

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees of the
Village of Larchmont, N.Y.
held on Monday, March 14, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor Lorraine Walsh
Trustees Sarah Bauer
Peter Fanelli

ABSENT: Trustee Brigid Brennan, Trustee Dana Post

Also present: Dep. Clerk Rilley, Administrator Datino, Dep. Treasurer Cazzorla and Amanda L. Brosy representing the Village Attorney's office

Mayor Walsh welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

The Mayor expressed condolences to the family of Lt. John Veteri, a 22 year veteran of the Larchmont Fire Department who served from 1988 to 2010. Lt. Veteri passed away from an illness he received volunteering at Ground Zero after the 9/11 attacks.

Chief McNerney introduced recent additions to the Police Department, Officers John Tychyn and Jeanne Anne Fiumara.

Next Mayor Walsh administered the Oath of Office to Officers Tychyn and Fiumara.

Chief McNerney announced that Patrolman Nicholas Field has been promoted to the rank of detective.

Mayor Walsh congratulated Officers Tychyn, Fiumara and Detective Field.

The Mayor stated that tonight a Public Hearing was scheduled for a proposed local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law. This public hearing will be tabled until April 18, 2022 to coincide with the public hearing for the 2022-23 Tentative Budget.

Chief McNerney made the following report.

1. 2 acts of vandalism at the Flint Park Paddled courts on February 7th and 28th.
2. Numerous calls about high winds on March 7th including a fence in Lot#10 that dislodged caused damage to several cars.
3. The Police Department Annual Report is available for review.

Chief Caparelli gave the following report.

1. It is with deep sorrow that I notify you of the line of duty death of Lieutenant John Veteri, Retired, of the Larchmont Fire Department. Lieutenant Veteri was a 24 year member of the department from 1988-2010. Lieutenant Veteri served as a firefighter in the City of Mount Vernon in 1986 before transferring to the Larchmont Fire Department in 1988. Lieutenant Veteri was a member of the first Career Chief's Academy in Westchester County and served the residents of the City of Mount Vernon and the Village of Larchmont with distinction for more than 24 years until his retirement on June 6, 2010. Lieutenant Veteri answered the call at Ground Zero after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. He joined many of his brother firefighters on the "pile" searching for victims. Afterwards, he joined brother firefighters at many funerals for those that perished. He passed away with his family by his side after a long battle with a 9/11 related illness.
2. Inspections have been completed and fire permits have been sent out.
3. On March 15th, electric leaf blowers will be allowed in the Village till April 30th.

Trustee Fanelli made the following report.

1. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer fire fighter should stop by the firehouse and ask for an application
2. The Volunteer Fire Department Event Team is looking for members to work on many Village functions. Email theresa777@mindspring.com
3. The 2nd Annual Volunteer Fire Department Easter Egg Hunt will take place in Constitution Park on April 16th.
4. Paddle Tennis Permits are available on the website.
5. 2022 Flint Park Day Camp is looking for Life Guards and Counselors. Call the recreation Department for information or go to the website.
6. There are many Village committees in need of volunteers. Contact the Village Clerk's office.

Administrator Datino began a presentation on the 2022-2023 Village Tentative Budget. Though the public hearing for the tax cap has been carried over till the April meeting, it will not be necessary to go over the cap this fiscal year. He added that generally, we start the budget process with staff in December, we review our current year activities and we project what we need to continue the delivery of services into the next fiscal year. Some other items covered:

Property tax levy at 77%-down 1%

Non tax revenue 23% up 1%

Lot #3 & street parking meters

Field permits

Capital Projects-Flint Park

Breakdown of taxes: Schools 57%-Village 22%- Westchester County 18.50% & Town 2.50%

Health and workers compensation insurance

First time in 10 years there is a tax rate decrease.

Mayor Walsh thanked Administrator Datino and Deputy Treasurer Cazzorla for their efforts in this evening's presentation.

Michael Gottfried of 16 Ocean Ave. addressed the meeting on the presentation.

Mr. Gottfried asked the Board and Administrator that in the future, the tentative budgets could be put on the Village website. Topics Mr. Gottfried spoke on were:

Field Permits

Parking Lot #3-General fund

Sanitation fees

Bonds for Fire Department radios

Fund balance and tax rates

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

RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing is hereby scheduled by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Larchmont to be held in the Courtroom, Village Hall, 120 Larchmont Avenue on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 7:30 PM to review and take comment on the 2022-2023 Tentative Budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to advertise said Public Hearing.

