Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees of the
Village of Larchmont, N.Y.
held on Monday, April 18, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor Lorraine Walsh
Trustees Sarah Bauer
Peter Fanelli
Brigid Brennan
Dana Post

Also present: Dep. Clerk Rilley, Attorney Staudt, Administrator Datino

Mayor Walsh welcomed all who were watching and called the meeting to order at 7:37PM.

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

RESOLVED, to appoint Glenna Lee as a member of the Parks and Trees Committee.

Mayor Walsh said that at the March 14th meeting the Board tabled the public hearing on the Proposed Local Law authorizing a Property Tax Levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law. Since the tax levy will not exceed the limit, the public hearing will not be opened.

Administrator Datino began to discuss the 2022-2023 Tentative Village Budget. The budget process begins each year with the staff in December and carries on through April with meetings between the Board, Budget Committee and department heads. Some items detailed in this budget:

- Tax levy is at 2.39% & tax rate of -1.24%
- Growth of Assessment Roll
- Purchasing of hybrid PD vehicles
- Infrastructure improvements

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

RESOLVED, to open the Public Hearing on the 2022-2023 Tentative Village Budget.

Michael Gottfried of 16 Ocean Avenue addressed the Board on the Tentative Budget.

Mr. Gottfried discussed the following topics of the proposed budget:

- Fees
- Sanitation reconstruction
- Water & reservoir costs
- Tax levy & rate

The Mayor thanked Mr. Gottfried for his comments this evening and asked if any member of the Board and audience would like to discuss the proposed budget. There were none.
On the motion of Trustee Brennan, seconded by Trustee Bauer, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED** to close the Public Hearing.

On the motion of Trustee Brennan, seconded by Trustee Post, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED** to adopt the 2022-2023 Village Budget.

Next Mayor Walsh began a presentation of awards to members of the Original Science Research team at Mamaroneck High School. From grades 9-12, these students choose one subject to study and during their 4 years, sacrifice free periods and summers to achieve and display the results of their research. The students then go on to state and national competitions.

**MHS Students**
Liv Bobby, Caroline Provost, Daniela Uvaldo, Sasha Bilik, Fatimah Khan, Oskar Smeal, Julia Zimmerman, Alessandra Hintz, Jade Decker, Tista Goswami, Daisy Burkin and Tea Vitale.

The following are students who were unable to attend: Jerry Orans, Alta McQuillan, Camille Gowda, Annabelle Hicks, Rebecca Herzberg, Kendall Yoon.

**Chief McNerney gave the following report.**

1. Several unlocked car thefts and attempted thefts this past month. The Chief asked residents again to remove their key fobs and lock their cars.
2. Resident of Cherry Ave. reported attempted fraud of phone $10,000.
3. Attempted check fraud at TD Bank.
4. Attempts to deposit over $30,000 at Citibank led to an arrest and an officer injured during the arrest. Officer has recovered.
5. Multiple reports of gas being syphoned from cars throughout the Village.
6. A fight on Lincoln St. involving a stolen car from New Jersey.
7. PBA sponsored the “Fill the Cruiser” food drive at Deccio’s parking lot to support the people of the Ukraine. Thanks to Deccio’s Supermarket, Larchmont Pharmacy and Det. Hammond.
8. Lt. Knudsen held the annual Nannies Safety Instruction at Village Hall. Over 60 were in attendance.
9. This past week interviews continued for potential department candidates.

**Chief Caparelli made the following report.**

1. The Red Cross is sponsoring the Sound the Alarm Campaign this spring to support the installation of over 50,000 smoke alarms.
2. On March 31st, the Village assisted the New Rochelle Fire Department on a 5 alarm fire that resulted in a fatality. The fire caused heavy smoke and lasted over 12 hours.
3. Hydrant flushing is ongoing.

**Code Enforcement**
1. Outdoor dining inspections have been completed.
Trustee Post made the following report.
1. April 29th is Arbor Day and on that day, the Girl Scouts will plant a potted sapling, courtesy of Larchmont Nursery on Larchmont Ave. behind the playground at Chatsworth Ave. School.

Trustee Fanelli gave the following report.
1. This past Saturday, the Volunteer Fire Department the second Easter Egg Hunt. Over 300 kids enjoyed themselves. Thanks to the PFFA, the Event Team and United Stage.
2. Tennis & Pickle Courts are open. Go to the website for permits.
3. The 2022 Flint Park Day Camp sign-up can be done on the Village website. Also the camp is in need of counselors and life guards. Contact the Recreation Department for more info.
4. The committees in the Village is in need of volunteers. Go to the website for a list of committees you may be interested in.
5. Upcoming events in the Village, the Memorial Day Parade on May 26th and the Larchmont Run “Sprint to Flint” on June 17th.

Trustee Brennan made the following report.
1. Thanks to the Finance Committee and Village staff for all the work putting this year’s budget together.
2. On April 23rd, the Larchmont Environmental Committee will host Earth Day in Constitution Park from 1 to 4PM.

