

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees of the
Village of Larchmont, N.Y.
held on Monday, November 21, 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 in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Administrator Datino said that tonight's meeting will be the last for Mayor Lorraine Walsh. With 3 terms as mayor, prior to 3 as a trustee, Mayor Walsh has been an example of dedication to public service. Next Administrator Datino began to introduce guest speakers.

Admin. Datino
Speakers
Mayor Walsh
Final meeting

Westchester County Executive George Latimer congratulated Mayor Walsh and that she is a good example of what Thomas Jefferson's description of a citizen governor. He added she improved the quality of life in Larchmont while gaining respect from around the county. County Executive Latimer then presented Mayor Walsh a proclamation.

Latimer, G.

State Senator Shelly Mayer & State Assemblyman Steve County Otis

Mayer. S.
Otis, S.

Mayer: It was an honor to work with Mayor Walsh. Her professional approach to the outdoor dining during the pandemic was a model to be followed.

Otis: Congratulations to Mayor Walsh for being ahead of the game on Covid and for the work on the Palmer Avenue and Boston Post Road infrastructure.

Senator Mayer and Assemblyman Otis then presented Mayor Walsh a proclamation.

Westchester Legislator Catherine Parker thanked Mayor Walsh for her leadership through the pandemic, multiple storms and difficult projects. Ms. Parker then presented Mayor a proclamation declaring November 22, 2022, as Mayor Lorraine Walsh Day in Westchester County. This will be displayed on the Jumbo Tron outside of the County Center in White Plains.

Parker, C.

Past Village Trustee Marlene Kolbert reminded everyone that the Mayor and Board are not paid for their service. Mayor Walsh's service to the Village during many difficult times was an extraordinary job.

Kolbert, M.

McAndrews, A.

Past Village Mayor & Trustee Anne McAndrews agreed with everything said about Mayor Walsh. Getting things done like the outdoor dining and updating the land use laws within a year was akin moving walls.

Casazza-Herman, C.

Past Village Trustee Past Village Dep. Mayor Casazza Carol Herman began by comparing Mayor Walsh to Queen Elizabeth II, not for her love of dogs but rather to community service. Two projects that could never get on the track, parking and Constitution Park. With determination the Mayor put both out front and did not stop until residents could enjoy Constitution Park and buy a permit and pay a parking meter on-line.

Frouman, M.
Statement

Past Village Trustee Malcolm Frouman-Statement read by A. Katzin

I joined the board for the opportunity to work with smart people especially Lorraine Walsh. Using sensible leadership, she led the Village through pandemic and the renovation of Constitution Park.

Nahr, S.
Andersen, K.
LEC Members

Sasha Nahr, Kristin Andersen & LEC Members

Andersen: The Environmental Committee would like to thank Mayor Walsh for leading the Village of Larchmont to become the first community in the country to ban gas powered leaf blowers. It was a ground breaking code. Next the members of the Board

Post, D.

Trustee Dana Post thanked Mayor Walsh for 12 years of challenges during hard times and for having the qualities to perform a difficult job.

Brennan, B.

Trustee Brigid Brennan said she knew the Mayor for 22 years from play dates and nominating caucuses. Having spent the last 2 years on the Board watching her work on difficult issues like the leaf blower law it was tremendous. He thanked Mayor Walsh for all she has done for the Village.

Fanelli, P.

Trustee Peter "Bubba" Fanelli said that the last 12 years there were times that he and Mayor Walsh were on the same side and times on the opposite. No matter what the issue was, she always showed up ready to work.

Bauer, S.

Mayor Elect Sarah Bauer read a prepared statement on Mayor Walsh:

I have some very big shoes to fill. Lorraine has done such an amazing job over the past 12 years, and especially the past 6 as Mayor. I first met Lorraine back in 2015, when the Village was working to update its residential zoning laws. I found that whether we agreed on every issue or not during that process, Lorraine's door was always open. She was always willing to listen and consider everyone's view point to get the Village to the right place.

She has this amazing ability to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to be heard and get us where we need to go. Even with the Village Board – I don't know if anyone has noticed, but almost 100% of our votes are unanimous. That's not because we all completely agree on every single issue, that is due to the culture that Lorraine has created here. We work together in a really collaborative way as a team and are able to always find that middle ground where everyone can support whatever it is we are voting on.

Bauer, S.
Con't.

