

Minutes of the Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees of the
Village of Larchmont, N.Y.
held on Monday, May 20, 2019

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

ABSENT: Mayor Lorraine Walsh Trustee Malcolm Frouman

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

Trustee Herman welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Next Trustee Herman introduced the Mayor for the Day, Lyla Hazan from St. John & Paul's School.

Trustee Herman made the following announcements.

1. Congratulations to Mayor Lorraine Walsh and her husband Michael Berger on the graduation of their children, Veronica and Doug from Tufts University. Veronica graduated Summa Cum Laude and Doug has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship.
2. Congratulations to Treasurer Siegrist on her recent marriage to Eric Gottsmein.

Trustee Herman said in attendance tonight was the Mamaroneck High School Debate Team and their coach. Ken Karas, who won the 2019 New York State Championship in the varsity and novice sections. Trustee Herman and Mayor for the Day Hazan presented the team with proclamations. They are:

Susanna Weber-Team Captain
Charlie Randall
Eleni Orfanos
Stefan Suben
Sonia Suben
Jacob Ross
Nathan Karas
Sonia Suben
Matias McAdams
Jonah McAdams
Anna Epstein
Ella Chinn
Tess Lepelstat
Jacob Miller
Rayeed Rahman
Veronica Rubin
Jackson Owen
Jack Blechman
Jarrod Land
Marissa Lazarus
Anthony Behpour
Julia Zimmerman
Derek DeVito
Ari Kass-Amsterdam
Conrad Runte
Evelyn Plonsker
Kerry Soropoulos

A proclamation was also presented to coach, Ken Karas.

Chief Poleway gave the following report.

1. I would like to remind the public to be on guard against scam phone calls from those who falsely claim to be from the Social Security Administration or a local, state or federal law enforcement agency. Millions of dollars have been stolen by scammers who prey on victims by exploiting the trusted reputation of government agencies, Part of the scam involves caller ID showing the Social Security Administration phone number and New Yorkers of all ages, race and gender have fallen victim. Sophisticated phone scams use the trust victims have in their own governmental and law enforcement agencies against them and victims of this type of phone scam are not limited to senior citizens. These criminals are targeting every strata of society, and every demographic is vulnerable. Typically, victims are contacted by the "Social Security Administration" and advised that their Social Security number has been used to open numerous accounts or is involved in some sort of drug trafficking or money laundering operation.

To protect their money or to avoid being arrested, victims have to send various sums of money to help resolve the situation. The most common forms of payment requested are prepaid gift cards, Bitcoin and bank wire transfers.

In many of the cases, a person posing as a police officer or law enforcement official will intimidate or threaten people to gain compliance. Victims are told that they will be arrested and/or their assets will be frozen.

Scammers have claimed to be NYPD, FBI, NYS Police, and they employ technology called "spoofing" to manipulate the caller IDs. If you are contacted by anyone claiming to represent any such agency and asking for money, you should immediately hang up the phone.

For information about scams, visit The Federal Trade Commission's website <https://www.ftc.gov/>

2. 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 which runs from May 1st through the end of September. 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. This program provides positive reinforcement for children making proper safety decisions as it relates to bike riding and it has been well received the last two years. 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.

3. Our 2019 Coffee With A Cop event which took place on May 5, 2019 at Starbucks and was an unequivocal success, despite it being a dreary and rainy Sunday morning. The event was staffed by Lieutenant Sanchez, Detective Hammond, Officers Calapai and Pennella, along with brief appearances by some of our day tour patrol members. This resulted in a great number of positive interactions, casual conversations, question and answer exchanges and a few good laughs with our local community. The staff at Starbucks were extremely courteous and accommodating in posting our flyers during the weeks leading up to the event and setting up tables and keeping them stocked with free samples for our guests for the duration of the event. They kept everyone excessively caffeinated and the staff expressed that they were pleased with the outcome and are eagerly looking forward to our next scheduled community interaction event.

There are some great photos of the event which will be posted on the Larchmont PBA Facebook page.

4. Just a reminder that as of May 15th and 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.

5. Thursday – May 23rd - 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 during the parade and seek alternative routes of travel, if possible.

6. As of 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.

7. We have received a number of complaints in the last two weeks of larcenies from vehicles in which property is being removed mostly from unlocked cars. Please remember to never leave valuables in plain sight in your vehicle and always lock the doors.

9. 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?

Chief Caparelli made the following report.

1. The Larchmont Fire Department responded to 355 calls for assistance thus far in 2019.
2. Next Month, June 7, 2019 the Larchmont Fire Department will participate in the annual WMD/Hazmat Drill at the Westchester County Fire Training Center in Valhalla. This is an annual drill is preceded by four training sessions in May that test the WMD/Hazmat Squads ability to respond to such an event. Larchmont is part of Squad 2 along with the City of New Rochelle and the Village of Pelham Manor FD. There are 6 such squads around the County which Larchmont, by means of our participation, can call on any or all squads to assist us if such an event should occur here in Larchmont. The drill begins at 0800 hrs. and should conclude by noon. Municipal officials are welcome to observe. Please let me know if you would like to attend.
3. This Thursday at 1900 hrs. Larchmont will kick off our annual Memorial Day parade at the Chatsworth Avenue Bridge and conclude at Village Hall. Please come out to support the Fire Department, your Village Officials, the Military contingent and other participants.
4. I would like to remind all residents now that spring has sprung. Please take note and advise your landscapers to adhere to Village Code 241 which describes collection procedures for organic waste. All organic waste, yard debris, shall be placed out for collection no earlier than sundown on the day before your scheduled collection day. For those residents east of Boston Post Road, organic waste is collected on your second pick up day, Thursday and for those residents West of Boston Post Road your pick up day is Friday.
5. All apparatus are in service and all equipment is operational.

