

Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Of the Board of Trustees of the  
Village of Larchmont, N.Y.  
**held on Monday, August 21, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Lorraine Walsh  
Deputy Mayor Carol Miller  
Trustees Peter Fanelli  
Malcolm Frouman  
Carol Casazza Herman

**ABSENT:** Treasurer Brucciani

**Also present:** Dep. Clerk Rilley, Attorney Staudt, Administrator Datino

Mayor Walsh welcome all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM.

Commenting on the solar eclipse that took place this day, Mayor Walsh wished everybody Happy Eclipse Day. She added many people gathered in front of the Library to witness the event, she included herself.

The Mayor announced the Board has put out a Request For Proposal (RFP) to commission a parking study. The proposed parking study will bring in new data to find the problems and develop the solutions. The RFP is due on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4PM.

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

**RESOLVED,** to appoint Alexa Sewell as a member of the Planning Board for a term of three years.

On motion of Trustee Frouman, seconded by Trustee Miller, and unanimously carried, it was:

**RESOLVED,** to appoint Suzanne Moncure and Elliot Sclar to the Historic Preservation Task force.

John Lagorga of GHD was next to address the meeting on the Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study his company has been performing for the Village. Mr. Lagorga stated this a preliminary report and the final will be given in October. Also, before the study could begin, the sewers had to be cleaned. His company disposed of 48 tons of waste from the lines.

Mr. Lagorga presentation displayed pictures of crushed pipes, manholes made of brick with missing mortar and charts illustrating the workings of the system.

Mr. Lagorga then reported on the preliminary results of the study:  
30% of the system does not require repair  
690 manholes-127 require repair  
9 sections of system in need of replacement  
There are 170 medium sized repairs required

Mr. Lagorga said the cost of these repairs is an estimated at \$4,450,000 and these numbers are currently being revised.

Mayor Walsh thanked Mr. Lagorga and added that the Sewer Rent Fee and the four communities involved working together on this project, the Town of Mamaroneck, New Rochelle and Pelham will help with the costs.

In the absence of Chief Caparelli, Lt. Doherty gave the following report.

1. The Volunteer staff participated in the annual Blythdale Children's Hospital BBQ with other Fire Departments throughout the County. The BBQ is a great time for the children to have some fun and spend time with first responders from throughout Westchester County.
2. September 16, 2017 is Larchmont Day/Big Truck Day/125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fire Department. There will be a block party sponsored by the Fire Department on Larchmont Avenue in front of Village Hall from 11am to 4 pm consisting of the Fire Prevention Education Smoke Trailer, jump castle, obstacle course for the older kids, dunk tank to dunk your favorite fireman and cotton candy and popcorn. As well as big trucks for all ages. Along with this celebration there will be an art festival in Constitution Park adjacent to Village Hall with art, jewelry and gifts for sale along with music sponsored by the Committee on the Arts.
3. The Fire Department will be adding two more certified instructors to our ranks. FF. John Adams and FF. Richard Valentine of the Career staff will be attending the Fire Academy in Montore Falls to obtain their Fire Service Instructor 1 certification. This will allow the Fire Department to offer more training to personnel both Career and Volunteer while on duty. Conduct more intensive training in house rather than off site. Increase Larchmont's participation in the Career Fire Academy by offering instructors to work with new recruits. The Village and the Fire Department will benefit from John's and Richard's training for many years to come.
4. On July 21, 2017 the duty crew, Lt. Tony Martyn, FF. Michael Etere, FF. Steve Forrest and myself helped St. John's Church load trucks for the Syrian refugees. I was approached by Ruth Gyure that morning, she asked for volunteers to help load over 1000 packages, boxes, wheelchairs, crutches, strollers, diapers and many other items destined for the Syrian refugees. We spent over two hours in the 100 degree heat helping the Church.
5. I have one application for membership to the Volunteer staff. Marcus Schomber of Drake Avenue, New Rochelle has been interviewed by the membership committee, completed a background check and has completed his FF1 certification for Interior Firefighting. I ask the Board to approve his application at this time.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve the application of Marcus Schomber as a volunteer member of the Fire Department, pending physical.

6. The Volunteer staff elected a new slate of Officers to lead the Volunteer firefighters. For the Boards approval I present;  
Captain John Pomponio an 11 year veteran of the Volunteer staff. John is the backbone of the Volunteer staff, he often goes above and beyond to participate in alarms, events and overall leadership of the members of the Volunteer staff.  
Captain Joseph Clifton also an 11 year veteran. Joe is also a vital component to the leadership of the Volunteer staff. Joe is first to respond to help whether it be an alarm or an event. He is dedicated and committed to serving the residents of Larchmont.  
Lt.'s Dylan Jewell, John Ruggiero and Kris Walters. These three individuals have demonstrated leadership qualities and the desire to work toward a better trained, highly motivated and more inclusive Volunteer staff.

I recommend the Board approve their election as Officers of the Larchmont Fire Department.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve the Election of the Officers of the Larchmont Fire Department as follows: John Pomponio, Capt., Joe Clifton, Capt., Dylan Jewell, Lt., Kristopher Walters, Lt. & J.C. Ruggiero, Lt.

Mayor Walsh administered the oath of office to the newly elected officers.

Trustee Fanelli gave the following report.

1. Thanks to the Committee on the Arts for this year's Concerts in the Park. Additional thanks to Nili Asherie, Ken Dierks for their efforts and Villa Maria serving the pizza.

2. Congratulations to the Fire Department and other county departments for the BB'Q they held at Blythdale Children's Hospital.
3. Congratulations to VAC on their annual dinner. Anyone interested volunteering should contact them.
4. On September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM there will be a free Movie in Constitution Park, Disney's Moana. Sponsored by the LPFFA.
5. September 16<sup>th</sup> is Larchmont Day from 12-4 PM. This year the Village will be celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fire Department with Big Trucks Day, games, fire department demonstrations and food vendors. Also the Committee on the Arts Festival will take place in Constitution Park from 12-5 PM.

Michael Gottfried of 16 Ocean Avenue was next to address the Board.

Mr. Gottfried discussed issues pertaining to water and some were:

Current low meter readings

Water expenditures as it relates to this year's budget

Time frame for possible water rate increase for next year

Mayor Walsh thanked Mr. Gottfried and added that the low meter readings were because Lorenzen and Constitution Parks were not included.

On motion of Trustee miller, seconded by Trustee Frouman, and unanimously carried, with Trustee Fanelli abstaining, it was:

**RESOLVED,** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 17, 2017.

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

**RESOLVED,** that Abstract Audit Voucher #1, 2017 dated August 21, 2017, in the amount of \$727,826.79, 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 8:40 PM.