The other incredible thing about Lorraine is that if she is going to take on an issue, she is going to know everything thing about that issue – backwards, forwards, you name it. She is not one to do anything half way and approaches every issue in an extremely thoughtful way. And because of that, the Village has been able to accomplish some incredible things. We will be here all night if I list them all out, but to name just a few of them:

1. Her time and effort to get the Constitution Park renovation over the finish line.
2. Her guidance through covid and making sure that our business district not only survived but thrived. It was because of Lorraine that we were able to be ready to allow outdoor dining on day 1.
3. Her tireless support for the business district has also dramatically reduced our vacancy rate. We are constantly welcoming new business to the Village!
4. She's worked incredibly hard to modernize the Village and the way we do things in countless ways – including upgrading our water meters so they can be read digitally, working to get payments and parking permits online, starting our first monthly e-newsletter. There is a very long list of ways Lorraine has worked to improve the way that residents interact with the Village.

Lastly, on a personal note. I need to thank you, Lorraine, for all of your time, encouragement and help. You have spent so much time making sure that I am ready to step into the role of Mayor. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate everything that you have done for me.

Thank you for everything you have given to our Village and thank you for setting such a high standard. We will all miss you so very much – me especially.

Mayor Lorraine Walsh said whoever bet I wouldn't cry lost their money. It was an honor to serve this community. Having been able to work with the present, past Boards and staff I will never forget and will miss you all. It's hard to leave but I know I'm leaving things in Sarah's good hands along with Charles Manice, Justin Datino and Aylone Katzin.

Mayor
Walsh, L.

Administrator Justin Datino thanked Mayor Walsh for her service and willingness to get in the trenches to get the job done.

Datino, J.

Police Lt. Ron Knudsen thanked the Mayor for always having an open door to discuss any issue.

Knudsen Lt., R.

Caparelli, J.

Fire Chief John Caparelli on behalf of the Fire Department thanked Mayor Walsh for the kindness she has shown the staff.

Staudt, J.

Village Attorney James Staudt said Mayor Walsh approached some things with the attitude of why not, reminding him of the RFK quote "Some men see things as they are and say why? I dream of things never were and say why not". She would find a very old issue, address it then go to work to resolve it.

RESOLUTION

Auth. Admin.
Agreement w/
Humane Soc. & TOM

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

RESOLVED, to authorize the Administrator to enter into agreement with the Humane Society of New Rochelle and the Town of Mamaroneck for dog sheltering services.

RESOLUTION

Auth. Admin.
MOA & CBA w/
PBA

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Larchmont ("Village") and Larchmont Police Benevolent Association ("LPBA") are parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement that expired on May 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Village and PBA agreed to a subsequent Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on June 22, 2020 covering the period of June 1, 2018, expiring May 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, changes to the terms and conditions of employment were agreed upon by the parties and placed in the form of a new MOA dated November 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the LPBA ratified the terms and conditions contained in the MOA on November 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the MOA between the Village and the LPBA regarding the terms and conditions of employment for the period June 1, 2022 through and including May 31, 2025 is being presented for approval by the Village of Larchmont Board of Trustees; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the MOA between the Village and the LPBA dated November 18, 2022 regarding the terms and conditions of employment for the period June 1, 2022 through and including May 31, 2025 is hereby approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the aforementioned Memorandum of Agreement and a Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period June 1, 2022 through and including May 31, 2025 between the Village and the LPBA incorporating the terms and conditions of said Memorandum of Agreements.

RESOLUTION

Berman, G.
Vol member FD

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

RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Geoffrey Berman as a volunteer member of the Fire Department.

RESOLUTION

Houston, C.
Traffic Comm.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Courtney Houston as a member of the Traffic Commission.

Mayor Walsh announced resolutions adopted at recent work sessions.

1. Auth. Mayor to execute Farmer’s Market Operating Plan-10/17/2022
2. Approve Event Permit Rules & Regulations-10/17/2022
3. Approve Holiday Parking 12/9-12/26/2022 Metered Zones-10/17/2022
4. Approve Park Permit Policy-11/7/2022
5. Auth. Administrator enter into agreement w/ DTS Provident-11/7/2022
6. Parking Code Changes CVS Lot-11/7/2022

Work Session & Special Meeting Resolutions

Mayor Walsh announced resolutions adopted at recent special meeting.

1. Prioritizing the Village of Larchmont Land Use Processes-10/24/2022

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

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of October 17, 2022.

RESOLUTION
Minutes 10/17/2022

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

RESOLVED, to approve the work session minutes of October 17, 2022.

RESOLUTION
Work Session Minutes 10/17/2022

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

RESOLVED, to approve the work session minutes of November 7, 2022.

RESOLUTION
Work Session Minutes 11/7/2022

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

RESOLVED, approve the minutes of the special meeting of October 24, 2022.

RESOLUTION
Special Mtg. Minutes 10/17/2022

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

RESOLVED, approve the payment of Bills in the amount of \$214,985.73.

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

RESOLVED, approve the payment of Bills in the amount of \$206,683.08.

On motion of Trustee Bauer, seconded by Trustee Fanelli and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.