

Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Of the Board of Trustees of the  
Village of Larchmont, N.Y.  
**held on Monday, July 16, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Lorraine Walsh  
Trustees Carol Casazza Herman  
Peter Fanelli

**ABSENT:** Trustee Malcolm Frouman, Trustee Sarah Bauer

**Also present:** Dep. Clerk Riley, Administrator Datino,  
and Amanda Brosy representing the Village Attorney's office.

Mayor Walsh welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

Mayor Walsh thanked Chief Caparelli for his efforts in acquiring a grant for the Fire Department to purchase four new mobile devices. These devices will be installed in the four apparatus allowing faster and more updated information on calls.

**Mayor's thanks**  
**Caparelli, J.**

Chief Poleway gave the following report.

**Police Chief's Report**

1. On Saturday – June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Larchmont Police Department hosted its' first coffee with a cop session at Starbuck's on Palmer Avenue. There was a robust turnout and some very positive feedback was received. Police Officers Della Vecchia and Irvine and Detective Hammond did an excellent job interacting with the public and really represented what community policing is all about. Officer Krahe and Officer Brown also stopped by and chatted with some of our residents as attendance began to increase. I would like to thank the Starbucks employees, especially Irene, Sabrina and Jose, who were very helpful and accommodating in handing out iced coffee, iced tea and pastry samplers. Overall, the event was a huge success and we will seek to set up another event in the near future.
2. Summer is a time when many of our residents travel and go on vacation. If you plan on being away for more than a couple of days, please stop by the police department and fill out a dark house form. These forms supply our officers with current contact information and advise us if anyone will have access to your residence while you are away. The forms are placed in binders that the officers take out on patrol, and when time is available, visual inspections of the dark houses are performed and documented. This process assists the police department in determining if any criminal mischief has occurred to your residence or if any suspicious conditions exist.
3. The New York State Senate announced that the "Drug Take Back Act" has been signed into law. The measure establishes a unified statewide drug take-back program that will reduce medication misuse, and save government and taxpayer money. The bill (S9100, Chapter 120) sponsored by Senators Kemp Hannon (R, Nassau) and Tom O'Mara (R-C-I, Big Flats), will also protect the state's water supplies by preventing drugs from being improperly disposed of by flushing or other means that result in contamination of water bodies and negatively impact aquatic life.

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This law creates a unified, statewide drug take-back program that saves taxpayers the money spent on programs currently operated by law enforcement agencies and public officials, and helps reduce medication misuse and improper disposal.

The Drug Take Back Act will help give manufacturers of pharmaceutical products responsibility for costs of the take-back program, with focal points being public education and awareness, as well as drug collection, transport, and destruction. Under this new law, chain and mail-order pharmacies will be required to provide consumers with collection options, including drop boxes and prepaid mail-back envelopes. The measure will also ensure rural, urban, and other underserved communities have access to ongoing collection services so that all persons have reasonable access to locations to dispose of their drugs and prevent over-saturation in higher populated areas.

The new law is critical to the state's ongoing efforts to reduce drug abuse because one of the most common ways for opioid addictions to start is when individuals have access to leftover prescriptions, whether it be theirs, a friend's, a relative's, or someone else's. By increasing New Yorkers' opportunities to properly dispose of unused drugs, the potential for abuse and addiction is decreased. In addition, proper disposal helps protect the state's water supplies because fewer people would improperly dispose of drugs by flushing them down a toilet or using other means that result in water contamination. Last year, the Senate led the way in securing a historic \$2.5 billion investment to improve and protect water resources, and keeping drugs out of water supplies is another important and necessary step.

4. As of June 1<sup>st</sup>, the use of gas powered leaf blowers within the confines of the Village of Larchmont is strictly prohibited. Once again, this year the Larchmont Committee on the Environment sought to educate people on this issue and thereby gain voluntary compliance with this Village code. As part of this process, the police department has increased its' enforcement efforts in an attempt to enlighten those landscapers and homeowners that continued to violate this code to the fact that they would receive a summons if an officer observed them using a gas powered leaf blower. Since June 1<sup>st</sup>, 41 leaf blower complaints have been received by the police department with 11 summonses issued and the remaining calls were either unfounded or warnings were issued. Thus far, I believe this initiative has been successful and hopefully this will encourage landscapers and homeowners alike to comply with this village ordinance in the future.

5. I would like to remind everyone to stay vigilant in reporting any suspicious activity that may be observed. 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.

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Next Chief Poleway presented Police Officer Jared Pennella. Officer Pennella was hired on July 9<sup>th</sup> to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Police Officer Raymond Basli. Mr. Pennella is 32 years of age and resides in Rye, New York. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Marist College and has earned credits towards a Master's degree in cyber-security from Utica College. Mr. Pennella is also a certified paramedic and was formerly employed by the Bronx County District Attorney's Office as an investigator. As a member of a law enforcement agency, it was not necessary to enroll him in the Westchester County Police Academy. He is currently in the process of completing the Field Training Program and after that he will assume full patrol duty assignments. Officer Pennella is intelligent and demonstrated excellent communication skills during his interview process and displayed good judgement and an understanding of the police role as it applies to the Village of Larchmont. In attendance tonight is Officer Pennella's wife, Dana and his parents Ron and Rosie.

