

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Trustees of the
Village of Larchmont, N.Y.
held on Monday, October 21, 2019
at the Village Center, 119 Larchmont Avenue

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

ABSENT: Trustee Malcolm Frouman, Administrator Datino

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

Mayor Walsh welcomed all in attendance and called to meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

The Mayor made the following announcements.

1. On Thursday October 24th at 3:30PM, there will be a small groundbreaking ceremony for the Constitution Park Renovation.
2. The Historic Preservation Task Force will hold a meeting in the Village Center on Tuesday, October 29th at 7:30 PM. Through the Preservation League of New York, the HPTF was awarded a grant to an historic survey of the Village. Larson Fisher Associates of Woodstock, NY has been hired to perform the survey and will be in attendance.

Mayor's Announcements

Chief Poleway made the following report.

1. 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 County 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. More information on storm preparedness can be found at www.westchestergov.com or www.FEMA.gov
2. The Ragamuffin Parade has been rescheduled for this Saturday - October 27th. The parade will begin at 2:00 pm and will travel on Larchmont Avenue from Palmer Avenue all the way to Village Hall. Larchmont Avenue from Boston Post Road to Cherry Avenue will be closed at 1:00 p.m. Larchmont Avenue from Center Avenue to Palmer Avenue will be closed around 1:30 p.m. as parade participants will begin to assemble in this area. This is typically a large event and usually attracts several hundred people to the village. I remind all residents and motorists to please be careful when traveling and to plan accordingly for this event.

Police Chief's report

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3. This 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) 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.

This Halloween, we urge parents to be ever vigilant in checking their children's candy before allowing them to consume those treats. There have been reports of THC-laced Halloween candy. THC is the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana that gives users the "high" sensation. Drug laced edibles are packaged like regular candy and may be hard to distinguish from the real candy.

4. Saturday October 26th the Larchmont Police Department in conjunction with the Town of Mamaroneck Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration, will be hosting collection sites for "Drug Take Back Day" which allows for unused or expired prescription drugs and medications to be dropped off for proper disposal. The collection sites will be inside the Larchmont Village Hall lobby and at the Town of Mamaroneck Police Department from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and all are welcome to stop by and dispose of their unwanted prescriptions. This program is extremely beneficial because it offers a safe and environmentally friendly way to dispose of these often dangerous drugs as we continue to see the abuse of prescription medications rise throughout the nation, especially among our youth. More information about this program and additional collection sites can be obtained by visiting www.dea.gov.

5. On Friday, I will be traveling to Chicago to attend the 126th International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference and Exposition. Since 1893, the IACP has been shaping the law enforcement profession and the Annual Conference and Exposition has been the foundation, providing leaders with new strategies, techniques, and resources needed to successfully navigate the evolving policing environment. The Conference provides a platform, where we will have exclusive access to law enforcement's leading tacticians, veteran experts, and equipment suppliers, as well as thousands of fellow chiefs and future leaders. It is a unique opportunity to spend four days with law enforcement leaders from around the globe as we address the most pressing challenges facing law enforcement today.
6. The Larchmont Police Department will be hosting another coffee-with-a-cop event this Friday – October 25th – from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at La Parisienne Café located at 2116 Boston Post Road. Police and community members can come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee. We encourage our residents to stop by to say hello and enjoy a cup of coffee with some of our officers. Information is available on the police department's website at www.Larchmontpolice.org or the village website at www.villageoflarchmont.org
7. Leaf Blower – 2019 TOTALS - From June 1 to September 30 there were:
 - 85 calls referencing a Leaf Blower violation
 - 57 calls were either unfounded or no violation observed
 - 8 calls were determined to be other equipment being operated
 - 13 calls were electric leaf blowers being used
7. Summonses issued to individuals using a gas powered leaf blower.
8. See something – Say something – 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.

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To fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Police Officer Michael Walsh, I am pleased to present newly hired police officer Sean Michael Kenny. Mr. Kenny was hired on September 6, 2019. He is 33 years of age, married, resides in Huntington, New York, and holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Saint John's University. He was formerly employed by the New York State Park Police and held the rank of sergeant.

As a result of Mr. Kenny being a member of a law enforcement agency he was available to accept appointment immediately and it was not necessary to enroll him in the Westchester County Police Academy.

Officer Kenny demonstrated excellent communication skills during his interview process, and displayed good judgment and an understanding of the police role as it applies to the Village of Larchmont. He has completed his Field Training and has assumed full patrol duty assignments.

