Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Larchmont, N.Y.

#### held on Monday, January 11, 2021

The Board of Trustees held this meeting via Zoom with Mayor Walsh calling the meeting to order at 7:31 PM. Instructions to join the meeting were published on Village website calendar and meeting agenda.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Lorraine Walsh

Trustees Carol Casazza Herman

Peter Fanelli Malcolm Frouman Sarah Bauer

Also present: Dep. Clerk Rilley, Administrator Datino,

Amanda L. Brosy, representing the Village Attorney's office.

Mayor Walsh began the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy New Year with hope for a better year than the previous one.

The Mayor made the following announcements.

- 1. Condolences to the family of Tim Greeman who along with his wife Paulene owned Anderson's Book Store.
- 2. What happened last week at the Capitol horrific, upsetting and an attack on our democracy.
- 3. Covid 19 cases continue to rise. Last month the Village had 81 confirmed cases. Residents should keep wearing masks, practice social distancing and washing their hands frequently.
- 4. The County Executive George Latimer will speak later on the Covid 19 vaccination process.

Chief Poleway made the following report.

1. For the first time since March, police officers in New York State can issue a summons for motorists driving with an expired vehicle inspection or registration. As of December 3, 2020, New York State is permitting police to resume ticketing motorists whose registration or annual inspections had lapsed. It comes more than eight months after Governor Cuomo first paused inspection and registration requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, a driver's license that expired since March only remained valid in New York through January 1st. Driver's licenses and registrations can be renewed online at the DMV's website but if you're looking to get a driver's license for the first time, you still have to get a learner's permit first and that requires you to go to a DMV office in person. You can check what services are permitted in the county at the DMV's website: dmv.ny.gov/offices. New York drivers who can't afford to pay the entirety of a traffic fine will be able to do so via installments and will no longer face the risk of their licenses being suspended for that debt, due to legislation signed by the governor.

The Driver's License Suspension Reform Act ends the practice of suspending the licenses of people who haven't been able to pay their fines in full, and will allow people who currently have suspended licenses because of traffic debt to get them back. Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed the legislation into law last week.

<u>M</u>ayor's Announcements

Police Chief's Report

**P**olice Chief's Report Con't.

2. If you have a Burglar Alarm System installed in your home or business it must be registered with the Larchmont Police Department, as required under the Local Law 4-2016, enumerating the required fees and fines set forth in Chapter 85 of the Larchmont Village Code. If you recently installed an alarm system, an Application to Operate an Alarm System must be filed with the Larchmont Police Department along with a \$75.00 initial application fee. The alarm must also be renewed annually at a fee of \$35.00. Renewal notices are being mailed out so residents and business owners with alarm systems should expect to receive this notice shortly.

Please note that non-registered (non-permitted) alarm systems are subject to penalties upon EACH false alarm dispatch, as it is unlawful to continue to operate an alarm system without a valid registration, pursuant to Alarm Ordinance, section 85-3.

Failure to pay false alarm fees, permit/renewal fees or other charges shall become a lien upon the property the alarm device services and will be collected in the same manner as real estate taxes.

In order to ensure the accuracy of our records, please notify us if you are moving, no longer have an alarm system or if it has been disconnected so your account can be closed. If you are a new resident at a location with an existing alarm system, you must notify the Larchmont Police Department so that records can be updated to reflect accurate information for your location.

It is very important to your safety and well-being to have your house number clearly displayed for proper alarm response and 911 emergencies. It is imperative that your displayed number is the correct number for your location. If you should have any questions or concerns on any alarm related issues, you can contact the Police Clerk.

<u>C</u>ounty <u>E</u>xec. <u>L</u>atimer, G. At this point Westchester County Executive George Latimer joined the meeting to give an update on the Corona Virus and vaccinations. CE Latimer said that vaccinations for the Corona Virus will be by appointment only and as of right now, will only be done at the County Center in White Plains. Next CE Latimer and the Board discussed other vaccination items:

- a) Essential Workers
- b) Elderly appointments
- c) Possible local inoculation centers
- d) 2 appointments required re: Pfizer vaccinations in two doses
- e) State may allow drive-thru inoculations

Chief Poleway continued with his report.

- 3. There continue to be some reports of counterfeit bills either being passed or attempting to be passed in some jurisdictions in Westchester County. Typically the currency is a \$100 bill and they appear to be high quality reproductions so detecting them can be difficult. I would like to caution all business owners to be careful when accepting \$100 bills and to immediately report any incident to the police department in which you may believe that counterfeit currency is attempting to be passed.
- 4. Covid cases in New York State and Westchester County continue to climb and everyone should be aware that we are still contending with the coronavirus and that physical distancing is not only important but necessary to contain and prevent the spread of the virus. Crowds amplify the spread of the virus so please keep a proper distance in any situation when you are out in public. Also, amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, all people in New York are required to wear a mask or a face covering when out in public and in situations where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- 5. 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.

