

Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Of the Board of Trustees of the  
Village of Larchmont, N.Y.  
**held on Monday, May 16, 2022**

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

**Also present:** Dep. Clerk Riley, Attorney Staudt, Administrator Datino, Asst. Administrator Katzin

Mayor Walsh welcomed all who were watching and called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Next the Mayor introduced Aylone Katzin who has been hired as the Assistant Village Administrator. Mr. Katzin who has a master's degree in business administration and recently was the assistant Manager in Scarsdale.

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Post, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, to approve the appointment of Jean-Pierre Poyet as a member of the Coastal Zone Management Commission and the Mamaroneck-Larchmont Human Rights Committee.

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Post, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, to approve the appointment of Nina Gladstone as a member of the Architecture Board of Review.

Via Zoom, Carla Iommetti of Sanitation Equipment Labrie began a presentation to the Board on the "One Arm Bandit" garbage truck. This truck is designed to use an automated arm to lift the garbage can from the curb, to the truck and back to the curb. Ms. Iommetti said her company has been in her family since 1954 and local communities Harrison and Greenburgh are some of their many customers. She discussed the benefit of the One Arm Bandit: Safety, Decreasing Collection and Salary Costs and Versatility. Ms. Iommetti then discussed cost per truck, garbage cans, maintenance and training. The Board then talked to Ms. Iommetti about, pick-up on two sides of the street, size of cans, distance from truck to curb and financial matters.

Administrator Datino thanked Ms. Iommetti for the presentation and information on her company.

Lt. Knudsen gave the Police report on behalf of Chief McNerney.

1. PD held Coffee with a Cop on May 9<sup>th</sup>. There was a big turnout.
2. The Chatsworth Ave School Carnival was held this past Saturday with the PD hosting a Community Policing Table.
3. Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> the Memorial Parade will be held with step-off at 7:00PM.
4. PD continuing training.
5. Traffic Commission meeting discussion on traffic at Chatsworth Ave School.
6. Residents are reminded to lock car doors and remove key fobs.
7. The department added two new officers
8. An overdose victim today revived by officers using Narcan.
9. PD testing new digital radios.

Chief Caparelli gave the following report.

1. The FD currently undergoing Hazmat and flowing water training.
2. Marine 34 is being prepped for the boating season.
3. Volunteer Firefighters hosted a table at Chatsworth Ave. School Carnival.

CODE:

1. Outdoor Dining permits being reviewed and issued.
2. Leaf Blower law being enforced.

Trustee Brennan gave the following report.

1. April 23<sup>rd</sup> Earth Day event drew many participants. Thanks to the Larchmont Environmental Committee.

Trustee Fanelli made the following report.

1. Volunteer Firefighters table at Chatsworth Ave. School Carnival drew many children with fire prevention questions and plastic fire helmets. Thanks to Chief Caparelli for the fire helmets.
2. Tennis & Pickleball permits can be purchased on the Village website.
3. The 2022 Flint Park Day Camp will take place this summer.
4. Life Guards are needed for the 2022 Flint Park Day Camp. Contact the Recreation Department.
5. Memorial Day Parade will take place on Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 7PM
6. On June 11, there will be an all-day music festival in Flint Park. Thanks to Ken Dircks and John Feldman.
7. The Larchmont Run "Sprint to Flint" will take place on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up on the website.
8. The Summer Concerts will be in Constitution Park on Thursdays from June 30 to August 1<sup>st</sup>.
8. The Dixie Dandies will perform in Manor Park on the Fourth of July.

Trustee Bauer gave the following report.

1. The Village Newsletter will be on the website tomorrow with information on upcoming events.

Administrator Datino made the following report

1. In a review of the amount of volunteers and staff the average number for both is 80.
2. The Building Department office renovation continues.

On motion of Trustee Bauer, seconded by Trustee Post, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, approve the 2022 MS4 Stormwater Report.

