

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees of the
Village of Larchmont, N.Y.
held on Monday, June 17, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Lorraine Walsh
Trustees Carol Casazza Herman
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 to meeting to order at 7:43 PM.

The Mayor introduced the Mayor for a Day, Olivia Ribeiro, a 2nd grader from Murray Avenue School.

Mayor Walsh made the following announcements.

1. Pamela Dubitsky is resigning as Chair of the Library Board of Trustees. Since becoming chair in 2010, Pam has overseen 2 renovations projects and the transition of the former Director, Diane Courtney to the current Library Director Laura Eckley. The Board would like to thank Pam for all her work to make the Larchmont Library one of, if not the best library in the county. Library Board member Lauren Gottfried will be appointed this evening to chair.

On motion of Mayor Walsh, seconded by Trustee Bauer, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED,** to appoint Lauren Gottfried as Chair of the Library Board of Trustees with a term to expire in May 2021, fulfilling the term left vacant by the resignation of the previous chair.

On motion of Trustee Bauer, seconded by Trustee Frouman, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED,** to appoint Casey Halliley as a Member to the Library Board of Trustees with a term to expire in May 2020, fulfilling the term left vacant by the appointment of Member Lauren Gottfried to chair.

The Mayor reminded everyone the Village has many volunteer committees to join. If interested contact the Mayor or the Deputy Clerk.

Chief Caparelli made the following report.

1. The Larchmont Fire Department responded to 430 calls for assistance thus far in 2019.
2. I am pleased to report to you that 3 volunteer firefighters, Peter Fanelli, Theresa Fanelli and Ben Garcia have completed the Westchester County DES EVOC course certifying them to operate an Emergency vehicle on an emergency call for assistance, namely Rescue 1. After some driver training here in Larchmont, the three new operators will increase the ability of Rescue 1 to be deployed to an emergency and support the efforts to assist our residents and visitors alike.
3. Along the same lines, I will be scheduling a Defensive Driving refresher course for all Fire Department operators of Village owned Emergency Vehicles. This is an ongoing requirement for our insurance carrier and has been conducted three years ago.
4. Firefighters John Adams and Richard Valentine of the Career Staff have completed an intensive 5 day course at the NYS Fire Academy in Montour Falls NY Instructors Conference for authorization to teach a multitude of basic firefighting courses. This will enable the department to gain valuable training credentials here in Larchmont rather than travel to offsite locations.
5. Lt. Bryan Doherty has officially retired from the Larchmont Fire Department. I would like to publically wish him many years of happy and healthy retirement. Lt. Doherty's position will be

filled by a capable Officer, John Adams, who will be a great asset to the Village, the Fire Department and the residents.

6. Con Edison will be supplying departments in Westchester with new Gas detection devices to help fire departments better our response and mitigation of gas emergencies prior to Con Ed's arrival. June 25 we will receive training and the new meters to be put into service immediately.

7. 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.

8. The first day of summer is this Friday, June 21 a good time to check your smoke detector and Carbon Monoxide detector batteries. Detectors save lives, please don't be caught unprepared with a dead battery.

All training is ongoing

All apparatus are in service and all equipment is operational.

Mayor Walsh spoke about letter she received from a resident on Beach Avenue who wanted to thank the firefighters who responded to his house. He didn't know their names but gave a physical description. They are Lt. Tony Martyn and Firefighter John Adams.

Next Chief Caparelli introduced FF John Adams who is being promoted to the office of lieutenant, replacing the retired Lt. Bryan Doherty.

Mayor Walsh and Mayor for a Day Ribeiro administered the Oath of Office to Lt. Adams.

Trustee Fanelli congratulated Lt. Adams and acknowledged past Fire Chief, Don Keck in attendance.

Chief Poleway gave the following report.

1. The New York State Office of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Services announced the launch of the "Develop a Plan" campaign on May 15th, which encourages adults to develop a plan with teens and young adults to get out of dangerous situations involving drugs and alcohol. It also encourages adults to talk to young people about not using drugs and alcohol, since peer pressure can be challenging and being prepared with a plan can help. The launch of the program coincides with prom and graduation season.

The campaign builds on efforts to raise awareness about alcohol and drug use among young people in order to make sure teenagers make the right decisions and have the information and resources they need to ensure their health and safety. The 'Develop A Plan' campaign is one of many steps being taken to educate young people as part of the overall goal to tackle an addiction crisis that is impacting communities across the state. Alcohol and drugs can have numerous negative consequences for young people. Being proactive and discussing the risks surrounding substance use and developing a plan are important ways for adults to take an active role in prevention efforts.

New Yorkers struggling with an addiction, or whose loved ones are struggling can find help and hope by calling the state's toll free, 24 hour, 7 days a week hotline at 1-877-8-HOPENY (1-877-846-7369). Available addiction treatment including crisis / detox, inpatient, community residence, or outpatient care can be found at FindAddictionTreatment.ny.gov.

