

Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Board of Trustees of the  
Village of Larchmont held on  
**Monday, January 14, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Lorraine Walsh  
Trustees Peter Fanelli  
Sarah Bauer

**ABSENT:** Trustee Carol Casazza Herman,  
Trustee Malcolm Frouman

**Also Present:** Dep. Clerk Rilley, Administrator Datino,  
Treasurer Siegrist,  
Amanda Brosy, representing the Village Attorney's office

Mayor Walsh welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Mayor Walsh asked Jay Rubin, Co-Chair of the Traffic Commission to address the meeting. Mr. Rubin started by saying the Traffic Commission meets the first Tuesday of every month. The Commission listens to resident's concerns on speeding, parking, cycling and many other issues. The Commission consists of seven members. One has recently moved and the Co-Chair, Rob Rothman is about to. A new resident, Jessica Poli has expressed interest in joining the Commission. Mr. Rubin asked the Board to approve her appointment. He also asked for anyone interested to apply for the additional vacancy.

Rubin, J.  
Traffic Commission

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

**RESOLVED,** to approve the appointment of Jessica Poli as a member of the Traffic Commission for a term of three years.

**RESOLUTION**  
Poli, J.  
Traffic Commission

Next to address the Board was Dr. Robert Shaps, Superintendent on the Mamaroneck Public Schools. Dr. Shaps spoke about the Capital Improvement Bond Referendum Vote on February 5, 2019. Dr. Shaps distributed a flyer with information on the bond.

Shaps, Dr.  
School Bond Vote

Dr. Shaps then discussed some of the items in the flyer:

1. The buildings age in range from 50-100 years old.
2. Proposed bond is the result of a 5 year study.
3. Total project cost \$49,755.170.
4. No tax impact until 2020-2021.
5. Some of the work to be done:
  - a. Plumbing, mechanical & electrical
  - b. Fire alarms and security systems updates
  - c. Installation of five elevators for ADA compliance
  - d. Expansion of the Chatsworth Avenue School cafeteria

Mayor Walsh thanked Dr. Shaps for attending the meeting and the flyer will be posted on the Village's website next week.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Poleway made the following report.

1. The hunt continued today for the person suspected of gunning down a young Louisiana cop last week, her murder coming during a 7-day stretch that proved tragic for police officers, with data now showing a rise in 2019 line of duty deaths as compared to the year before. Shreveport Police Chief Ben Raymond identified the officer as Chateri Payne. Payne was hired by the department in July 2018 and graduated from the police academy in November 2018.

As America enters its third full week of the calendar year, seven police officers have already been confirmed killed this January. The latest death occurred Sunday, capping off a horrific seven days for law enforcement in which officers also died in separate incidents on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

It is disheartening to see an increase in law enforcement officer fatalities as we begin the new year. This uptick serves as an important reminder of the dangers of the job for America's peace officers and that we owe the men and women who serve our sincere debt of gratitude for their efforts to keep our communities safe.

The uptick in deaths in 2019 follows a year-wide increase in 2018, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

The Memorial Fund announced in its 2018 End-of-Year Law Enforcement Fatalities Report that 144 federal, state, local, tribal and territorial officers died in the line of duty over the past year, representing a 12 percent increase over the 129 officers who died in the line of duty in 2017. Most departments are operating shorthanded and nationally the situation with recruitment appears to be getting worse. While violent crime rates are increasing, there is pressure in many states to minimize prison populations. Law Enforcement Officers have become as wary of the political realities as we are of the criminal element.

2. The Acting Inspector General of Social Security, Gale Stallworth Stone, is urging citizens to remain vigilant of telephone impersonation schemes that exploit the Social Security Administration's (SSA) reputation and authority.

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) continues to receive reports from across the country about fraudulent phone calls from people claiming to be from the SSA. Recent reports have indicated that unknown callers are using increasingly threatening language in these calls. The callers state, due to improper or illegal activity with a citizen's Social Security number (SSN) or account, a citizen will be arrested or face other legal action if they fail to call a provided phone number to address the issue. This is a scam; citizens should not engage with these calls or provide any personal information.

SSA employees do contact citizens, generally those who have ongoing business with SSA, by telephone for customer-service purposes. However, SSA employees will never threaten you for information; they will not state that you face potential arrest or other legal action if you fail to provide information. In those cases, the call is fraudulent, and you should just hang up.

Unfortunately, scammers will try anything to mislead and harm innocent people, including scaring them into thinking that something is wrong with their Social Security account and they might be arrested. I encourage everyone to remain watchful of these schemes and to alert family members and friends of their prevalence. The SSA will continue to track these scams and warn citizens, so that they can stay several steps ahead of these thieves.

The OIG recently warned that some of these impersonation calls have "spoofed" SSA's national customer service phone number, displaying 1-800-772-1213 as the incoming number on caller ID.

The Acting Inspector General urges citizens to be extremely cautious, and to avoid providing information such as your SSN or bank account numbers to unknown persons over the phone or internet unless you are certain of who is receiving it. If you receive a suspicious call from someone alleging to be from SSA, you should report that information to the Office of the Inspector General at 1-800-269-0271 or online at [oig.ssa.gov/report](http://oig.ssa.gov/report) or call the Larchmont Police Department.