Chief Caparelli gave the following report.

- COVID vaccines as of 4pm today are available for those individuals who are 75 years old or older. Go to www.COVID19VACCINE.HEALTH.NY.GOV to check your eligibility.
- 2. FF. Pilla and FF Murnane graduated from the Westchester County Career Fire Academy on December 18, 2020. They have started their in service training here in Larchmont and should be working in a group filling vacant positions shortly.
- 3. Fire Permit inspections as well as Fire Safety Inspections will begin again shortly. Please check the annual inspection expiration dates on, fire suppression system inspection, fire extinguishers, overcooking hoods and fire alarms. All critical systems must be inspected annually and have a current inspection tag. Other safety devices that should be check for proper operation are, emergency lighting, exit signs, fire doors and fire escapes. Call 914-834-0016 to speak to the duty crew to schedule your inspection for 2021.

# **CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

- 1. Continuing organizing and inspecting outdoor dining structures. Working with Public Works Supervisor to remove unused barricades to open up more parking.
- 2. Enforcing the removal of snow from our sidewalks as per Village Code 245-11.

All Apparatus and all equipment have been serviced and are fully operational.

Trustee Fanelli made the following report.

1. Paddle Tennis Courts in Flint Park are open. To get a permit got to the Village website.

Trustee Fanelli wished all a Happy New Year.

<u>P</u>olice Chief's Report Con't.

Fire Chief's Report

**T**rustees Reports

<u>T</u>rustees Reports Con't.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Auth. <u>A</u>dministrator to Execute <u>I</u>MA w/ <u>W</u>est. Cty. <u>S</u>top <u>D</u>WI

Trustee Herman gave the following report.

1. With the recent departure of a former co-chair, the Parks and Trees Committee is in need of volunteers. Contact Village Hall if interested.

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

WHEREAS, the County of Westchester and its municipalities have participated in the Westchester County STOP-DWI Patrol/Datamaster Project for many years through an intermunicipal agreement which provides overtime reimbursement for added patrol efforts to enforce New York State Vehicle & Traffic Laws against intoxicated and impaired driving; and

**WHEREAS,** the Village of Larchmont has participated in the program for over 30 years, the most recent agreement expired on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Westchester County now desires to enter into a new agreement under similar terms commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2025; and WHEREAS, the agreement will provide reimbursement of overtime expenses not to exceed \$8,400 for each year of the agreement in accordance of the provisions set forth in Schedule "A" of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police recommends continuing the program and has indicated its success in past years as an education and enforcement tool for promoting safe driving throughout the Village; and

**WHEREAS,** participation requires the execution of the attached Intermunicipal Agreement with the County of Westchester; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** that the Village Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute the STOP-DWI Patrol Intermunicipal Agreement in substantially the same form as attached hereto; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the Village Administrator is authorized to undertake any administrative acts required under the terms of the agreement.

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Larchmont has issued license agreements for Village owned properties; and WHEREAS, the owners of 9 Harrison Drive have expressed interest to the Village to enter into a license agreement for the purpose of property improvements; and WHEREAS, by constructing a new retaining wall, planting, owning, maintaining bushes and trees, the removal of the existing driveway and curb cut for the construction of a new driveway and curb cut at 9 Harrison Drive; and

### **RESOLUTION**

Auth. Administrator to Execute License Agreement w/
Murray, D.
Murray, A. owners
9 Harrison Dr.

**WHEREAS**, the Village Attorney's office and the Village's Consulting Engineer has reviewed and discussed all documents and plans for the improvements with the owners of 9 Harrison Drive and their representative(s); and

WHEREAS, the Village Attorney's office and the Village's Consulting Engineer has deemed the documents and plans meet the legal and environmental requirements and recommends the approval of the license agreement; now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute the License Agreement with Dylan Murray and Alanna Quinn Murray owners of 9 Harrison Drive; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator is authorized to undertake any administrative acts required under the terms of the agreement.

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

**WHEREAS**, the availability and management of on-street and offstreet parking has been a perpetual issue in the Village of Larchmont, specifically in the Palmer Avenue and Boston Post Road Business Districts; and

WHEREAS, in recent years Village Board has made improving parking as a resource a priority item to address, in 2017 a Comprehensive Parking Study was initiated and since its completion in 2018, the Village Board has moved to enact many of the recommended changes intended to benefit all "parkers"; and

WHEREAS, one of the recommendations made by the professional planning consultants was to charge for parking on-street and offstreet in both the Palmer and Boston Post Road Business Districts, notwithstanding the financial benefit of additional non-property tax revenue, the consultants advised the Village as to how charging for parking leads to better management of the availability of parking spaces in key areas; and

