

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees of the
Village of Larchmont, N.Y.
held on December 17, 2018

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

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

Mayor Walsh welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:42 PM.

Mayor Walsh made the following announcements.

1. On Thursday December 20th, the Chamber of Commerce will sponsor Shop, Sip, and Stroll from 5-8 PM.
Mayor Walsh wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

The Mayor introduced a 3rd grader from Chatsworth Avenue School, Nate Rotem, who is the Mayor for a Day. Mayor Walsh took Mayor Rotem on a tour of Village Hall and the Police and Fire Departments. Mayor Rotem's favorite part of the tour was the room with the old documents.

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

RESOLVED, to appoint Frank Magneri as Deputy Clerk to fill the vacated term that will expire April 1, 2019.

Next Carolyn Lee, Co-Chair of the Recreation Committee and representing the Traffic Commission, spoke about additional bike lanes in the Village. Ms. Lee said there are 2 proposed areas for the lanes. They are:

1. Chatsworth Ave from Franklin Ave to Addison St.
2. Cherry Ave

The Board began a discussion with Ms. Lee on the proposed bike lanes. Some of the items discussed were: Safety for children riding to the Hommocks, drivers using Chatsworth Ave as a 2 lane road, educating cyclists and motorists and bike racks on the sidewalks and train station parking lots.

Mayor Walsh thanked Ms. Lee, the Recreation Committee and the Traffic Commission for their efforts on the matter. She added Option #1 "Chatsworth Avenue" will be tabled for further discussion with the Recreation Committee and the Traffic Commission.

Mayor's Announcements

Mayor for a Day
Rotem, N.

RESOLUTION
Magneri, F.
Dep. Treasurer

Lee, C.
Bike lanes

RESOLUTION

Approve Option 2
Safe Path to Flint Park

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

RESOLVED, to approve Option2 “Safe Path to Flint Park” of the proposed expansion of bicycle lanes. The vote on resolution was as follows:

Yea: Mayor Walsh, Trustee Herman,
Trustee Frouman, Trustee Bauer
Nay: Trustee Fanelli
Abstain: None

Police Chief’s Report

Chief Poleway gave the following report.

1. New FBI data showed that reported hate crimes in the US rose 17 percent last year for a third consecutive year. Law enforcement agencies reported that 7,175 hate crimes occurred in 2017, up from 6,121 in 2016. That increase was fueled in part by more police departments reporting hate crime data to the FBI, but overall there is still a large number of departments that report no hate crimes to the federal database. The sharp increase in hate crimes in 2017 came even as overall violent crime in America fell slightly, by 0.2 percent, after increases in 2015 and 2016.

In New York State, 552 hate crimes were reported by 74 agencies in 2017, compared with 595 reported incidents by 72 agencies in 2016. The FBI noted that more than 87% of national participating agencies reported no hate crimes in their jurisdiction.

The FBI defines hate crimes as a criminal offense against a person or property motivated in whole or in part by an offender’s bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender or gender identity. The FBI said the hate crime data allows the public, researchers, community leaders and local governments to raise awareness of the issue and gain a more accurate picture of hate crimes, while also allowing law enforcement to develop prevention strategies. Generally speaking, hate crimes are underreported and last year the IACP passed a resolution encouraging law enforcement agencies to collect, analyze and report on hate crimes. This effective conversation and heightened awareness in communities is important and shows that government institutions are prepared to respond effectively to crimes that victimize broadly across our communities.

2. The FBI is also reporting that since the start of 2018, at least 134 law enforcement officers across the U.S. have died while on duty — with 51 of those deaths caused by gunfire. Traffic related accidents accounted for 45 of the deaths and the remaining 38 deaths were the result of other causes such as drownings, falls, fire related incidents, and poisonings. Overall, these numbers reflect a 5% increase from the 2017 statistics and our thoughts and prayers go out to all of the families that have been effected by these tragedies.

Police Chief's Report
Con't.

This past Tuesday a man attempted to murder Wyoming County Sheriff Gregory Rudolph with a knife as the sheriff was on his way to work in uniform in an unmarked car.

Lynn M. Hall, 48, of Castile, was arraigned Tuesday night and is accused of tailgating and then blocking the sheriff's vehicle on Route 238 in Attica. As Sheriff Rudolph exited his vehicle to see if Mr. Hall needed assistance an altercation ensued. Mr. Hall, armed with a knife, wound up on top of the sheriff and threatened and attempted to kill him. During the ground altercation, two civilian newspaper delivery men stopped and assisted the sheriff along with an off-duty New York state trooper and Hall was handcuffed and taken into custody.

