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# Village Board of Trustees Meeting

**Monday, July 21, 2025 – 7:30 PM**
**Village Hall Courtroom**
**120 Larchmont Avenue, Larchmont, NY 10538**

The Board will convene at 4:00 PM in a Work Session in the Second Floor Conference Room. All meetings are recorded and broadcast on LMC-TV, Channel 76 (Cablevision) or Channel 35 (Verizon). If you have a disability and require a reasonable accommodation to fully participate in this meeting, please contact the Village Clerk's office via email at villageclerk@larchmontny.gov or telephone 914-834-6230 to discuss your accessibility needs.

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor's Comments

- State Senator Shelley Mayer to present legislative update

Public Hearings

- Proposed Local Law to extend the duration of the temporary moratorium established by Local Law # 2-2025 prohibiting the review and approval of applications and the issuance of permits for "Battery Energy Storage Systems" in the Village of Larchmont

Administrator's Report

Village Attorney's Report

Village Treasurer's Report

Police Chief's Report

Fire Chief's Report

Trustees' Comments

- Appointment for Chair of Climate Smart Communities Task Force
- Appointment for Member of the Commercial Area Plan Committee

Agenda Items

Resolutions set at previous Work Session(s):

- June 16:
    - Approval of purchase of the used apparatus from New England (company) and authorize the Fire Chief to sell the rescue truck.

- Accept $264,142.49 as final payment for the fee in lieu of the condition for moving wires underground and hereby direct the Building Dept to issue the final CO.
- Authorize the Acting Village Administrator to approve a change order with ECSG for additional smart locks and licenses for the tennis building.
- Adopt the recommendations from the Fire Chief regarding single benches, tables, and chairs at a fee of $50 as part of the Public Space Use Permit Program pursuant to section 245-19-E.
- Authorize the Acting Village Administrator to execute a professional services agreement with BerryDunn for an organizational assessment.

- July 07 (minutes pending):
  - Appoint Trustee Paré to serve as the liaison of the Village Board to the Larchmont Joint Sanitation Commission, solely in connection with the project to demolish the incinerator.
  - Authorize the Fire Chief to place an order for the purchase of a fire truck.
  - Authorize sale of Rescue1 at the rate of $92,100.
  - Authorize the Acting Village Administrator to execute a change order with Scarsdale Security Systems for internet and security upgrades at Flint Park.
  - Authorize the purchase of new windows for the Fire Department.
  - Appoint Aylone Katzin to Village Administrator.
- July 14 (minutes pending):
  - Authorize the Village Administrator to execute the professional services agreement with LaBella for Temporary Staff Augmentation at the Building Department.

Public Comments

Approval of Minutes

- Regular Meetings: June 16
- Work Session Minutes: June 16

Approval of Bills

Motion to Adjourn

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# NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Larchmont will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 7:30 PM.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to review and take comment on a proposed local law extending a six (6) month moratorium prohibiting the review and approval of applications and issuance of permits for "Battery Energy Storage Systems" within the Village of Larchmont for an additional six (6) months.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF LARCHMONT, N.Y.
Jamie Silver, Dep. Village Clerk

Dated: Larchmont, NY
July 19, 2025

VILLAGE OF LARCHMONT
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW # ___-2025

A local law to extend the duration of the temporary moratorium established by Local Law # 2 - 2025 prohibiting the review and approval of applications and the issuance of permits for "Battery Energy Storage Systems" in the Village of Larchmont

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Larchmont as follows:

**Section 1**: Purpose and Intent.

On February 24, 2025, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Larchmont "(the Village") adopted Local Law # 2 -2025, which established a six (6) month temporary moratorium on the review and approval of applications and the issuance of permits for Battery Energy Storage Systems ("BESS") in the Village. Effective upon its filing with the New York State Secretary of State on February 25, 2025, Local Law # 2 -2025 expires on August 25, 2025.

As stated in Local Law # 2 - 2025, the last several years have seen a marked increase in BESS. The Village recognizes that BESS are a key component to the viability and promotion of renewable energy sources. However, since the technology of these systems is still in its infancy, there is a significant amount of recent public concern about the potentially volatile nature of lithium-ion batteries.