Mayor Walsh said after discovering a financial error that was ongoing for many years, where the Village had been being overcharged, a settlement has been reached with the Town and the Joint Sanitation Commission.

Michael Gottfried of 16 Ocean Avenue spoke in support of the settlement with the Sanitation Commission and the Town of Mamaroneck. He noted that it is never easy when one party finds out that the numbers used to allocate costs were not correct, for a long time. He commended Mayor Walsh on not allowing a difficult situation to spiral out of control. While he disagreed with the calculated overcharges, the exact number doesn't matter because the total overcharges for 30 years far exceeded the \$549,448 sanitation fund balance which is to be distributed through the settlement. He stated that 30 years of overcharges would have been better characterized in the recitals of the Settlement Agreement as "systemic" rather than "inadvertent." While one could reasonably ask why the Town is getting \$178,000 of the fund balance under the circumstances, he supported the approval of the settlement because at the end of the day, we are neighbors, and the time, cost and distraction of complex litigation would eat into much of the \$178,000. The lingering bad feelings from having to sue neighbors would impair important efforts to improve the sanitation function in our communities. A fresh start is what we need. He acknowledged Finance and Budget Committee members, Chairman Paul Silverman, John McGarr and Ian Post, who did a deep dive with him into the sanitation cost structure in 2019 which led to the discovery of the overcharges. He urged the Board to let this Settlement serve as a continuing reminder of the importance of having transparency and the value a well-functioning finance committee can provide to the Board in its oversight of the financial processes of our government.

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Brennan, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, to authorize the Village Administrator to execute an Intermunicipal Agreement on behalf of the Village of Larchmont with the Town of Mamaroneck and the Larchmont-Mamaroneck Joint Sanitation Commission for the financial settlement for post overcharges.

On motion of Trustee Bauer, seconded by Trustee Post, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, to authorize the 2022 Tax Warrant in the amount of \$15,919,167.90.

Next Mayor Walsh stated, any cable TV company which operates in a municipality must enter into a franchise agreement with that municipality, according to the USA Cable Act. Larchmont's agreements with the two current cable operators, Altice and Verizon FIOS, will expire soon. The Village will now enter into a period of renegotiation. Part of that process is the need to hold a public hearing and comment session so residents of the Village of Larchmont, who are subscribers to either cable company, can come and provide their feedback on past and present performances of the Village cable providers. Residents may also provide comment on any future cable related community needs. This public hearing will be set for the next public Board meeting on June 20, 2022, at 7:30PM, here in Village Hall. Comments will be taken from Village of Larchmont residents only.

On motion of Trustee Brennan, 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, June 20, 2022, at 7:30 PM citizens are invited to testify to review and take comment on the past performance of the Village's cable operators, Verizon and Altice, and to identify the future cable-related community needs of the Village; and be it further

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

On motion of Trustee Bauer, seconded by Trustee Post, 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, June 20, 2022, at 7:30 PM, on a proposed local law on changes to the Open Meetings Law re virtual attendees; and be it further

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

Joan Glennon of 125 Larchmont Avenue next spoke about a tree her family donated in her father's name several years ago, that the Village recently had to take down. The tree was located in front of the library and the dedication plaque is still in place. Ms. Glennon and her sister are willing to pay to have another tree planted in its place. Trustee Post, Board liaison to the Parks & Trees Committee said the committee have been in touch with Ms. Glennon's sister and the process has begun to replace the tree.

On motion of Trustee Bauer, seconded by Trustee Post, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, approve the minutes of the work session on April 4, 2022.

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Brennan, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, to approve the minutes of the meeting on April 18, 2022.

On motion of Trustee Brennan, seconded by Trustee Fanelli, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, to approve the List of Bills, dated May 11, 2022, in the amount of #112, 864.72.

On motion of Trustee Brennan, seconded by Trustee Post, and unanimously carried, it was: **RESOLVED**, to approve the List of Bills, dated May 16, 2022, in the amount of #942, 045.79.

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Bauer, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:10PM.