Troopers charged Hall with first-degree attempted murder, first-degree attempted assault and second-degree criminal possession of a weapon. Hall was remanded to the Livingston County Correctional Facility on no bail. These type of incidents remind us of the hazards that law enforcement officers around the country face each and every day.

3. Recently there have been several reports of counterfeit bills either being passed or attempting to be passed in Larchmont and in multiple jurisdictions throughout Westchester County. Typically the currency is a \$100 bill and they appear to be high quality reproductions so detecting them can be difficult. I would like to caution all business owners to be careful when accepting \$100 bills and to immediately report any incident to the police department in which you may believe that counterfeit currency is attempting to be passed.
4. The Holidays Season is upon us and residents are reminded to be aware of their surroundings when shopping and conducting business in the Village. The holiday season is a time when busy people can become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. Even though you may be rushed and thinking about many different things, please remember to stay alert. The following tips can help residents be more careful and prepared during this time and should help ensure a joyous holiday season for all:
 - If you are shopping locally and park your car - Do not leave valuables or electronic devices in your car, especially in plain view, as this may entice someone to break into your vehicle.
 - Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. If you are carrying cash, make sure it is in a secure place.
 - If your credit card is lost, stolen or misused. Notify the police and the credit card issuer immediately.

Police Chief's Report
Con't.

Cyber fraud and crimes are also on the rise and residents are reminded to be vigilant for scams designed to steal their money and personal information. As a result...

- Check your credit card statement routinely. If possible, set up a credit card transaction auto alert. It is important to keep checking your account after the holiday season as many fraudulent charges can show up several weeks later.
- If purchasing merchandise online, ensure it is from a reputable source.
- Beware of providing credit card information when requested through unsolicited emails.
- Avoid filling out forms contained in email messages that ask for personal information.
- Do not respond to spam or unsolicited emails or click on links contained in them.

As you are aware, Larchmont is a very safe and convenient place to shop and dine during this season, and we certainly encourage people to come to the Village to do so. All we ask is that people use common sense and be alert when you are here in order to ensure that everyone has a safe and positive experience when in Larchmont.

Also, police officers will be on daily foot patrols in the business districts in an effort to interact with the public and business owners and create a safe environment for those that are conducting business and shopping.

Business owners are reminded to contact the police if they would like an escort while making bank deposits for their businesses at any time during the day.

5. The holidays are known for being merry and bright, but they're also known for being the deadliest season when it comes to drunk driving. Every holiday season, lives are lost due to drunk drivers. An average of 29 people in the United States die in alcohol impaired vehicle crashes every day – that's one person every 50 minutes. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that if you are going to drink alcohol – don't drive. If you are going to consume alcohol, choose a sober designated driver or call a taxi to get home safely. The police department will have additional DWI patrols on duty over the Christmas and New Year holiday to enforce driving while impaired laws to keep all of our motorists and pedestrians safe.
6. As our residents begin to enjoy the holidays, I would like to remind them to stay vigilant in reporting any suspicious activity that may be observed. Our world can often be a violent and unpredictable place. So "If you see something, SAY SOMETHING". If you observe something that may be suspicious, please, do not keep it to yourself - call the Larchmont Police Department at (914) 834-1000 or simply dial 911. Call the 24 hour NYS Terrorism Tips Line at **866 SAFE-NYS (866-723-3697)**

Chief Poleway wished everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chief Caparelli made the following report.

Fire Chief's Report

1. The Larchmont Fire Department has answered 967 requests for assistance thus far in 2018. We are on schedule to reach or exceed 1000 alarms this year ranging in severity and duration. The personnel, both Career and Volunteer have all met or in most cases exceeded NYS Training requirements as prescribed by the OFPC. Our apparatus, with the purchase of a replacement for the aging 1993 Seagrave is now poised to provide the most services and with greater efficiency than ever before. Larchmont residents as well as those who work, visit or shop in Larchmont can expect highly trained, well equipped personnel rendering them aid whether it be Emergency Medical services, Fire Suppression or general assistance. We are looking forward to improving on our services in 2019.
2. Village Code Enforcement has seen steady improvement in areas such as organic waste disposal, sidewalk defect repair and other quality of life violations. Programs such as the 60/40 Program has completed numerous hazard remediations and is already compiling locations for the spring 2019. Café permits, signage and maintenance in the business district has total cooperation of business and building owners alike.
3. Fire Safety Inspections play a large part in identifying and notifying owners of deficiencies in order to keep Larchmont safe for all who live, work or visit. To date we have completed over 200 inspections of both businesses, buildings and public assembly spaces. In 2019 owners can expect more of the same with the Fire Department striving for 100 % compliance with NYS Fire and Property Maintenance Codes, your cooperation is appreciated.
4. Now that we are getting into the winter season, I would remind residents and business owners to shovel sidewalks abutting your property with 24 hours of a snow event. If you have a fire hydrant on or near you property please help your Fire Department by shoveling it out if it should get covered by snow. Treat all downed wires as if they are live, energized, and call 914-834-0600 or 911 if you need emergency assistance.

