

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Trustees of the
Village of Larchmont, N.Y.
held on Monday, December 16, 2019

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

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

Mayor Walsh welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:54PM.

The Mayor said this coming Thursday the Larchmont Chamber of Commerce will sponsor, "Shop, Sip and Stroll", from 5:30PM to 8:00PM. Shoppers can park and board a trolley to ride around to stores in the Village where they will find libations and treats. She asked residents to support the local businesses.

The Mayor extended holiday wishes to all residents and business owners.

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

RESOLVED, to adjourn the Public Hearing on the proposed local law to amend Chapter 381: Zoning of the Larchmont Village Code to January 13, 2020.

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

RESOLVED, to open the Public Hearing to consider a proposed local law to amend Chapters 229 and 283, of the sewers and water laws of the Village of Larchmont.

Mayor Walsh asked if anyone in attendance would like to comment on this proposed local law. There were none. The Mayor asked the Board if they would like to comment. The Board had no comments.

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

RESOLVED, to close the public hearing.

Mayor's Announcements

RESOLUTION

Adjourn P.H. Ch. 381
Zoning

RESOLUTION

Open Public Hearing
Amend Ch. 229 & 283
Sewers & Water laws

RESOLUTION

Close P.H.

RESOLUTION
Adopt L.L-3-2019
Sewers & Waters Law

On motion of Trustee Herman, seconded by Trustee Fanelli, and unanimously carried, it was:
RESOLVED, to adopt Local Law No. 3-2019, to amend Ch. 229 & 283, Sewer and Water Laws.

LOCAL LAW No. 3- 2019

**A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND
THE SEWERS AND WATER LAWS
OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF LARCHMONT,
CHAPTERS 229 AND 283,
BY MODIFYING CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATED TO
SANITARY SEWER RENTS AND WATER RENTS**

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Larchmont as follows:

Section One. Section 229-13.C of Chapter 229 of the Code of the Village of Larchmont is hereby deleted and amended to read as follows:

§ 229-13. Sanitary sewer rents; payment schedule.

C. (Reserved)

Section Two. Section 229-17.B of Chapter 229 of the Code of the Village of Larchmont is hereby revised in its entirety to read as follows:

§ 229.17. Lien; penalty for nonpayment.

B. If sewer rents are not paid by the due date thereof, a penalty of 10% of the quarter annual sewer rent charge will be added thereto.

Section Three. Section 283-21 of Chapter 283 of the Code of the Village of Larchmont is hereby revised in its entirety to read as follows:

§ 283-21. Billing.

Bills will be rendered quarterly on or about the 1st of June, September, December, and March of each year.

Section Four. Section 283-22 of Chapter 283 of the Code of the Village of Larchmont is hereby revised in its entirety to read as follows:

§ 283-22. Payment of water rents; late penalty.

Water rents for use of water from the village water system or water mains shall become due and payable to the village quarter annually on July 15, October 15, January 15, and April 15 of each year. If water rents are not paid by the due date thereof, a penalty of 10% of the quarter annual water rent charge will be added thereto.

Section Five. Severability. If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or other portion of this Local Law is, for any reason, declared invalid, in whole or in part, by any court, agency, commission, legislative body or other authority of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate distinct and independent portion. Such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof, which other portions shall continue in full force and effect.

Section Six. Effective Date. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Mayor Walsh said water bills will be mailed out soon. There will be an insert in the current water bills instructing residents on how to pay on-line and also opt for paperless bills.

Chief Poleway made the following report.

Police Chief's report

1. 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.

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 and beware of providing credit card information when requested through unsolicited emails.
- 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.

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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.

2. With the increase of online shopping, many residents are having packages delivered to their homes. As these shipments increase so do the opportunities for criminals to steal your merchandise from your doorstep. When you increase opportunities, which is natural during the holiday season, we can expect to see a rise in the incidents of theft. According to package theft statistics, each year more than 23 million Americans have their packages stolen. There are certain steps that can be taken to minimize the risk of having your merchandise stolen:

- 1. Have Packages Delivered to Your Workplace or a trusted friend or neighbor's house.**

If you know you'll either be out of the house or on vacation at the time of a scheduled delivery see if a neighbor or friend can either pick it up and hold it for you or put it in a designated hiding spot.

- 2. Install a Front Door Security Camera to Prevent Package Theft**

Security cameras pointing at your front door, hallway or driveway is better than no camera at all. A security camera will serve as a great deterrent for criminals and it helps to prevent package theft, especially visible HD security cameras.

