

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Trustees of the
Village of Larchmont, N.Y.
held on Monday, September 13, 2021

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

Also present: Administrator Datino

Mayor Walsh welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:31.

The Mayor made the following announcements.

1. Thanks to the Fire Department for answering 246 calls in three days during Tropical Storm Ida and to the Police Department for answering 62 calls in 16 hours while dealing with 20 abandoned vehicles. Sanitation collected 5 tons of debris in 5 days. That is one month's worth. Westchester County was overwhelmed with all the debris collected.
2. The Village of Mamaroneck thanked the Village for assisting during and after Ida. The Fire boat performed rescues and DPW trucks helped haul away debris.

Mayor Walsh said at tonight's meeting members of the Fire Department will take their oath of office. This ceremony was to take place at the March 2020 Board meeting but that was postponed because the lockdown was ordered two days prior.

Chief Caparelli presented recently retired members of the Fire Department for recognition of their service to the Village.

Lieutenant Donn Andersen-In Attendance

Began his employ with the Village of Larchmont in 1999 as a firefighter

Promoted to the position of Lieutenant in 2015

Retired from service in 2019 after 20 years of dedication to the residents of the Village of Larchmont.

Donn followed in the footsteps of family members who dedicated many years of service to the Village. Donn's Brother Tom Andersen was a Captain of the Fire Dept. for 20 years and retired in 2009. Donn's father, Paul Andersen was a member of the volunteer firefighters and advanced thru the ranks attaining the title of Chief of Dept. He continued to be a valuable member of the dept. for many years until he passed away in 2000. Donn served with distinction throughout his career earning numerous citations for exceptional service to the community.

Lieutenant Alex Augsburg- In Attendance

Began his employ with the Village of Larchmont in 2000 as a firefighter

Promoted to the position of Lieutenant in 2014

Retired from service in 2021 after 20 years of dedication to the residents of the Village of Larchmont.

Alex began his career of public service in 1994 as a Suffolk County Police Officer, went on to the New Jersey Transit Police in 1995 and then on to the NYPD in 1997 for the Transit Bureau before making the best decision of his life and joining the Fire Department here in Larchmont. Alex served the Village with distinction throughout his career earning numerous citations for exceptional service to the community.

Firefighter Steve Forrest-Absent

Began his employ with the Village of Larchmont in 1990 as a firefighter

Retired form service in 2021 after almost 30 years of dedication to the residents of Larchmont

Steve was an integral part of the department throughout his career. He served in many roles as a member of the Larchmont Professional Firefighters Association, Local 895 serving as President for many years. Steve's knowledge of the fire service and fire apparatus landed him on the many committees for designing and purchasing most of the apparatus the department has placed into service over the past 25 years. During his tenure Steve trained many of our firefighters during their first years of service. Steve continued to be a big voice for firefighter safety and health until his retirement just this year.

Lt. Anderson said to the Board when he was interviewed for this job by then Mayor Cheryl Lewy, she asked why he wants to serve Larchmont and he replied to help people. He added I believe I did that.

Chief Caparelli presented recently promoted and hired members of the Fire Department for the administration of the Oath of Office.

Lieutenant Richard Valentine:

Began his employ with the Village of Larchmont in 2013 as a firefighter

Promoted to the position of Lieutenant in 2020

Rich graduated from SUNY Oneonta University. Rich obtained his Master's Degree from Marist College in Public Admin in 2015. He attended the Utica Fire Academy in 2013 and has attained many certifications over the past 8 years such as, Municipal Fire Instructor, Certified Public Information Officer, Scott Air Pack Specialist, confined space rescue technician, NYS CEO and Fire Instructor 1 and 2 making Rich qualified to teach fire service skills at the Westchester County Fire Academy. Rich is the president of the LPFFA, Local 895. Rich graduated from FLSTP in 2021 and was named the class valedictorian and has been a valuable member of the department since he arrived. Rich is married to his wife Kayla.

Lieutenant Charles Boettcher:

Began his employ with the Village of Larchmont in 2015 as a firefighter

Promoted to the position of Lieutenant in 2021

Charlie graduated from Southern Maine Community College. He attended the Montour Fire Academy in 2012 beginning his career in the fire service with in the Fairview Fire District in Dutchess County before coming to Larchmont in 2015. Charlie has attained many certifications over the past 6 years such as, NYS CEO, Southern Maine CC Sports Person of the Year 2010, Scarborough Fire Department Student of the Year 2009, Fire Life safety Educator 2013, Fire Instructor 1 and 2 and graduated from FLSTP in 2021. Charlie has been a valuable member of the department since he arrived. Charlie is planning his wedding to his fiancé Alex next year.