WHEREAS, in order to select a multi-space pay station that would be convenient to use, durable and has the ability to interface with the pay for parking app, enforcement tools and back end financial software, the Village developed and Request for Information (RFI) and sought responses from both Pay for Parking App providers as well as from multi-space pay station manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, the Village received several responses based on the RFI and acquired units from two manufacturers to run side by side on a trial basis in Lot 3 for several months, to receive the feedback of users, maintenance and enforcement personnel, the result of the trail led the Village to select the Luke 2 machine, 2<sup>nd</sup> generation to the original Luke pay stations which had been in use in Lot 3 for over a decade; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the significant implementation cost associated with a paid parking program, the Village Board approved a bond resolution at its December 21, 2020 Board meeting in the amount of \$625,000, which is sufficient funding to cover all the costs associated with this project; and

#### **RESOLUTION**

Auth. Administrator to purchase 43
Luke II Pay Stations
Integrated Technical
Systems for
\$431,827.80

WHEREAS, staff has identified an existing purchasing contract through Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) that will allow the Village to piggyback on an existing bid award to purchase the Luke 2 pay stations in compliance with NYS Competitive Bid requirements, said contract also includes a significant discount off of the MSRP price, installation and configuration of each of the units deployed in the Village; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Administrator is herein authorized to purchase up to 43 Luke II Pay stations from Integrated Technical Systems, Inc. 8 Wallingford, CT 06492, in the amount \$431,827.80, based on the sales quote made a part hereof; and be it further **RESOLVED**, the expense shall be charged to a capital fund account to be determined by the Village Treasurer.

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

## **RESOLUTION**

Request <u>N</u>YS<u>D</u>OT <u>Left turn arrow at</u> <u>Chatsworth & BPR &</u> <u>Larchmont & BPR</u>

Resolution to Request that NYSDOT Evaluate the Installation of a Left-turn Arrow at the Intersections of Chatsworth Avenue and Boston Post Road (Route 1) and Larchmont Avenue and Boston Post Road (Route 1)

Whereas, the intersections of Boston Post Road (Route 1) with both Chatsworth Avenue and Larchmont Avenue in the Village of Larchmont are heavily trafficked, and Whereas, these intersections are also a main entrance to Larchmont's downtown from Boston Post Road (Route 1), and

Whereas, these intersections also connect the area of the Village known as Larchmont Manor with the remainder of the Village, its downtown and train station, and Whereas, these intersections are used by children to cross from Larchmont Manor to the Chatsworth Avenue Elementary School, and

Whereas, the prevalence of vehicles traveling Northbound on Boston Post Road (Route 1) making left-hand turns at these intersections often creates traffic back-ups and dangerous situations with vehicles turning after the traffic light has turned red,

Therefore, the Village of Larchmont hereby requests that the NYSDOT evaluate whether a left-turn arrow would be an enhancement to the operation of the signals at these two intersections for vehicles travelling North-bound. It is understood that NYSDOT will review the subject locations and determine if the installation of a left-turn arrow is appropriate. After this review, NYSDOT would then make any changes determined appropriate through state forces or under one of their signal contracts.

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

**RESOLVED,** that a Joint Public Hearing is hereby scheduled by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Larchmont and the Town Board of the Town of Mamaroneck to be held virtually via Zoom on, Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at 7:00 PM to review a proposed local law to amend the solid waste law of the Code of the Village of Larchmont, Ch. 241, amending requirements and procedures including changing to curbside collection; and be it further **RESOLVED,** that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to advertise said Public Hearing.

Michael Gottfried of 16 Ocean Avenue was next to address the meeting about the proposed local law. He asked the Board to watch a recent Town Board work session where the topic of appointments by the Village to the sanitation commission was discussed. Mr. Gottfried suggested that the Village could create its own commission or privatize sanitation. **SEE ATTACHMENT** 

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

**RESOLVED,** to approve the minutes of the work session held on December 7, 2020.

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

**RESOLVED,** to approve the minutes of the work session held on December 21, 2020.

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

**RESOLVED,** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 21, 2020.

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

**RESOLVED,** to approve the minutes of the work session held on December 14, 2020.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve the payment of invoices dated January 8, 2021, in the amount of \$184, 286.23.

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Frouman, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

## **RESOLUTION**

Joint Public Hearing w/ TOM Board Solid Waste 1/20/2021

<u>**G**</u>ottfried, M. <u>**S**</u>anitation

#### **RESOLUTION**

Approve <u>w</u>ork session <u>M</u>inutes 12/7/2020

#### **RESOLUTION**

Approve <u>w</u>ork session <u>M</u>inutes 12/21/2020

### **RESOLUTION**

Approve <u>M</u>inutes 12/7/2020

## **RESOLUTION**

Approve <u>w</u>ork session <u>M</u>inutes 1/8/2021