- 3. Require a Signature on Delivery**

To prevent your package being stolen off the porch, ask for **signature delivery**. If your package is delivered by UPS, consult your sender and require a delivery confirmation signature.

- 4. Track it**

Tracking systems used by shipping companies are getting smarter. Using online tracking is one of the easiest and most convenient ways to keep an eye on any shipment. Most websites even include a specified time of drop off rather than just the day and will also notify you of any delays or if the item is being held at a local facility for pickup.

5. Have the Post Office Hold it

You can ask your local post office to hold any deliveries there until you can pick them at your own convenience. With this option they will often text or email you to let you know it's ready for pickup. The only caveat being if they have it for too long they will ship it back the sender, so don't delay too much.

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3. 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.
4. The FBI is reporting that since the start of 2019, at least 119 law enforcement officers across the U.S. have died while on duty — with 47 of those feloniously killed. Deaths from traffic related accidents, drownings, falls, fire related incidents, heart attacks, and poisonings accounted for the remaining 72 officer deaths. 109 of the deceased officers were male, 10 female, and their average age was 43 and their average tour of duty was 13 years and 8 months of service. When preparing this report over a week ago, there were 116 line of duty deaths, but over the past week, three additional officers were killed in the line of duty. On December 10th, Detective Joseph Seals of the Jersey City Police Department was shot and killed at 12:30 pm in a Bayview Cemetery after encountering two subjects, a man and woman, in a van that was linked to a homicide in Bayonne, New Jersey.

During the encounter, Detective Seals was shot in the back of the head. The two subjects then fled in the stolen van and eventually barricaded themselves inside of a kosher grocery store on Martin Luther King Drive. They murdered three people inside of the store and then engaged responding officers in a prolonged shootout for several hours in which two officers were wounded. Detective Seals is survived by his wife and five children and he will be laid to rest tomorrow morning. Also on December 10th, Sergeant Kaila Sullivan of the Nassau Bay Police Department in Texas was intentionally struck and killed with a vehicle driven by an individual she was trying to arrest on a domestic violence warrant. Sergeant Sullivan is survived by her partner and son. On December 12th, Constable Ray Hawkins of the Panola County Constable's Office in Mississippi was assisting in a stolen vehicle pursuit when the stolen vehicle struck his patrol car causing him to suffer fatal injuries. Constable Hawkins had served in law enforcement for 29 years. His son is a police officer with the Batesville Police Department and was one of the first officers on scene following the crash. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of the families that have been effected by these tragedies.

Fire Chief's report

5. Also, 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)**

This concludes my report for this evening. Thank you and may you and your families enjoy a safe and healthy holiday season.

Chief Caparelli gave the following report.

1. The Larchmont Fire Department responded to 949 calls for assistance thus far in 2019. We are poised to break last year's totals of 1004 alarms in 2018. One alarm that deserves mention. A call came in reporting smoke in the residence at 0118 on November 24, 2019. Upon arrival, Lt. Martyn, FF.'s Forrest, Valentine and Ettore found smoke coming from the walls surrounding the fireplace on the first floor. After further investigation, fire was found making its way up through the walls forcing heat and smoke into the attic space. Firefighters were summoned from the City of New Rochelle, TMSD, Pelham and Scarsdale as well as a full recall of off duty Larchmont firefighters to assist in the opening of walls throughout the residence to find and extinguish the fire, back fill our fire house to be ready to respond to another call for assistance in Larchmont. The cause was determined to be a small crack in the mortar inside the fire-place allowing heat and fire to escape into the void inside the wall space and traveling up to the attic. Minimal fire and water damage was sustained but extensive smoke damage as well as damage to the wall areas did occur.
2. Lieutenant John Adams and Firefighter Richard Valentine recently completed the second of two week long training programs designed to certify them as NYS recognized Fire Instructors by the Office of Fire Prevention and Control. This means for the first time the Larchmont Fire Department will be able to develop lesson plans and teach a wide variety of NYS courses of which in the past would only be available to our firefighters by attending the NYS Fire Academy in Montoure Falls New York or by attending a state sponsored class outside of our immediate area. Having our own personnel able to teach these skills to our own firefighters vastly improves the quality and quantity of training available to our firefighters.