In keeping with the stated purpose of the temporary moratorium, Village officials and the Village's consultants, attorneys, and staff have been studying and identifying the potential benefits and risks inherent in BESS. Part of this process involves reviewing the guidance of state and federal public health authorities. A final report containing recommendations with respect to the municipal management of BESS is due to be released by the New York State Inter-Agency Fire Safety Working Group just prior to or shortly after the expiration of the current moratorium. Due to the complex nature of the issues presented, and the desire to avoid unintended consequences and complications, it is anticipated that additional time will be required to review the relevant guidance and to consider any appropriate revisions to the Village's land use regulations. It is necessary, therefore, to extend the temporary moratorium by an additional six months.

**Section 2**: Local Law # 2 -2025 is hereby amended by revising Section Five in its entirety to read as follows, with such local law remaining unchanged in all other respects:

**Section 5:** Term.

The provisions of this local law shall be in effect up to and including February 25, 2026, unless earlier repealed, modified, extended, or supplemented by further local law of the Village of Larchmont.

**Section 3**: Severability.

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Local Law is, for any reason, declared invalid, in whole or in part, by any court, agency, commission, legislative body or other authority of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent portion. Such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof, which other portions shall continue in full force and effect.

**Section 4**: Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Kenneth W. Jenkins
Westchester County Executive

**Westchester County Planning Board Referral Review**
**Pursuant to Section 239 L, M and N of the General Municipal Law and Section 277.61 of the County Administrative Code**

June 24, 2025

Jamie Silver, Deputy Village Clerk
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**County Planning Board Referral File LAR 25-007 – Battery Energy Storage Systems Moratorium Extension**

Dear Jamie Silver:

The Westchester County Planning Board has received a proposed local law that would implement a six-month extension to the existing moratorium on the review and approval of applications for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) within the Village of Larchmont, until February 25, 2026. The original February 25, 2025 moratorium is in effect until August 25, 2025, for which we reviewed the referral submission and provided a comment letter dated February 10, 2025.

The intent of the moratorium extension is to provide further time for the Village Board to consider the development implications of BESS facilities, and determine possible zoning amendments to the Village Code. The Village is awaiting the upcoming recommendations that are expected to be provided by New York State agencies regarding fire safety.

We have reviewed the proposed moratorium extension under the provisions of Section 239 L, M and N of the General Municipal Law and Section 277.61 of the County Administrative Code. We note that moratoria should be enacted with specific intent and purpose and should not extend beyond a reasonable time frame. We understand that the safety issues concerning BESS are driving extended discussion, and we believe that incorporating the expected State guidance is an important factor in establishing BESS regulations.

We note that the County Board of Legislators recently adopted BESS notification legislation for Battery Energy Storage projects, in order to coordinate emergency services. The notification form can be found at: https://emergencyservices.westchestergov.com/bess-safety-notification-program.

Please inform us of the Village's decision so that we can make it a part of the record.

Thank you for calling this matter to our attention.

Respectfully,
WESTCHESTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Bernard Thombs
Chair, Westchester County Planning Board

BT/mv

cc: Blanca Lopez, Commissioner, Westchester County Department of Planning
Susan Spear, Commissioner, Westchester County Department of Emergency Services

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## Call to Order

Mayor Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. All Board members were present, along with Acting Village Administrator Katzin, Village Attorney Jim Staudt, Deputy Clerk Jamie Silver, and various department heads.

## Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Paré and recited by all present.

## Mayor's Comments

Mayor Bauer expressed sorrow over the politically motivated attack in Minnesota and offered condolences to the families of the victims. The Board condemned political violence and affirmed its support for public officials and civil discourse.

The Mayor thanked Rachel Thompson, event volunteers, sponsors, and Village staff for the successful Sprint to Flint event, which welcomed approximately 700 participants.

The Mayor recognized Planning Board member Michael Edelstein on his retirement after 23 years of service to the Village.

## Public Hearing: Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Moratorium Extension

No public comments were received. The hearing was adjourned to July 21, 2025 pending referral feedback from Westchester County.

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**Administrator's Report**

Acting Administrator Katzin announced the engagement of consultant Russell "Rusty" Birdwell to assist with Recreation programming following a departmental vacancy.

Tax bills were issued to property owners and may be paid online via ww.larchmontny.gov/taxes. The payment deadline is June 30, 2025.

**Presentation: Safe Streets for All (SS4A) AKRF**

Elaine Du presented the Village's SS4A Safety Action Plan and grant application overview.

Crash data analysis included 428 reported incidents over three years, with 58 injuries, 7 serious injuries, and no fatalities. Patterns included aggressive rear-end collisions and frequent pedestrian crashes at Palmer & Chatsworth and Boston Post Road & Lorenzen.