2. Larchmont police officers are continuing to encourage bicycle safety through the Skull Patrol. As you are aware, it 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 have been rewarding kids who are wearing their helmets properly and practicing safe cycling habits by giving them "tickets" for donated items and they can be redeemed from local businesses within the Village. Our officers have handed out over a hundred(s) tickets and this program continues to be well received by the kids. The tickets can be redeemed at various businesses throughout the Village.

3. 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. The police department has been actively educating landscapers about this ordinance and enforcement efforts have begun in order to gain compliance from violators for this quality of life issue. The leaf blower ban and village code section refer to gas powered leaf blowers and not electric or battery operated ones. Those are permitted to be used within the village.

4. Since April 1st, the police department has responded to 62 burglar alarms, 33 motor vehicle accidents, 56 aided cases, and 431 other calls for service. There have also been a total of 17 penal law and vehicle and traffic law arrests that resulted in multiple misdemeanor and felony charges.

5. I have long been an advocate of reporting suspicious activity. Safeguard New York is an outreach initiative designed to educate individuals, community groups, and other public and private sector organizations on how to recognize and report suspicious activity. Safeguard New York promotes the “See Something, Say Something” campaign and the State’s Terrorism Tip Line (1-866-SAFE NYS – 1-866-723-3697). Information is also provided on the eight signs of terrorism.

Just a reminder that you can also “See Something, Send Something” which allows anyone to capture suspicious activity as a photo or written note, and send the information to the New York State Intelligence Center. From there, the tip will be reviewed and if relevant, sent to the appropriate law enforcement agency. The application, which can be downloaded for free for iPhone and Android phone users, can be downloaded at www.NY.gov/SeeSendNY.

That concludes the police department report for this evening. Are there any questions?

Next Attorney Staudt presented to the Board three proposed tax certiorari settlements. He stated they have been reviewed and requested Board authorization to proceed with the settlements.

On motion of Trustee Herman, seconded by Trustee Bauer, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, to authorize the Village Attorney to proceed with the three following tax certiorari settlements:

Wachovia/Wells Fargo, 1938-1945 Palmer Avenue (6/2/63), \$37,074.13.

Howell Associates, 128-144 Chatsworth Avenue (6/2/834), \$5,060.96.

El-Tech Technology, Inc., 7 Woodland Avenue (6/3/299), \$21,422.47.

Treasurer Siegrist made the following report.

1. The audit process has begun with the pre-audit recently completed. Auditors will return in October.

Trustee Frouman made the following report.

1. The Historic Preservation Task Force has applied for a grant from the Preservation League of New York to help underwrite an historic survey of the entire Village. The results should be in soon.

Trustee Herman gave the following report.

1. The Parks and Trees Committee program, Trees for Larchmont, continues to be a success. There have been 40 public trees planted and dozens privately. Thanks to Karen Hall for her efforts on this program.

Trustee Fanelli made the following report.

1. The Fire Department needs volunteers. If interested contact Chief Caparelli.

2. Congratulations to Ben Garcia, Theresa Fanelli and Peter Fanelli for completing the Westchester County DES EVOC course. Ms. Fanelli is the first Larchmont female volunteer to complete the course.

3. The Larchmont Run took place this past Friday evening with over 800 runners participating. Thanks to Carolyn Lee, Joyce Callahan, PD, FD, DPW, VAC and Trustee Frouman for the pictures.
4. The Larchmont Tennis Team has reached the finals. Thanks to Annie O'Conner and Carol Miller.
5. The Annual 4th of July Race will take place in Flint Park from 10AM to noon. There will be hot dogs and water given out.
6. The Concerts in the Park will begin with the Dixie Dandies in Manor Park on the 4th of July. The other concerts will take place each Thursday in July in Constitution Park. Thanks to Ken Dirks for his efforts.
7. Thanks to Sean Landau for his sculpture "No Doubt" for Playhouse Park.
8. Larchmont Day will take place on September 14th and the Arts Festival in October.

Mayor Walsh said that more sculptures will be coming when the renovation of Constitution Park is completed in October.

On motion of Trustee Frouman, seconded by Trustee Fanelli, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 15, 2019.

On motion of Trustee Bauer, seconded by Trustee Fanelli, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, to approve the minutes of the work session meeting held on April 15, 2019.

On motion of Trustee Bauer, seconded by Trustee Frouman, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, to approve the minutes of the work session meeting held on May 6, 2019.

On motion of Trustee Herman, seconded by Trustee Bauer, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, to approve the list of invoices for payment, dated June 17, 2019, in the amount of \$327,359.14.

Mayor Walsh thanked the Mayor for a Day Olivia Ribeiro for her assistance with the meeting.

On motion of Trustee Frouman, seconded by Trustee Bauer and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:17PM.