

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees of the
Village of Larchmont, N.Y.
held on October 16, 2023

PRESENT: Mayor Sarah Bauer
Trustees Dana Post
Peter Fanelli
Charles Manice

ABSENT: Trustee Brigid Brennan, Administrator Datino

Also Present: Dep, Clerk Rilley, Attorney Staudt,
Asst. Administrator Katzin

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

The Mayor made the following announcements.

1. The Annual Ragamuffin Parade will take place this Saturday, October 21st with line-up at 2:30PM and step-off at 3PM.
2. The 1st Annual Fall Festival will be held in Constitution Park on November 18th from 11AM to 3PM.

Mayor's
Announcements

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

RESOLVED, to appoint Dawn Magid and Gregg Fisher as members of the Parks and Trees Committee.

RESOLUTION
Magrid, D.
Fisher, G.
Parks & Trees

In the absence of the Police Chief, Lt. Paprota gave the following report.

1. With the events in the Middle East, the PD is watching house of worship in the Village.
2. 9/20 a domestic dispute took place on a bus in the Village. With the help of Scarsdale PD, suspect was arrested.
3. 9/21 a taxi driver report bicycle thefts at the train station. MTA PD informed.
4. 9/26 a report of a teenage missing. Was found in the city.
5. 9/29 heavy rains and flooding in the Village.
6. 9/22 business owner reported bank check were stolen.
7. 10/5 a large scratch was reported on a vehicle.
8. PD assisted in a rescue of a capsized boat in VOM harbor.
9. 9/28 a safety meeting was held in Village Hall with the residents of 2101 & 2103 Palmer Ave.
10. VOL & TOM addressed Seniors Citizens on elderly scams.
11. Weather permitting, The Ragamuffin Parade will take place this Saturday, 11/21.
12. From 10/15 to 12/15 electric leaf blowers are allowed to be used in the Village.

PD Report
Paprota, Lt. J.

Fire Chief's report

Chief Valentine made the following report.

1. One area I would like to bring attention to was Friday September 29th which is when Larchmont was impacted by a slow-moving coastal storm. The weather event brought a record amount of rainfall to our area. In the entire month of September, Larchmont typically receives just 4.3 inches of total rain, however we far exceeded that number in just a 12 hour span. During this event, we responded to 62 calls of service. The calls ranged from an electrical fire to various medical emergencies, a gas alarm and gas leak, and numerous water related scenes. As always, we worked with the Larchmont Police Department during the majority of the scenes and also utilized the assistance of the Larchmont Department of Public Works for help on flooding pump-out calls once our firefighters declared the area safe. I wanted to personally thank the members of these two departments for their seamless integration into our command structure.
2. As most of us know, October is host to Fire Prevention week. This past week there were 770 students educated by Larchmont Firefighters and our in-house Fire and Life Safety Educators. Ages of the groups ranged from Pre-School to 5th Grade covering several safety topics. As always, our Firefighters are committed to Fire Safety not just during Fire Prevention Week, but all year round. We have several upcoming educational events scheduled for the remainder of month and year.
3. Year to date for 2023 our Fire and Life Safety Educators have provided formal education to 1,230 students. This number includes classes and events only and does not include our many daily interactions with the public.
4. In between all of the educational sessions, you may have noticed a 2-story mobile window parked in our back lot. The firefighter emergency escape and self-rescue set of evolutions is part of our required annual training which is commonly referred to as firefighter bailout training. Part 800 of Title 12 of NYS calls for annual training in this area to ensure firefighters are proficient in their emergency escape systems should they need to be deployed in a life or death situation. Our firefighters perform a number of evolutions in a controlled belay environment with their vision completely blocked to simulate real life smoke situations while maintaining the highest level of safety.
5. This past Friday both Lt. Michael Ettore and Lt. Christopher DiGilio completed their mandatory First Line Supervisors Training Program held in NYC. This 4-week class is required of all newly promoted career fire lieutenants in the state of New York. During this time, the lieutenants received formalized training from the Fire Department of New York in many areas. Some of which were of fire officer and instructor, tactical decision making, advanced personnel handling techniques, and important networking with other fire service professionals. I would like to congratulate them both on successfully completing this next chapter in their careers.

- 6. To finish my report this evening as one of the code enforcement officers for the Village I want to touch upon leaf blower use. As of yesterday October 15th, electric leaf blowers are allowed within the village with limited use during our fall clean up season.
- 7. Now through December 15th, electric leaf blowers may be used Monday through Friday excluding holidays between 8am and 530pm; on Saturday between 10am and 530pm; and on Sunday and Holidays, property owners may utilize them from 10am to 5pm. As a reminder gas powered leaf blowers are prohibited at all times. Further information about code 180 can be found on the Village of Larchmont website.

Fire Chief's report
Con't.

Trustee Fanelli made the following report.

Trustee Reports

- 1. With Saturday being a washout, the Larchmont Arts Committee hosted the Annual Arts Festival on 10/2. Thanks to Jill Brennick, Cary Federspiel, and Nili Asherie.

Asst. Administrator Katzin stated that the Fire and Water Departments will begin flushing fire hydrants throughout the Village till the end of October. Residents are reminded if their water is brown continue running till it clears.

Hydrant Flushing

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

RESOLVED, to approve the Tax Certiorari settlement with Malka Equities, 2122 Boston Post Road, (6/13/44) in the amount of \$2,991.72.

RESOLUTION
Tax Certiorari
Malka Equities
2124 BPR
\$2,991.72

Mayor Bauer announced resolutions that were approved at recent work sessions.

Work Session
Resolutions

PEG Restricted Fund Balance Account-9/18/2023

Auth. \$10,000 Village Hall Maintenance & \$81,000 Capital Projects- 9/18/2023

Approve \$1,500 Recreation Committee Fall Fest- 9/18/2023

Approve Change Order Flint Park Pavilion Adler Construction- 9/18/2023

Adopt Climate Education & Engagement Program- 10/2/2023

Darren Moss from the Pine Brook Assn. address the Board on the flooding issues that has caused problems in their neighborhood not only recently, but for many years. He added for over 8 years there has been a promise of funding from Westchester County that has never happened.

Moss, D.
Pine Brook Assn.
Flooding

Trustee Post said the Village is exploring options including 250 million in state funds.

Mayor Bauer announced that Trustee Post will be the flood liaison for the Board.

Next Terrance Pare from the Fountain Square Task Force addressed the Board on flooding.

Pare, T.
Fountain Sq.
Task Force
Flooding

He said the Village video of the storm drains abandoned marine life was found inside. He added that since 1965 Long Island Sound has risen 8 inches.

The Mayor said that the Village Administrator Justin Datino, who is at a conference this week, is the point person on the flooding problems in the Village. He will contact Mr. Moss and Pare.

Gottfried, M.
Parking Revenues

Michael Gottfried spoke to the Board about parking financials.

1. EV Charging-Con Ed
2. Expenses and revenues down
3. 2019 parking presentation and promise of tax relief
4. Outdoor dining restricting meter income
5. Finance Committee analysis down 70%.

RESOLUTION
Minutes 9/18/2023

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

RESOLVED, approve the minutes of 9/18/2023.

RESOLUTION
Work Session
Minutes 9/18/2023

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

RESOLVED, approve work session minutes of 9/18/2023.

RESOLUTION
Work Session
Minutes 10/2/2023

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

RESOLVED, approve work session minutes of 10/2/2023.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the Bills dated 10.16.2023 in the amount of \$505,788. 44 with an additional \$27, 038, 00

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Post, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.