Public feedback included 700 survey responses and 400 submitted suggestions. One in four respondents reported being involved in or nearly involved in a crash.

Recommended improvements included lane reductions, traffic calming, updated pedestrian infrastructure, curb extensions, pedestrian hybrid beacons, upgraded signals, and demonstration projects.

AKRF will assist in submitting SS4A implementation, supplemental planning, and demonstration grants. Submission deadline is June 26, 2025.

**Village Attorney's Report**

No report.

**Village Treasurer's Report**

No report.

**Police Department Report**

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Investigation of an overnight burglary near the railroad revealed no valuables taken.

Police coordinated public safety for Sprint to Flint and recent peaceful demonstrations attended by approximately 450 participants. Sergeant John Spencer was commended for professional crowd management.

Detective Natalie Hecht and Officer Matt DiSilvestri conducted a bicycle safety assembly for students at Chatsworth Avenue School. One leaf blower complaint was received since the last meeting.

**Fire Department Report**

On June 13, firefighters extricated an occupant from a vehicle that crashed into a garage. On May 31, firefighters responded to a vehicle rollover at Chatsworth and Summit; the occupant was safely removed using stabilization and extrication equipment.

Residents were advised to verify fire and safety protocols when using peer-to-peer vacation rentals.

A code compliance reminder was issued concerning sidewalk obstruction from overgrown foliage.

**Trustee Reports**

Mayor Bauer nominated Sophie Pereson to the Climate Smart Community Task Force. Motion made by Mayor Bauer, seconded by Trustee Fanelli, and unanimously approved. The Mayor also announced the resignation of Ken Weber from the task force and recognized his years of service.

Trustee Brennan thanked Ken Weber and encouraged community members to volunteer.

Trustee Fanelli reported on the success of Larchmont Palooza and acknowledged organizers and venue partners. Upcoming events include the June 28 concert in Constitution Park, Flint Park concert series every Thursday in July and first Thursday in August, and a July 4 performance by the Dixie Dandies in Manor Park.

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Trustee Fanelli congratulated Andrew Faber on joining the Rotary Club and wished all fathers a Happy Father's Day.

Trustees Post and Paré had no additional reports.

**Resolutions & Action Items**

- Authorization to execute consultant contract with Russell Birdwell for Recreation Services Motion: Mayor Bauer Second: Trustee Post Vote: Unanimous
- Authorization to execute consultant contract with John Sorochan for Flint A & B Motion: Trustee Fanelli Second: Mayor Bauer Vote: Unanimous
- Amendment to FY 2025–26 budget for executive recruitment services ($19,500) Motion: Mayor Bauer Second: Trustee Fanelli Vote: Unanimous
- Amendment to FY 2025–26 budget for HVAC/Roof Consultant ($34,999) Motion: Mayor Bauer Second: Trustee Brennan Vote: Unanimous
- Acceptance of donations for Flint Park Paddle Hut Trust Fund Motion: Mayor Bauer Second: Trustee Post Vote: Unanimous
- Acceptance of $30,000 donation for Police Department technology upgrades Motion: Mayor Bauer Second: Trustee Fanelli Vote: Unanimous
- Setting Alma Field rental permit fees: $150/hr residents/local leagues; $200/hr non-residents/non-local leagues Motion: Trustee Fanelli Second: Trustee Brennan Vote: Unanimous
- Adoption of SS4A Safety Action Plan (Village Attorney to finalize language edits) Motion: Mayor Bauer Second: Trustee Paré Vote: Unanimous
- Approval of SS4A Implementation Grant Submission Motion: Mayor Bauer Second: Trustee Brennan Vote: Unanimous
- Resolutions set at prior Work Sessions were confirmed, including:
    - Consultant contract with Pracademic Partners
    - Consultant contract with AKRF
    - Contract with 929 Construction for Solar Panel project
    - Setting public hearing for BESS Moratorium Extension
    - Approval of stipend for Acting Administrator
    - Appointment of Todd Gaspard to Planning Board
    - Authorization for brokerage account to receive stock donations

**Meeting Minutes Approval**

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- May 5 Work Session Motion: Trustee Fanelli Second: Trustee Post Vote: Unanimous
- May 19 Regular Meeting and Work Session Motion: Trustee Brennan Second: Trustee Fanelli Vote: Unanimous
- June 2 Work Session Motion: Trustee Paré Second: Trustee Fanelli Vote: Approved (Trustee Brennan abstained)
- June 12 Session Meeting Motion: Trustee Paré Second: Trustee Fanelli Vote: Approved (Trustees Brennan and Post not eligible to vote)

**Bill List Approval**

Trustee Paré reviewed the bill list (Job ID 4411) totaling $560,765.24 and confirmed off-list payments totaling $171,696.42.