3. Firefighter Richard Valentine has been asked to teach at the Fire Academy satellite location in Ulster County New York based on these credentials and his successful completion of the NYS requirements for such a position. This is a highly sought after position I am confident Richard will represent the Village of Larchmont with distinction.
4. The LPFFA and the LPBA cosponsored the third annual Light up Larchmont event on December 7, 2019. The event has become a regular tradition with many residents attending to get a picture with Santa and sip some hot chocolate. Thank you to Deputy Mayor Carol Herman for officiating the lighting of the Christmas tree and the entire Board for making this event a total success.
5. I would like to remind all residents that Village Code 245-11 requires residents, within 24 hours of a snow event, to clear all sidewalks abutting your property of snow and ice to permit safe and unobstructed use of the sidewalks throughout the Village. Tonight we are expecting some accumulation so please prepare yourselves and your home for some snow and do your part to make use of the sidewalks safe for your neighbors.
On behalf of the entire fire department I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and a healthy and happy New Year.
All training is ongoing, all apparatus are in service and all equipment is operational.

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Treasurer Siegrist gave the following report.

Treasurer's Report

1. The 2020-21 Budget process is underway.

Trustee Bauer made the following report.

Trustees Reports

1. Thanks to Richie Valentine, the LPFFA, Dan Calapi and the PBA for their efforts on Larchmont Day.
2. Residents should sign-up for the Village newsletter. Go to the Village website.

Trustee Bauer wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Trustee Fanelli gave the following report.

1. The Fire Department needs volunteers. Contact the Chief if interested.
2. The Volunteer fire Department is looking for people to join the event team. There are 4-5 events a year that the Event team participates in. Call Trustee Fanelli at 403-2387 or contact the Chief.
3. Thanks to the Volunteer Fire Department and the Chamber of Commerce for "Santa Comes to Town."
4. Thanks to the Fire Department for Light Up Larchmont.
5. Go to the Village website to sign-up for the Paddle clinics.
6. To get a paddle tennis permit go to the village website.

Trustee Fanelli wished everyone Happy Holidays.

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Trustee Herman made the following report.

1. Thanks to everybody involved with Light Up Larchmont. It was a success.
2. The kickoff for the upcoming budget with the Finance and Budget Committee.
3. The Zoning Board passed a resolution that any application that has been adjourned twice by them, must be re-noticed to the neighbors.

Trustee Herman wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Trustee Frouman gave the following report.

1. The Historic Preservation Task Force survey will begin in early 2020. Neil Larson of Larson-Fisher will be around the Village performing the survey.

Trustee Frouman wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Datino made the following report.

1. Code enforcement letters will go out to previous illegal sump discharge violators.
2. Thanks to DPW for putting up the holiday decorations around the Village.
3. Leaf collection is coming to an end.
4. The NYPA audit for moving the Village streetlight to LED was completed.

Administrator Datino wished everyone Happy Holidays.

RESOLUTION

Approve Village Elections
Wednesday, 3/18/2020

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

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; and **WHEREAS**, that pursuant to Section 15-104.1(b) of the NYS Election Law, the Village Election shall not be held in which the third Tuesday of March falls on the seventeenth day of March; and 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 Wednesday, March 18, 2020 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 Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Bauer, and unanimously carried, it was:

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 Wednesday, March 18, 2020 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 18, 2020.

RESOLUTION

Auth. AAdministrator to hire EElection Inspectors for 3/18/2020

Michael Gottfried of 16 Ocean Avenue addressed the Board. Mr. Gottfried stated this past year was a good one for the Village. The energy and time spent in repairs and updates to the water department are saving residents hundreds of thousands of dollars. The new on-line water bill payments system is great. Thanks to Trustee Herman and Administrator Datino for all their efforts.

GGottfried, M.

Next Gary Hirsch of Elk Chatsworth spoke to the Board and as he began he extended Holiday Greetings to everyone. He stated the Centro Project will take a new direction. The proposed development will be smaller in scale with 14 units, smaller retail and a 35 foot setback of the top floor from Chatsworth Avenue. Mr. Hirsch added his company will be filing a new draft zoning amendment with the Village tomorrow.

HHirsch, G.
EElk Chatsworth

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 18, 2019.

RESOLUTION

Approve minutes 11/18/2019

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

RESOLVED, to approve the list of payments made prior to the meeting date of December 16, 2019, in the amount of \$509,386.31.

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

RESOLVED, that Abstract Audit Voucher #7, dated December 16, 2019, in the amount of \$263,777.59, per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to review of Trustee Herman.

Mayor Walsh wished everyone Happy Holidays.

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Herman, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:47PM.