

Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Of the Board of Trustees of the  
Village of Larchmont, N.Y.  
**held on Monday, August 19, 2019**

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

**ABSENT:** Trustee Sarah Bauer

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

Mayor Walsh welcomed all in attendance and called to meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

The Mayor made the following announcements.

1. The storm that hit late this afternoon brought lightning and flooding in the Village.
2. The Board received a letter of commendation for the Fire Department. Firefighters, John Adams, Daniel Rosenberger and Rich Valentine were praised by residents for acting as true professionals, with compassion and concern – valuable qualities that are increasingly rare today.
3. Condolences to the family of Phyllis Schoenberger, a long-time member of the Beautification Committee who passed away this weekend.

Chief Caparelli gave the following report.

1. The Larchmont Fire Department responded to 635 calls for assistance thus far in 2019. I am pleased to report to you that our newest career firefighter, James Montemarano, hired August 12, 2019 has started the Westchester County Career Fire Academy today and will graduate on December 20, 2019 after 18 weeks of intense training in all areas of firefighting, medical, rescue, apparatus operation and hazmat responses. James will then undergo approx. 4 weeks of in-house training and start his regular shift in January 2020. The addition of James Montemarano to the Fire Department staff brings the number of on – duty career firefighters to 15. These firefighters are available to serve our residents 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for fire, ems, hazardous material and water related emergencies.
  2. The Volunteer staff participated in the annual BBQ at Blythdale Children’s Hospital on August 16, 2019. There were many departments represented at this event which brings friendship and a fun day to the children at the hospital. There was plenty of food, games, and an overall good time bringing some joy into the children’s lives while undergoing their hospital stay.
  3. Over the next two weeks the fire department will be undergoing annual ladder testing of all our ground and aerial ladders as well as annual pump testing of all onboard apparatus fire pumps. This testing ensures all equipment is fully compliant with the latest standards and fully operational for immediate deployment during an emergency.
  4. The renovation of the career staff’s bunkroom is nearly complete. The floors were refinished, paneling removed, sheetrock installed and painted, dropped ceiling removed and new lights and fans installed. New furniture was purchased and is now in use by the career staff during overnight shifts. Most of the work was performed by the career staff and costs were kept to a minimum. On behalf of the career staff, I would like to thank the Village administrator and the entire Board for their cooperation in allowing this work to proceed, the Volunteer staff for the use of their bunkroom during the renovation, the Public Works staff for removing most of the debris and for storing Engine 34 in their garage allowing us a space downstairs for the material and the Sanitation staff for allowing us to dispose of the remainder of the debris.
- All training is ongoing and all apparatus are in service and all equipment is operational.

The Chief spoke about this afternoon's storm. One house was struck by lightning along with a Con Ed substation. A fire engine had to drive through high water in Flint Park to help motorists who could not drive out.

Trustee Fanelli made the following report.

1. The Fire Department is in need of volunteers. If interested go to: [www.larchmontfire.net](http://www.larchmontfire.net).
2. If anyone would like to volunteer help out at any of the Village's events through the year, join the Event Team. Call Trustee Fanelli at 407-2387.
3. Thanks to the volunteers firefighters from Larchmont, Town & Village of Mamaroneck, Harrison and Purchase who attended the event at Blythdale Children's Hospital.
4. This year's Concerts in Constitution Park were a big success. Thanks to Ken Dirks, Nili Asherie and the sponsors.
5. Larchmont Day will take place on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 5PM. There will be games, rides and food trucks.
6. The Arts Festival will take place Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. To sign up go to the Village website.
7. Cardio Tennis in Flint Park will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To sign-up go to the Village website.
8. The PBA recently held their annual golf outing. Thanks to Sgt. Ron Knudsen for a great event.

Mayor Walsh made additional announcements.

1. Pickle Ball Clinics are available for on-line registration and can be paid with PayPal.
2. Thanks to the Police Department for hosting another Coffee with a Cop at the Farmer's Market on August 3rd.

Administrator Datino gave the following report.

1. Last week Con Ed paved Boston Post Road from Chatsworth to Larchmont Avenue to repair the road from their gas line work.
2. This Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, milling and paving will begin in the Village. No parking signs will be posted on those streets where work will be done. Go to the website for the list of streets.
3. The Pine Brook steps are set to be installed this week. The new staircase will be made of galvanized metal for durability.
4. DPW continues to paint street lines, crosswalks and bike lanes in the Village prior to school opening.

On motion of Trustee Herman, seconded by Trustee Fanelli and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, to authorize the Village Attorney to proceed with the 3 following tax certiorari settlements:

Abbey LLC, 2400 Boston Post Road, (6/15/37) \$419.51.

Raytown Realty LLC, 125 Larchmont Avenue/2109 Boston Post Road, (7/5/8) \$20,252.64.

447 Webster Avenue Holding Co., LLC, 2406 Boston Post Road, (6/15/32), \$6,073.96.

Mayor Walsh said that there are two proposed local laws that the Board will be scheduling public hearings for this evening. Both proposed laws have been posted on the website calendar.

On motion of Trustee Frouman, seconded by Trustee Herman and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, that a Public Hearing is hereby scheduled by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Larchmont to be held in the Court Room in Village Hall on Monday, September 16, 2019, at 7:30 PM to review a proposed local law, an amendment to Chapter 381: Zoning of the Larchmont Village Code, attached hereto and made a part hereof; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to advertise said Public Hearing.

The Mayor stated that the proposed local law will be posted on the Centro page of the website.

On motion of Trustee Herman, seconded by Trustee Fanelli and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, that a Public Hearing is hereby scheduled by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Larchmont to be held in the Court Room in Village Hall on Monday, September 16, 2019, at 7:30 PM to review a proposed local law, added to Chapter 215 of the Larchmont Village Code, new section 215-13A, attached hereto and made a part hereof; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to advertise said Public Hearing.

Prior to the vote on the Public Hearing regarding Chapter 215 of the Village Code, Mayor Walsh announced added language to the proposed amendment:

Title:

(1) "**Removal of Signage;**" Covering Required

Paragraph 1-Line 3- between shall-place:

***remove all signage from windows, including windows in doors, and***

Mayor Walsh stated there were no resolutions adopted at the recent work session. The Mayor reminded everyone that work sessions are opened to the public and the dates and times may be found on the calendar on the Village website.

Next Michael Gottfried addressed the Board. Mr. Gottfried said he viewed the Village's June water bill from New York City and the purchases were lowest in 25 years. He congratulated the Board, especially Trustee Herman for their efforts concerning the Village's water consumption. Mr. Gottfried thanked Administrator Datino, Rick Vetere and the Water Department for finding and repairing leaks throughout the Village. He added that with the aid of Frank Longo in the Treasurer's office, residents have been able to recognize their own water problems and correct them.

Mayor Walsh thanked Mr. Gottfried for his many years of work with water in Larchmont. She added thanks to Trustee Herman, Administrator Datino, Frank Longo and the Water Department.

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Frouman, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED,** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 22, 2019.

On motion of Trustee Herman, seconded by Trustee Frouman, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED,** that Abstract Audit Voucher #3, dated August 19, 2019, in the amount of \$308,403.61, per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval of Trustee Herman.

Trustee Fanelli wished everyone a great Labor Day.

On motion of Trustee Herman, seconded by Trustee Frouman, and unanimously carried the meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.