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

RESOLVED, As part of the Board of Trustees' downtown parking project, a school employee parking zone was created on the east side of Chatsworth Avenue, both to the direct south and north of the intersection with Forest Park Avenue.

In connection with that change, which would have the effect of creating daily, long-term parking along the roadway, it was decided to make the right lane of the northbound side of Chatsworth Avenue at the intersection of Forest Park Avenue a "right-turn only" lane. This is intended to help alleviate an existing problem whereby vehicles jockey for position in the single driving lane after the intersection.

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Larchmont, in order to establish said right-turn only lane on Chatsworth Avenue, hereby directs the Department of Public Works to paint markings on the roadway and erect the appropriate signage necessary for a “right-turn only” lane.

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Municipal Finance Law, the Village must complete an annual independent audit of all Village Funds and Justice Court financial statements; and
WHEREAS, the Village issued an RFP for independent auditing services on February 03, 2021, and received interest from three (3) qualified firms; and
WHEREAS, staff discussed PKF’s response to the Village’s RFP and were confident that the proposal meet or exceeded the scope of work requested, and although a three (3) year agreement was proposed PKF agreed to a one-year agreement for lump sum fee of \$41,700 with the option to renew for a second year at the same price (\$41,700), which was approved by the Village Board on June 21, 2021; and
WHEREAS, staff recommend renewing the agreement for a second year and third year, as offered in the original proposal, for PKF to complete the 21/22 and 22/23 audits in the amount of \$41,700 for each year; now therefore be it
RESOLVED, that Village Board herein approves an extension to the agreement for auditing services with PDK; and be it further
RESOLVED, the Village Administrator is herein authorized to execute an extension of the agreement with PKF O’Connor Davies, LLP, 500 Mamaroneck Avenue, Ste. 301, Harrison, NY 10528, to perform an independent audit and related services for the Village and Justice Court for fiscal year ending May 31, 2022 and May 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$41,700 for each of the two years.

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

WHEREAS, at the November 15, 2021 Board Meeting, the Village Board approved a resolution to close numerous capital projects in the fiscal year ending May 31, 2021, in doing so authorized the transfer of \$217,114 from closed Capital Projects to the General Fund and \$115,533 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund for a net transfer to the General Fund of \$101,581; and

WHEREAS, as those funds were previously allocated for capital projects, the Village Board is desirous of repurposing said funds for other capital project(s) identified in the Village’s Capital Budget and Plan; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the transfer of \$100,000 of the net transfer from unexpended Capital Projects from the General fund to the Capital Projects Fund based on the following budgetary authorizations:

Transfer to Capital	A1-9990-9950-000-00	\$100,000
Fund Balance	A1-0000-0909-000-00	\$100,000
Transfer from General Fund	H1-0000-2810-000-00	\$100,000
Police Cruisers	H1-3197-3120-500-21	\$100,000.

Mayor Walsh announced resolutions adopted at recent work sessions.

1. Authorize Mayor to execute employment agreement w/ Village Administrator
2. Authorize grace period- Electric Leaf Blowers 3/15/22 to 4/30/2022
3. Authorize Mayor to execute retainer agreement w/ Cohen Law Group

Mayor Walsh opened the meeting to hear from anyone who wanted to speak on any non-agenda item.

Pam Washington spoke on the lack of parking spaces in the Village due to the outdoor café dining currently in place. She believes the outdoor dining should be removed to free up parking.

Restaurant owners and merchants who spoke in favor of retaining the outdoor dining and its positive results were:

Lisa Chase-The Grange

Rob Gorshine- Tequila Sunrise

Shawn Nagpal- Corriander

Owner- 1957 Palmer

Rich Perez- Heritage 147

Mario Fava- Lusardi's & Chat 19

Adam Stoltz-Idea Kitchen

Mayor Walsh thanked everyone for their comments and added that for merchants who wished to be heard they should consider joining the Larchmont Chamber of Commerce.

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Bauer, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, to approve the minutes of February 7, 2022.

On motion of Trustee Bauer, seconded by Trustee Fanelli, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, to approve the work session minutes of February 8, 2022.

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Bauer, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, to approve the work session minutes of February 22, 2022.

On motion of Trustee Bauer, seconded by Trustee Fanelli, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, to approve the work session minutes of March 7, 2022.

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Bauer, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:53PM.