Mayor Walsh then administered the oath of office to Officer Pennella.

Oath of Office  
Pennella, J.  
P. D.

Chief Caparelli made the following report.

1. The Fire Department received a grant for new MDT's for the fire apparatus from FM Global insurance company in the amount of \$2,437.00. These Microsoft Surface Pro 4's will be installed in the front line apparatus and allow the responding personnel to access data quicker and with more detail than before. Information such as turn by turn directions, contact names and numbers, photos of parcels, water main maps and hydrant locations are just some of the critical information that will be available to the firefighters. Currently, the existing laptops are 8 years old and have long been out dated. The Chief then read a letter from the company who awarded the grant, FM Global Insurance Company.
2. The Fire Department accepted delivery of a replacement apparatus for Engine 33, the 1993 Seagrave Pumper. As you know, this apparatus had substantial rust, mechanical issues and was at the end of its serviceable life. The replacement was a purchase from a neighboring department and is a welcome addition to our fleet. The new Engine 33 is a 2005 American La France Pumper, it is in excellent mechanical and physical condition. This new apparatus is currently undergoing in house outfitting with equipment from the old Engine 33 as well as training with all the on duty crews. I anticipate it going into full service in approximately 2 weeks.

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3. I am currently involved with the other 12 Westchester Career Chiefs in submitting a grant with NYS for ballistic gear for our firefighters. This gear will enable our responding firefighters to have the latest protective vests, helmets and shields in the event of an active shooter scenario. Administering care to victims of an active shooter incident, both Police personnel and civilians, as soon as possible has been shown to offer the most chances for survival. This gear will enable our personnel to enter cleared areas of the scene to treat and remove patients for further care.

Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors save lives. Please ensure you have fresh batteries in your detectors.

All apparatus and equipment are in service.  
Fire Inspections and Code Enforcement are ongoing.

Trustees Reports

Trustee Fanelli gave the following report.

1. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Races in Flint Park went from 10AM to noon and were well attended. Thanks to the volunteer firefighters for serving the hot dogs.
2. The 2018 Concerts in the Park started with the Dixie Dandies in Manor Park on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the Manor Park Society.
3. Thanks to the Fire Department for patrolling the waters on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in the rescue boat.
4. The Concerts in the Park continue in Constitution Park with the fire department serving food and Longford's serving ice cream.
5. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Larchmont Day and a longtime favorite Big Trucks Day will take place September 15<sup>th</sup>.
6. The 2018 Arts Festival will take place on September 29<sup>th</sup>. For applications go to the Village website.
7. Tennis for children and adults fall program will begin on September 17<sup>th</sup>.
8. The Ragamuffin Parade will take place on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

AAdministrator's Report

Administrator Datino made the following report.

1. Paving will begin this week in the Village. Check the Village website for the streets and dates.
2. Residents are asked to check their sprinkler systems for over watering. The peak time for water consumption is in the summer months.
3. The Pine Brook Park improvements will begin soon. The playground may be closed briefly while the work is ongoing.

Mayor Walsh announced resolutions adopted at recent work sessions.

1. Authorize Administrator to offer position- Assistant Building Inspector
2. Authorize Administrator to offer 3 positions- Laborers/Public Works
3. Approve Non-Union Salary Schedule
4. Approve McCullough, Goldberger & Staudt- Litigation Matter
5. Appoint Kimberly Siegrist, Village Treasurer- effective July 30, 2018

**Work Session**  
**Resolutions**

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

**RESOLVED,** to approve the minutes of the work session meeting held on June 18, 2018.

**RESOLUTION**  
Approve **m**inutes  
**Work Session**  
6/18/2018

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

**RESOLVED,** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 18, 2018.

**RESOLUTION**  
Approve **m**inutes  
6/18/2018

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

**RESOLVED,** to approve the minutes of the work session meeting held on June 26, 2018.

**RESOLUTION**  
Approve **m**inutes  
**Work Session**  
6/26/2018

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

**RESOLVED,** to approve the minutes of the work session meeting held on June 27, 2018.

**RESOLUTION**  
Approve **m**inutes  
**Work Session**  
6/27/2018

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

**RESOLVED,** to approve the minutes of the work session meeting held on July 9, 2018.

**RESOLUTION**  
Approve **m**inutes  
**Work Session**  
7/9/2018

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

**RESOLVED,** that Abstract Audit Voucher #12, dated July 16, 2018, in the amount of \$110,911.25 per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval of Trustee Herman.

Trustee Herman added that this Abstract closes the books on Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

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

**RESOLVED**, that Abstract Audit Voucher #2, dated July 16, 2018, in the amount of \$170,287.54 per copies filed with the Clerk, be paid, subject to confirmation and approval of Trustee Herman.

On motion of Trustee Fanelli, seconded by Trustee Herman, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.