Madam Mayor, members of the board – I present to you Police Officer Sean Michael Kenny.

Mayor Walsh then administered the Oath of Office to Officer Kenney.

Oath of Office
Kenny, S.
Police Dept.

RESOLUTION

McDonald, L.
Environmental Comm.

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

RESOLVED, to appoint Lisa McDonald as Co-Chair to the Larchmont Environmental Committee.

Fire Chief's Report

Chief Caparelli made the following report.

1. The Larchmont Fire Department responded to 806 calls for assistance thus far in 2019.

On October 12, 2019 the Larchmont Fire Department visited and offered some fire safe advice to the first Larchmont Troop 4 Boy Scouts of America camp out in Flint Park. The Scouts were excited to see Lt. John Adams and FF. Sean Allen visit and answer questions, demonstrate some equipment and show off one of our Fire Apparatus. Scoutmaster Drew Mason was very appreciative.

2. On November 4, 2019 the Larchmont Fire department will participate in the annual Mutual Aid and Mobilization drill along with 12 other departments from around Westchester County. Westchester County DES along with the NYS OFPC conduct this drill to prepare the fire service for the possibility of a large scale event occurring in Westchester County. Topics will include verifying department and personnel credentials at the Cross County Shopping Center then mobilization and response to the DES Training facility and a drill to test the skills and personnel in various disciplines. This is an invaluable opportunity for our personnel to gain knowledge and experience in responding to and operating at a large scale event.
3. Lt. John Adams and FF Rich Valentine attended a week long training seminar where they both were certified to teach NYS Rescue Tech Basic and Water Rescue Awareness to our firefighters here in Larchmont. This is the first time Larchmont personnel were able to instruct and issue NYS credentials for what was previously only available through the OFPC at Montour Falls. Both Lt. Adams and FF Valentine will continue to gain instructor level accreditation to teach courses recognized by NYS here in Larchmont opening up more courses to our personnel while on duty.
4. The Annual Fire Department Inspection and Dinner will be held this Friday October 25 at 6 pm at the LSC. Equipment and personnel will be inspected in front of the fire house followed by a dinner at the LSC. I look forward to seeing some of you there.
5. Fire Prevention Week is was October 6-12 and the theme was "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" This year's campaign recognizes the everyday people who motivate their households to develop and practice a home fire escape plan; these seemingly basic behaviors can have life-saving impact. To this end our on duty staff has been and is still conducting fire prevention classes here in the firehouse and at the local schools focusing on this theme as well as other basic fire safety messages.

All training is ongoing, all apparatus are in service and all equipment is operational.

Treasurer Siegrist made the following report.

1. The Court Audit was completed.
2. The Village Audit took place last week and will be completed in two weeks.

Treasurer's Report

Mayor Walsh said that at this evening's meeting, the public hearing, adjourned from the September 16th meeting for a Zoning amendment, will be reopened. The Mayor asked that anyone who spoke at the September 16th meeting and wishes to address the Board this evening, to please keep their comments brief so others can be heard. Mayor Walsh added that all comments made on this proposed amendment whether by e-mail or during the public hearing, will be taken under consideration by the Board.

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

RESOLVED, to reopen the Public Hearing adjourned on September 16, 2019, to review and take comments on a proposed amendment to Chapter 381: Zoning Code of the Village of Larchmont.

RESOLUTION

Reopen Public Hearing
Adjourned on 9/16/19
Ch. 381-Zoning code

The following addressed the meeting on the proposed law and development.

1. Kate Bialo, Better Larchmont
Read prepared statement-See Attached
2. Jennifer Gray, Keane & Beane representing Preserve Larchmont
3. Kelly Brock, Preserve Larchmont
4. Carla Porter, 8 Woodbine Ave
5. Syrette Dym, 52 Wendt Ave
Read prepared statement-See Attached
6. Rich Golden, 31 Wendt Ave
7. Adam Kaufman, 17 Wendt Ave
8. Ruth Bradley, 40 Vanderburgh Ave
9. Steve Keltz, 205 Larchmont Ave
10. Todd Harrington, 40 Vanderburgh Ave
11. Alex Perrachon, 45 Mayhew Ave
12. Valerie O'Keefe, 2 Washington Sq
13. David Kriss, 15 Woodbine Ave
14. Michael Edelstein, 5 Soundview Dr
15. Michael Gottfried, 16 Ocean Ave
16. Rod Reef, Larchmont Ave
17. Carol Akin, 1226 Palmer Ave
18. Neil Rotem
19. Cynthia Valente, Palmer Jewelers

Residents-P.H.