3. There continue to be some reports of counterfeit bills either being passed or attempting to be passed in Larchmont and in multiple jurisdictions throughout Westchester County. Typically the currency is a \$100 bill and they appear to be high quality reproductions so detecting them can be difficult. I would like to caution all business owners to be careful when accepting \$100 bills and to immediately report any incident to the police department in which you may believe that counterfeit currency is attempting to be passed.
4. Burglar Alarm System installed in your home or business it must be registered with the Larchmont Police Department, as required under the Local Law 4-2016, enumerating the required fees and fines set forth in Chapter 85 of the Larchmont Village Code. If you recently installed an alarm system, an Application to Operate an Alarm System must be filed with the Larchmont Police Department along with a \$75.00 initial application fee. The alarm must also be renewed annually at a fee of \$35.00. Renewal notices are being mailed out so residents and business owners with alarm systems should expect to receive this notice shortly.

Please note that non-registered (non-permitted) alarm systems are subject to penalties upon EACH false alarm dispatch, as it is unlawful to continue to operate an alarm system without a valid registration, pursuant to Alarm Ordinance, section 85-3.

Failure to pay false alarm fees, permit/renewal fees or other charges shall become a lien upon the property the alarm device services and will be collected in the same manner as real estate taxes.

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In order to ensure the accuracy of our records, please notify us if you are moving, no longer have an alarm system or if it has been disconnected so your account can be closed. If you are a new resident at a location with an existing alarm system, you must notify the Larchmont Police Department so that records can be updated to reflect accurate information for your location.

It is very important to your safety and well-being to have your house number clearly displayed for proper alarm response and 911 emergencies. It is imperative that your displayed number is the correct number for your location. If you should have any questions or concerns on any alarm related issues, you can contact the Police Clerk.

5. I would like to remind everyone to stay vigilant in reporting any suspicious activity that may be observed over the upcoming holiday season. If you observe something that may be suspicious, please, do not keep it to yourself – call the 24 hour NYS Terrorism Tips Line at 866 SAFE-NYS (866-723-3697) or call the Larchmont Police Department at (914) 834-1000 or simply dial 911.

**Fire Chief's Report**

Chief Caparelli gave the following report.

1. Last month I reported the Fire Department would be on track to reach 1000 requests for assistance for the year. I can report to you that for the first time in the history of the Fire Department, we had a total of 1001 calls for assistance in calendar year 2018. This is without any major storms which could account for over 100 alarms per event. Increases in alarm counts are up nationwide taxing both large and small departments alike.
2. The Village of Larchmont signs on to the Westchester County Mutual Aid agreement regularly. This agreement affords neighboring fire departments an added benefit of having additional resources available during a large scale event. Last month, the Larchmont Fire Department was called upon to assist the City of New Rochelle while they were battling a large fire in a church. We backfilled their fire house with TL-7 along with an engine from Fairview FD. During our coverage of New Rochelle we responded to a smoke condition in the north end of New Rochelle with multiple other agencies. A letter of thanks was sent by Chief Sandor. Also last month, we responded to a large fire in the TM on Boston Post Road. Again, TL-7 along with Rescue 1 assisted the TMFD in battling this fire and providing support for the other agencies who responded. This highlights the need for such an agreement and the benefits available to municipalities both large and small during large scale events.

3. On January 19, 2019, from 5-9pm the Fire Department will host the third annual Bon Fire at Manor Beach. There will be hot chocolate and music for all attendees. The weather is calling for snow so it should be a fun event. Please come out to support the Fire Department all are welcome.
4. I would like to remind residents and business owners to shovel sidewalks abutting your property with 24 hours of a snow event. If you have a fire hydrant on or near you property please help your Fire Department by shoveling it out if it should get covered by snow. Treat all downed wires as if they are live, energized, and call 914-834-0600 or 911 if you need emergency assistance.

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All apparatus are in service and all equipment is operational.

Treasurer Siegrist made the following report.

Treasurer's Report

1. The Total Revenue is \$14.6 million, year to date. At 49.9 %, that is functioning on budget.

Mayor Walsh thanked Treasurer Siegrist for the first six month budget presentation. She added the Board is beginning the 2019-2020 Budget process and all of the budget meetings are on the website calendar and are opened to the public.

Trustee Fanelli made the following report.

Trustees Reports

1. This Saturday on Manor Beach, the Fire Department will hold the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bonfire from 5-8 PM. Ken Dirks and the Bonfire Band will provide the music.
2. The Fire Department needs volunteers. Stop by the Fire House to find out how to join.

The Mayor said the Fire Department uses the Christmas trees DPW picks-up after the holidays for the bonfire.

Mayor Walsh announced that Radar will be holding an event "Why Teens use Drugs and Alcohol" at 7:00 PM on January 15<sup>th</sup> at the Hommocks Middle School.

Mayor's Announcements

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

**RESOLVED,** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 17, 2019.

**RESOLUTION**  
Approve minutes  
12/17/2018

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

**RESOLVED,** to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$222,416.67, paid prior to this evening's meeting.

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

**RESOLVED,** that Abstract Audit Voucher #8, dated January 14, 2019, in the amount of \$351,636.02, per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval of Trustee Bauer.

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Bauer, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.