Firefighter James Montemarano:

Began his employ with the Village of Larchmont in 2019 as a firefighter.

James graduated from Hofstra University in 2010. He attended the WC Fire Academy in August of 2019. James has already attained certification as a Fire Life Safety Educator and a NYS EMT.

James has shown an outstanding grasp of the skills needed as a firefighter. He recently participated in an EMS alarm where a patient suffered a cardiac arrest. James, along with Lt. Martyn, Larchmont Police and LVAC administered nasal Narcan, performed CPR for several minutes with the patient becoming conscious and breathing on her own. She was transported to the hospital and regained full consciousness before being admitted. James' calmness under pressure and ability to call on his training contributed to a positive outcome for this patient. James is recently married to his wife Lisa.

Firefighter Michael Murnane:

Began his employ with the Village of Larchmont in 2020 as a firefighter

Michael scored 110 on the firefighter's examination and was listed as number 1 of all the eligible candidates. Michael attended Lakeland High School in 2010. Michael graduated from the WC career Fire Academy in 2019. Michael served our country as a US Marine from 2012-2016, serving in Afghanistan in 2014. Michael has with him tonight his girlfriend Jenna.

Firefighter John Pilla:

Began his employ with the Village of Larchmont in 2020 as a firefighter
John graduated from Belmont Abby College in 2017. He began his career of service as a Greenburg Police Officer in 2018 before he made the best decision of his life in switching to a career in the fire service. John graduated from the WC Career Fire Academy in 2020. John has with him tonight his girlfriend Paulina.

Firefighter James Shanahan:

Began his employ with the Village of Larchmont in 2021. James graduated from Nyack High School in 2014. He obtained an associate's degree from Ohio Technical College in 2016 and is just beginning his career here in Larchmont graduating from the WC Career Fire Academy in August of 2021. James has been working alongside his fellow firefighters for just over a month and is already distinguishing himself with an EMS accommodation for a Cardiac save of an unresponsive patient, with no pulse and not breathing. Along with Lt. Martyn and Larchmont Police and LVAC the patient regained pulses, was transported and remains hospitalized. James's quick actions and calmness under pressure was instrumental in achieving a positive outcome. J

Next Paul Presendieu Outreach Coordinator for Sustainable Westchester gave a presentation on the Community Choice Aggregation Program Update-Con Edison. Some of the items in the presentation were:

1. Power Program Overview
2. Environmental Impact
3. 100% Emissions-Free NY Hydropower
4. Westchester Power Benefits
5. Power rates
6. Comparable products

Lt. Knudsen gave the following Report.

1. The department answered 62 calls the first day of Ida and multiple vehicle distress calls the second day.
2. The 9/11 Ceremony was well attended. Trustee Bauer's speech was well received.
3. Residents are reminded to lock their cars and not to leave the key fob inside the vehicle.
4. There 3 new hires for the PD. All 3 came from the NYPD. Also 2 PEO's have been hired.
5. School is open please drive carefully.
6. Verizon will be performing underground roadwork on Palmer between Chatsworth and Larchmont Avenues for a week.
7. The Police will be on duty for Larchmont Day.

Next Dep. Treasurer James Cazzorla addressed the Board on the upcoming preliminary audit being held this week. The full audit will begin in mid-October. He added the Treasurer's office is prepared to commence with both phases of this year's audit.

Trustee Fanelli gave the following report.

1. Larchmont this year is celebrating its 130 Anniversary starting this weekend starting with:
 - a. The Westchester Chamber Orchestra will perform Friday, September 17th, from 7-9PM in Constitution Park.
 - b. Saturday, September 28th is Big Trucks Day and Larchmont Day on Larchmont Ave and Constitution Park.
 - c. From 12:30 to 2:30PM, on Sunday, September 19th, an Ice Cream Social will be held in Constitution Park.
2. Sunday, October 2nd, from Noon to 5PM, the annual Larchmont Arts Festival will take place in Constitution Park. The rain date is October 3rd.
3. The Ragamuffin Parade will take place on Saturday, October 23rd. Line-up is on the corners of Palmer and Larchmont Avenues at 12:30PM and step-off is 1PM.
4. Many thanks to the Fire, Police, Public Works and all the volunteers for their efforts during and after Ida.
5. In anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer member of the Fire Department stop by the Fire House to speak with the Chief and to get an application.