- Bialo, K.
- Gray, J.
- Brock, K.
- Porter, C.
- Dym, S.
- Golden, R.
- Kaufman, A.
- Bradley, R.
- Keltz, S.
- Harrington, T.
- Perrachon, A.
- O'Keefe, V.
- Kriss, D.
- Edelstein, M.
- Gottfried, M.
- Reef, R.
- Akin, C.
- Rotem, N.
- Valente, C.

Some topics speakers addressed the Board on: pedestrian and vehicle traffic, water runoff & high water tables, Board soliciting other developers for property in question, dangers of current & future driveways in Lot #10, school congestion, current and future infrastructure problems, marketing to empty nesters, developers estimated tax revenues, heating source of proposed development, SEQRA, rock removal, problems for merchants with the current rebuilding of 1912 Palmer Ave, water rising from the ground at 1912 Palmer Ave, size of the proposed structure, future developments, impact on the environment, deliveries to building residents, other developers interested in building above Lot# 1.

Gary Hirsch, Elk Chatsworth was next to speak. He stated that the building will be heated by gas. This project was filed with Con Edison prior to the moratorium on new gas hook ups.

Hirsch, G.
Elk Chatsworth

To listen to comments go to:

https://lmctv.org/videos_list/village-of-larchmont-board-of-trustees-meeting-10-21-19/

and click on both Items labeled #3.

RESOLUTION

Adjourned P.H. to
11/18/2019

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

RESOLVED, to adjourn the Public Hearing to Monday, November 18, 2019, at 7:30PM.

Mayor's comments

The Mayor thanked everyone for their comments. She spoke on some of the topics addressed.

- a) There have been no promises made by any member of the Board. The reason for having these public meetings is to do it in an open way.
- b) The Board cannot recruit other developers for this project because the property is owned by Elk Homes.
- c) The Village entered into agreement with Frederick P. Clark & Assoc. to study and review the traffic issues with the proposed development.
- d) The reason for the delay on the empty 1912 Palmer Avenue lot, was that the buildings on both sides were leaning on the old structure and needed to be shored up.
- e) The developer who wants to build a children's play area & an indoor sport facility above Lot #1, are several local residents and business owners who perceived a need in the community. They asked to come to a work session to present their proposal and that's all. This is the process.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Fanelli gave the following report.

1. Thanks to everyone who worked on Larchmont Day in September.
2. The Arts Festival was well attended with 78 artists participating.
3. Thanks to everyone for the Halloween Window Painting of the local store windows.
4. The Ragamuffin Parade had to be rescheduled to this upcoming Sunday because of rain. Thanks to Joyce Callahan.
5. Paddle Tennis Clinics are available by going to the Village website.
6. Youth Paddle Tennis Clinics are now available by going to the website to sign-up.

RESOLUTION

2018-19 Court Audit

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

RESOLVED, that the Village Board herein acknowledges completion and receipt of the independent audited financial statements for the Larchmont Village Court accounts for the year ending 5/31/2019, consistent with Section 219-a of the Uniformed Justice Court Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Village Clerk is directed to forward a copy of said audit and a certified copy of this resolution to the Internal Control Liaison, of the NYS Office of Court Administration.

Mayor Walsh announced resolutions adopted at recent work sessions.

1. Authorize Administrator to execute agreement w/ Passport Labs, Inc.
2. Authorize Commercial Appraisal
3. Approve Salary Increases Non-Union Employees
4. Auth. Administrator Execute Agreement w/ Provident Design/Turtle Park Intersection
5. Auth. Administrator Execute Contract w/ T. Casale, Inc.- Constitution Park Renovation
6. Auth. Administrator Execute Change Order #1 w/ T. Casale, Inc. Constitution Park

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 16, 2019.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the work session meeting held on September 23, 2019.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the work session meeting held on October 7, 2019.

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

RESOLVED, that Abstract Audit Voucher #5, dated October 21, 2019, in the amount of \$491,068.20, per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to review of Trustee Herman.

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Bauer, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:37PM.

Work Session Resolutions

RESOLUTION

Approve **m**inutes
9/16/2019

RESOLUTION

Approve **w**ork session
minutes
9/23/2019

RESOLUTION

Approve **w**ork session
minutes
10/7/2019