Motion to approve both was made by Trustee Paré, seconded by Trustee Brennan, and unanimously approved. Trustee Paré noted interesting items including expenditures for a hot box tampered lift motor and clamshell bucket pins.

**Public Comment**

No public comments were received.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Mayor Bauer, seconded by Trustee Brennan, and unanimously approved.

**Next Meeting**

Scheduled for July 21, 2025 (continued hearing on Battery Energy Storage Systems)

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# Village of Larchmont Board of Trustees Work Session

## June 16, 2025 at 4PM

## 2nd floor conference room, Larchmont Village Hall

MINUTES

1. 4-5: Update from Fire Chief
    a. Motion to approve the purchase of the used apparatus from New England (company) and authorize the Fire Chief to sell the rescue truck. Motion by Trustee Brennan, second by Trustee Post, vote 4:1 (Trustee Fanelli).
    b. July work session follow-up regarding staffing discussion.
    c. Chief to give a write-up on his recommendations for the fleet.
    d. Existing fleet has a depreciation of 5% per year.
2. 5-5:30: Discuss Flint A and B
    a. General direction is to move forward with the renovation proposal.
    b. Anticipated renovation timeline includes shortened fall season with potentially no spring season.
    c. Trustee Post recommended that we partner with LMC to document the project.
3. 5:30-6: Discuss Sanitation Term Sheet
4. 6-6:15: Discuss Centro Fee
    a. We received the payment and the attorney is working on making it recognized as the final payment.
    b. Motion to accept $264,142.49 as final payment for the fee in lieu of the condition for moving wires underground and hereby direct the Building Dept to issue the final CO. Motion by Trustee Fanelli, second by Trustee Post, vote 5:0.
5. Administrator items – any new business Administrator wants to bring to Board for brief discussion and/or inclusion in future work sessions
    a. Employee Appreciation Lunch scheduled for Thursday 6/26 at Village Hall parking lot. Advertisement is ready to go out. Estimate I got is for about $1,560.
    b. Water main issue near Dean Place. Aylone to follow up later this week with more info.
    c. Motion to approve change order with ECSG for $7,432.12 for additional smart locks and licenses for the tennis building. Motion by Trustee Brennan, second by Trustee Paré, vote 5:0.
    d. Motion to adopt the recommendations from the Fire Chief regarding single benches, tables, and chairs at a fee of $50 as part of the Public Space Use Permit Program pursuant to section 245-19-E. Motion by Trustee Paré, second by Trustee Post, vote 5:0.
6. Trustee items - any new business Trustees want to bring to Board for brief discussion and/or inclusion in future work sessions

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a. Mayor mentioned the car assignment for the administrator's car switching to the police dept.
b. We are looking for the lease or deed for the American Legion building in light of emergency roof repairs. General sentiment is to move forward with repairs pending finding the documents.
c. Serpentine Trail right-of-way issue – the Village Attorney is handling the situation and will follow-up with additional information.
d. Trustee Post brought up a rental proposal for the playhouse by Stephanie Loeb. Aylone was not familiar with this but offered that the rental rate should be considerate of the need to run heat for the entire winter. Currently, we winterize the building. Trustee Post said she would follow-up with Stephanie.
e. Trustee Brennan gave a recap of the 250th anniversary celebration and would make an announcement at the board meeting.
f. Motion to authorize the Acting Administrator to execute the proposal from BerryDunn for organizational assessment. Motion by Trustee Post, second by Trustee Paré, vote 4:1 (Trustee Fanelli).
g. An additional work session will be scheduled for Wednesday Aug 6th, 2025 at 5pm.

7. 6:30-7:30 Executive Session to discuss employment matters
    a. Motion to enter executive session to discuss employment matters. Motion by Trustee Brennan, second by Trustee Paré, vote 5:0.
    b. Motion to move out of executive session. Motion by Trustee Post, second by Trustee Brennan, vote 5:0.

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