On behalf of the entire Fire Department staff I would like to wish you Mayor, Village Administrator Datino, the entire Village Board and the residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Trustees Reports

Trustee Frouman made the following report.

1. The Larchmont Mamaroneck Human Rights Committee will be presenting the 32nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Program on Sunday, January 13, 2 to 3:30pm in the Hommocks Middle School auditorium. The theme of this year's program is "Racism Today: Unpacking the Myth of the North/South Divide." The program is being sponsored by CURE, which is the Coalition for Undoing Racism Through Education in partnership with the Mamaroneck School District and will feature two distinguished journalists: John Biewen from the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University and Dr. Chenjerai Kumanyika from the Rutgers University Department of Journalism Studies. Among the topics to be address are: Could Charlottesville Happen Here? and Is Racism—or Was It Ever—a Distinctly Southern Problem? A Q&A session will be included.

Information about free tickets will be posted on the Village website early in January.

Trustee Herman gave the following report.

1. Thanks to the Budget Committee and the review Auditors for attending the work session prior to this evening's meeting
2. Thanks to LMC-TV for the coffee cup gifts presented to the Board before tonight's meeting.

Trustee Fanelli made the following report.

1. Thanks to the LPFFA and the PBA for holding their annual Light Up Larchmont in Constitution Park.
2. On January 19th, at 5 PM, the Volunteer Fire Fighters will hold the Bonfire on Manor Beach. There will be music and refreshments.
3. Paddle clinics are ongoing at the courts in Flint Park. Go to the Village website to sign-up.
4. To have Santa ride by your house on a fire truck, call the non-emergency number, 834-0016.

Trustee Fanelli added Happy Holidays to everyone and shop local.

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

RESOLUTION

Hold Village Elections
3/19/2019

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15-104.1(a) of New York State Village Election Law, the General Village Election shall be held annually on the third Tuesday in March; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 15-104.1(b) of the NYS Election Law, the Village Election shall be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m; and be it further

RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 15-104.3 (c) (1), the polling place for the Village Election District 1 (Town Districts 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 26) which comprises the Village of Larchmont, shall be at Larchmont Village Center, 119 Larchmont Avenue; and be it further

RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 15-116.1, qualified registered voters who reside within Westchester County may be inspectors of election for Village elections held in Larchmont.

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

RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator is authorized to hire up to four (4) election inspectors at an hourly rate of \$20 per hour to inspect the Village Election to be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 P.M.; and be it further

RESOLVED, to authorize the Village Administrator to hire four additional Election Inspectors, if needed, for the Village of Larchmont Elections to be held on March 19, 2019.

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

RESOLVED, to authorize the Village Administrator to execute an Inter Municipal Agreement between the Village of Larchmont and the Town of Harrison whereby the Town of Harrison’s Board of Assessment Review will adjudicate a grievance challenging the assessed valuation of a property in the Village of Larchmont and the Assessor of the Town of Harrison will represent the Village of Larchmont in that proceeding.

Mayor Walsh announced resolutions that were adopted at recent work sessions.

1. Approve hiring Anthony Cappadora and Nicholas Field- Police Department
2. Approve amendment to Employment Agreement w/ Fire Chief

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 19, 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 November 19, 2018.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the work session meeting held on December 4, 2018.

RESOLUTION

Auth. AAdministrator to hire Inspectors for Elections
3/19/2018

RESOLUTION

Auth. AAdministrator to execute IMA w/ Town of Harrison-Board of Assessment Review

Work Session Resolutions

RESOLUTION

Approve minutes
11/19/2018

RESOLUTION

Approve work session minutes
11/19/2018

RESOLUTION

Approve work session minutes
12/4/2018

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

RESOLVED, that Abstract Audit Voucher #7, dated December 17, 2018, in the amount of \$87, 08.15, per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval of Trustee Herman.

Certificate of
Appreciation
Rotem, N.

The Mayor then presented Mayor for a Day, Nate Rotem with a Certificate of Appreciation and thanked him for attending tonight's meeting.

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Herman, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.