Administrator Datino said at the next regular Board Meeting, the 2022 MS4 Stormwater Report will be up for adoption. Anyone who would like to review the report may do so in the Clerk’s office or go to the Village website.

On the motion of Trustee Post, seconded by Trustee Bauer, and unanimously carried, it was:
RESOLVED, to approve that improvements to the Flint Park Tennis Pavilion be added to Phase 1 of the Flint Park Renovation Project.

On the motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Brennan, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:
WHEREAS, the Village owns real property on 120 Larchmont Avenue and historically two hundred forty (240) square feet of the rear property has been leased; and
WHEREAS, the initial lease agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, was approved by the Village Board and was executed by the Village Attorney on June 27, 2007, and the current is set to expire on June 26, 2022; and
WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of the lease agreement, New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC advised the Village of their desire to exercise the renewal option for an additional period of five (5) years, commencing June 27, 2022, expiring on June 26, 2027; now therefore be it
RESOLVED, upon a review of the lease agreement by the Village Attorney’s office, and on advice of counsel, the Board of Trustees hereby approves the renewal of the lease agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC. for a period of five (5) years, commencing June 27, 2022 to June 26, 2027; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator is hereby authorized to execute into a lease renewal agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC and to undertake any administrative acts required under the terms of the agreement.
On the motion of Trustee Post, seconded by Trustee Brennan, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS,** in an effort to centralize information, identify sources of non-property tax revenue and manage the cost of providing services to the public, staff developed a Village-wide Fees and Charges Schedule; and

**WHEREAS,** on an annual basis, the Village reviews its schedule of Fees and Charges and compares the services relative to current operating costs, chronology of previous increases and the completion of comparative municipal surveys; and

**WHEREAS,** the Village Board has reviewed and discussed the proposed 2022/23 Village-wide Fees & Charges Schedule at several recent budget work sessions and supported the proposed fee changes; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** that the 2022/23 Village-Wide Fees & Charges Schedule, dated April 18, 2022, attached hereto and made a part hereof, is herein adopted effective June 1, 2022.

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

**WHEREAS,** the Larchmont Fire Department’s Tower Ladder-7 is a model year 1996 Sutphen TS-90, which replaced a 1975 Mack Areialscope, this front-line apparatus is critical to the Department’s response to approximately 80% of the 1,100 calls for service each year; and

**WHEREAS,** for the past several years Tower Ladder-7 (TL-7) has been identified in the Village’s 5 Year Capital Budget and Plan as needing replacement in the 23/24 fiscal year at which time the truck will be 28 years old, significantly past its serviceable life; and

**WHEREAS,** its estimated that the time to develop specifications and build the vehicle could take up to 2 years, given that schedule it is prudent for the Village to begin the process now and anticipate delivery in 2024; and

**WHEREAS,** in addition to the industry backlog with regard to sourcing materials and manufacturing, the physical dimensions of the apparatus bays in Village Hall will further complicate the design and limit the choices of manufacturers; and

**WHEREAS,** the intended replacement will be a mid-mount tower ladder with an aerial reach of at least 75 and up to 100 feet, a pump of 1,500 gallons per minute, booster tank of up to 500 gallons, and serve as a “Quint”, which could allow the Department to reduce its fleet by one engine (pumper); and

**WHEREAS,** the Village can take advantage of several existing Cooperative Purchasing Agreements or municipal contracts that have “piggy-backing” clauses which allows the Village to avoid a sealed bid process, permissible under NYS General Municipal Law;

**WHEREAS,** the estimated cost of replacement is expected to be in the area of $1.5 million, said cost to be funded by a debt issuance, which may be off set up to $1 million if the Village is awarded the US Department of Homeland Security - Assistance to Firefighters Grant, which the Fire Chief applied in November of 2021; and now therefore be it
**RESOLVED**, the Village Board authorizes the Fire Chief to begin the procurement process to replace Tower Ladder-7; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, once the preferred replacement is identified including the estimated total cost, the Village Treasurer is authorized to engage with the financial advisor and bond counsel to prepare a Bond Resolution for the Village Board’s consideration.

Mayor Walsh announced resolutions adopted at recent work sessions.

1. Approve upcoming Village Events
2. Approve additional improvements to Flint Park Tennis Courts
3. Approve improvements to Willow Park basketball courts, playground and fence.
4. Auth. Mayor to enter into a MOA w/ Sustainable Westchester

On the motion of Trustee Bauer, seconded by Trustee Fanelli, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, to approve the minutes of March 14, 2022.

On the motion of Trustee Brennan, seconded by Trustee Post, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, to approve the payment of Bills dated April 18, 2022 in the amount of $228,166.51.

On the motion of Trustee Brennan, seconded by Trustee Bauer, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, to approve the list of bills previously paid in the amount of $548,844.49.

On the motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Bauer, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.