Chief Caparelli said that after 32 years of service to the Village, Lt. Bryan Doherty will be retiring on June 9th from the Fire Department. In recognition of his service, Lt. Doherty has been named Grand Marshal of this year's Memorial Day Parade.

Trustee Bauer gave the following report.

1. From June 1st to September 30th, the Village's Leaf Blower Ban will be in effect. Residents please remind your landscapers.

Trustee Fanelli made the following report.

1. The Fire Department is in need of volunteers. Come to the fire house and speak to the Chief.
2. Memorial Day Parade will take place this Thursday, May 23rd, starting at 7:00 PM.
3. The Larchmont Run, "Sprint to Flint", will take place on June 14th starting with the 1 mile Fun Run followed by the 5K.
4. The Annual 4th of July Races in Flint Park will start at 10:00 AM. Hot dogs will be served by the Larchmont Volunteer Fire Fighters.
5. The Concerts in the Park will begin with the Dixie Dandies on the Fourth of July in Manor Park and continue each Thursday in July at Constitution Park.
6. Thanks to Sean Landau for donating his statue called "No Doubt" for Playhouse Park.

Trustee Herman gave the following report.

1. On April 27th the Parks and Trees Committee held the Arbor Day Ceremony in Turtle Park. The following day the Larchmont Environmental Committee held the Love Your Parks Walk.
2. The Tree Challenge is ongoing. The Village is nearing its goal of 50 trees while the donations are still incoming.

Administrator Datino gave the following Report.

1. The Treasurer's office will be mailing out the tax bills at the beginning of June. Any resident who does not receive their tax bill by June 15th, should contact the Treasurer's office.

On motion of Trustee Herman, seconded by Trustee Fanelli, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, to adopt the 2019 MS4 Stormwater Report.

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Larchmont owns and maintains its own water distribution utility, which includes a pumping station, water storage tank and distribution system that includes approximately 25 miles of water main; and

WHEREAS, there is a 800' section of 6" water main that runs through Flint Park which connects Locust Avenue and Lindsley Drive, this section broke in the Fall of 2016 in an inaccessible location under the Legion Hall and has since been shut off; and

WHEREAS, replacement of the water main will improve overall water quality to the distribution system, restore service to the fire hydrant located in the park as well as the irrigation system used to maintain Flint fields A & B; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of replacing the water main, the Village Board provided funding in the 2019/20 water fund budget for the project and directed staff to proceed with the project: and

WHEREAS, efforts to receive New York State Clean Water Program grant funding were not successful, in an effort to mitigate the high cost of this water main replacement, the Larchmont Water and Public Works Departments plan to perform most of the construction with the assistance of outside professionals as necessary; and

WHEREAS, Woodard & Curran have provided the Village with a proposal for the engineering services to provide construction drawings, department of health permitting services, on-site construction management and other services that may be required to place the new main into service, which has been reviewed by staff and agree to the terms of the agreement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator is herein authorized to execute the attached professional services proposal with Woodard & Curran 709 Westchester Avenue, White Plains,

New York, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, in an amount not to exceed \$17,800 for the engineering services outlined in the May 8, 2019 proposal; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the \$17,800 cost of the engineering services be charged to the appropriate 2019/20 water fund account.

Trustee Herman announced resolutions adopted at recent work sessions

1. Auth. Administrator to enter into agreement w/ C&F Steel Inc.- Pinebrook Stairs.
2. Auth. Administrator to negotiate settlement w/ Peter Tomback- Open Notice of Claim.

Adam Kaufman of Wendt Avenue spoke to the Board on the proposed development by Elk Homes. Mr. Kaufman said he attended the recent meeting between the Board of Trustees and the Planning Board at the Library on this matter. He and his neighbors have many concerns on this proposed building and asked that the Board engage in more dialogue with the residents.

Rich Golden of 31 Wendt Avenue was next to speak on the proposed development. First he added his congratulations on Mayor Walsh's son and daughter's graduation. He then read from the post on the Village website: "For the past several months, the Board has discussed this potential public-private partnership with Elk Homes and has sought input from the Village planning consultant, a local architectural consultant, the Village attorney, as well as from other local stakeholders, including Dr. Shaps." Mr. Golden stated that he considers himself a stakeholder and along with other residents would like to be included in the discussions on the proposed development.

Trustee Herman thanked Mr. Kaufman and Mr. Golden for their comments.

On motion of Trustee Bauer, seconded by Trustee Fanelli, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, to approve the minutes of the work session held on April 22, 2019.

On motion of Trustee Bauer, seconded by Trustee Fanelli, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, that Abstract Audit Voucher #12, dated May 20, 2019, in amount of \$221,374.68, per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval of Trustee Herman, and be it further resolved to approve the payment of previously paid invoices in the amount of \$816, 855.17.

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Bauer, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.