6. To join the Volunteer Fire Department Event Team contact Theresa Fanelli at theresa777@mindspring.com
7. Go to the Village website to sign-up for Flint Park Tennis Clinics.

Trustee Brennan made the following report.

1. On Wednesday September 22nd, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony dedicating Kane Park as Westchester County's first AGZA-Certified Green Zone at 10AM. Thanks to the Larchmont Environmental Committee for all their efforts.

Mayor Walsh stated that the Larchmont-Mamaroneck Lions Club will hold Community Service Fair on September 25th from 12-3PM outside the Hommocks Rink. The rain date is September 26th.

Administrator Datino gave the following report.

1. The DPW can be added to the list of first responders. During Ida they were cleaning debris, pumping out residents and helping the Village of Mamaroneck.
2. Before the Board this evening is this year's street resurfacing contract. The Lead Agency this year was the Village of Pelham Manor and was awarded to PCI. Larchmont Consulting Engineer, Benny Salinitro has reviewed the contract and it met with his approval.

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

RESOLVED, that VM Contract #2021-02: Resurfacing of Various Roads, be awarded to PCI, 550 Franklin Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10550, at the unit bid prices itemized as follows: Bid Item 1 Bituminous Top Course - \$108.00 per ton; Bid Item 2 Asphalt Removal (milling) – \$6.00 per square yard; Bid Item 3 Mill and Fill -\$178.00 per ton; Bid Item 4 Adjustment of Manhole Castings – \$450.00 each; Bid Item 5 ADA Ramps - \$400.00 per square yard; based on estimated work quantities not to exceed budgeted appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract work be charged to FY 2021/2022 Capital Accounts as determined by the Village Treasurer; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator is hereby authorized to execute VM Contract #2021-02 with said PCI, 550 Franklin Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10550, and to undertake administrative acts as may be required under said agreement.

Administrator Datino said prior to paving the Village will inspect the subsurface for any lead water supply line in need of replacement and the sanitary sewer system incase repairs are required.

Trustee Fanelli said he has received expressions of gratitude from Village of Mamaroneck residents for Larchmont's help post Ida.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the Bill List, dated September 13, 2021, in the amount of \$180,068.10.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the List of Bills paid in advance in the amount of \$23,883.22.

The Mayor announced that Trustee Carol Casazza Herman has decided to resign her position as a Member of the Board of Trustees effective today, September 13, 2021. Carol has been a right hand that is dedicated to good governance with guidance and feedback. She was at the forefront of the Water Infrastructure Advisory Group that oversaw the lessening of water loss along with the creation of on-line water billing and usage. As Board liaison to the Finance and Budget Committee, she was instrumental in the Budget scheduling process. Carol also worked with the Mayor and Administrator on the Paid Parking Project. Mayor Walsh thanked Trustee Herman for her dedication to the Village and Board.

Trustee Herman thanked the Mayor and said as a trustee she wanted to help make the Village thriving and sustainable. Another goal was to take the financial process, make it transparent

and accountable while finding other sources of revenue to put back in the infrastructure. She added it was those things that made her excited about being a Village Trustee.

Trustee Herman said that she was grateful to represent the Village and to work with Mayor Walsh who the Village is lucky to have because of her skill, dedication and patience. She thanked Administrator Datino for all his efforts and asked him to relay her thanks and respect to the Village staff for all their work. I hope that this beautiful, charming village we have becomes economically strong but retains its natural beauty. I hope it's a vision we can all act on.

Next Mayor Walsh presented Trustee Herman with a bouquet of flowers.

Trustee Fanelli said the past four years working with Trustee Herman was a delight with all her wisdom, knowledge and experience. She's a good listener and friend and someone the Mayor can lean on. All the best to her and her husband Neil.

Trustee Bauer said no words can say how much Trustee Herman will be missed. Thanks for all you given to the Village.

Trustee Brennan said being new on the Board, she did not have much to get to know Trustee Herman but what she found was how dedicated she was to do the right thing.

Administrator Datino thanked Trustee Herman for all she did for the Village and staff. Always fair but firm and willing to reconsider her position if given a good argument.

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Walsh presented Trustee Herman her dais name plate.

On motion of Trustee Herman, seconded by Trustee Bauer, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:43PM.