accumulative expenditure totals then available funds of the following:

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Parks Department:	\$7,228,015/ \$205,667
Public Works:	\$3,818.728/ \$675,044.00
Police Department:	\$84,686/ \$29,435
Water Department:	\$3,787.174/ \$87,302
Sanitation:	\$470,486/ \$230,514
Library:	\$3,283,933/ \$87,302
Technology:	\$817,444/ \$180,000
Building Land Use:	\$161,172
Fire Department:	\$108, 677/ \$1,326
Village Hall:	\$23,935/ \$46,567
Business District	
Comprehensive Plan:	\$8,000/ \$22,000
Totals:	\$19,587.650/ \$1,538,044

A discussion began on this matter and at its conclusion Mayor Walsh thanked Treasurer Siegrist on her efforts.

Trustee Fanelli gave the following report.

Trustees Reports

1. Halloween Window Painting will take place this Friday, October 19th.
2. Ragamuffin Parade will take place this Saturday October 20th. Along the parade route merchants will hand out candy and at the Fire House there be hot dogs. Thanks to Joyce Callahan, Carolyn Lee and Carol Miller.
3. Paddle Clinics are full and are taking a waitlist.
4. Cardio Tennis Clinic are full and Tennis for Tots has been cancelled due to lack of interest.
5. The Fire Department is looking for volunteers. Go to the Fire House to find out on how to join.
6. The Annual Arts Festival took place on September 29th in Constitution Park. This year 92 artists participated.
7. On November 4th there will be the Larchmont Historical Murals Art Walk starting at 2 PM in Lot #3 and will end at the Village Center with a reception.

Trustee Herman made the following report.

1. The Turtle Park Project group has raised the funds for the equipment to make the park handicapped assessable. Fundraising will continue for the interior of the park with "Jam for Turtle" at Hampshire Country Club on November 11th. The band playing that night will be made of fathers who met at Turtle Park. Also an anonymous donor will match any donations up to \$15,000 this week till Sunday, October 21st.
2. The group working on Pine Brook Park upgrade has been doing son with Village staff and the Parks and Trees Committee. 2 new benches are being donated.
3. The Board and staff have been working with the Friends of Larchmont Parks to develop the final design for Constitution Park. Thanks to Mayor Walsh, Parks & Trees co-chairs, Ann Mangone and Toni Porter for their efforts in this matter.

Trustees Reports
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Trustee Frouman gave the following report.

1. The Nautilus Diner will be the location tomorrow for a program presented by the Larchmont-Mamaroneck Local Summit at 7:45 AM. This is part of the Historic Preservation Task Force outreach program. The topic will be "Should Larchmont Adopt Historic Preservation Legislation". The panelists will be HTPF Chair, Mauri Tamarin, 2 representatives from the Preservation League of New York State and the Commissioner of Historic Preservation in Village of Ossining.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Datino made the following report.

1. Con Edison has been ordered by the NYS Public Service Commission to replace 20 miles of gas mains a year. On Boston Post Road between Larchmont and Chatsworth Avenue gas main and service line replacement work has been ongoing since last Monday. The work should be completed by this coming Wednesday. Other gas main work in the Village should be done by November 30th.
2. Over the next few weeks the Village will be doing sidewalk replacement on different streets. Go to the Village website for more information.
3. Hydrant flushing began on October 9th. If residents find their water discolored, run the cold water for a period of time till clear. If laundry was being done during discoloration, come to the Treasurer's office and get Red B Gone to remove the rust color.

RESOLUTION
Approve Tour de
Larchmont date
5/4/2019

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

RESOLVED, to approve May 4th as the date for the 2019 Tour de Larchmont.

RESOLUTION
Approve
Larchmont Run date
6/14/2019

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

RESOLVED, to approve June 14th as the date for the 2019 Larchmont Run/Sprint to Flint.

RESOLUTION
Approve Mam'k Schools
Triathlon date
9/21/2019

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

RESOLVED, to approve September 21, 2019, as the date for the Mamaroneck Schools Foundation to use Flint Park for the Triathlon.

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

RESOLUTION
Accept legal &
maintenance
responsibility for
Brookway

WHEREAS, each year the Village of Larchmont is required to certify certain information about its roads to the State of New York Department of Transportation (DOT), so that DOT may maintain a statewide database of local roads; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Village is adding a local road called Brookway to that database; and

WHEREAS, Brookway is located in the Village, between Pine Brook Drive and Mayhew Avenue; and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Larchmont acknowledges that it accepts legal and maintenance responsibility for Brookway.

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

RESOLUTION
Adopt NYS Sexual
Harassment Policy

RESOLVED, to adopt the New York State Sexual Harassment Policy #502.

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

RESOLUTION
Approve minutes
9/17/2018

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 17, 2019 in the Village Center.

Prior to the vote on the minutes of September 17, 2018, Trustee Frouman submitted corrections to his Trustee report of that meeting;

Line 1: "Larchmont-Mamaroneck local" & "meeting"

Line 2: "Nautilus"

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

RESOLVED, that Abstract Audit Voucher #5, dated October 15, 2018, in the amount of \$75,267.43, per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval of Trustee Herman.

On motion of Trustee Bauer, seconded by Trustee Frouman, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.