

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE
OF BRONXVILLE HELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2013 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, 200
PONDFIELD ROAD, BRONXVILLE, N.Y.**

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PRESENT:	Mary C. Marvin Anne W. Poorman Donald M. Gray Guy Longobardo	Mayor Trustees
ALSO PRESENT:	Harold Porr III James Staudt	Village Administrator Village Attorney
EXCUSED:	Robert S. Underhill	Trustee

WORK SESSION & EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 6:40PM on the motion of Trustee Longobardo, second by Trustee Gray.

Village Administrator, Harold Porr, reviewed the meeting agenda.

There was discussion of cancelling the March meeting and scheduling the Annual Meeting to swear in newly elected officials and appoint new advisory board members. Budget workshops will be held prior to Board meetings on April 1st and April 8th.

On motion of Trustee Poorman, second by Trustee Gray, the Board entered into Executive Session at 7:12PM to discuss labor negotiations, personnel matters and confer with staff and legal counsel regarding real estate issues.

At 8PM on motion of Trustee Gray, second by Trustee Longobardo, the Trustees entered into the public session.

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Mayor Marvin called the meeting to order at 8:07PM.

John Collins was happy to announce the Eastchester Irish American Social Club 9th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade to take place on Sunday, March 10th, 2012, at 3PM, at which the Grand Marshal will be Dave Flannery, and the Honorees will be Jean McCluskey and Breda Travers. The parade will feature Irish pipe bands, marching bands, school bands, a police motorcycle brigade, antique cars, Irish dancers and musicians from over fifty community groups. The parade route will start at Immaculate Conception Church, proceed north on Route 22, through Eastchester, and end at Lake Isle Country Club. All were invited to attend.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The pace certainly picked up at Village Hall in January vis-à-vis the month of December.

But before I discuss Village activities, I want to thank our Department of Public Works staff for the stellar job they did cleaning up after this weekend's storm. Their efforts are nothing short of amazing and I want to thank one and all.

Several items from last month are still pending.

We continue to monitor the Yonkers Zoning Board on the application of the Brooklands Apartments to build a 10 foot wall around their property. We do not believe they have demonstrated that there is no negative impact to surrounding properties. We are following this closely.

Also, we have yet to sign the final documents for our FEMA flood money due to some needed language changes and the glacial pace of the FEMA approval process.

Supervisor Colavita has informed me that the Inter-municipal Agreement between the Town of Eastchester and the County of Westchester regarding the use and upgrades to Scout Field will be finalized July 1st. We are currently working with the Supervisor and School Athletic Director, Karen Peterson, to make sure all our needs are met.

There has been quite an uptick in interest in the Kensington Road property. Deputy Mayor Underhill and Village Administrator Porr have been working with Counsel to develop a process to vet all inquiries.

Trustee Longobardo, Mr. Porr and I met with a team from Con Edison to do an autopsy on their service on the recent outage. It was very constructive and productive.

We continue to meet with our colleagues, Mayor, Administrators, Supervisor, members of County government to not only work cooperatively on issues of common interest, but to keep Bronxville in the mix should there be funds for things like flood mitigation, records keeping, etc.

Finally, some important dates and date changes.

Grievance night for grieving the assessed valuation of your property is February 19th from 5PM to 9PM. If you would like to appear in person during this time frame, please call Village Hall for an appointment at 337-6500 ext. 122.

If you elect to file papers without a personal appearance, forms may be downloaded from the Village website or picked up at Village Hall. They are due back at Village Hall by 8:45PM on the 19th as well.

We have begun the budget process for next fiscal year and a tentative budget will be available to the public, per New York State Law, on March 20th.

We are cancelling our March Board of Trustees' meeting in favor of two meetings in April. One will be April 1st at 8PM which is the traditional government reorganization meeting with announcement of appointments to Village Boards.

There will be a second meeting in April, our regularly scheduled meeting on the 15th at 8PM with a work session to begin at 6:30PM.

Finally, election for Village offices will be held on Tuesday, March 19th from 6:30AM to 9PM here at Village Hall.

As Deputy Mayor Underhill is travelling on business, I turn to Trustee Poorman for her report.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Poorman – reported on the Department of Public Works. She said the crews did a great job clearing the snow and that they prepared well in advance. The snow melter made its debut. It is called the “Snow Dragon”. It takes two workers to operate it – one in the loader and one to oversee the dragon itself. This will prove to be a great cost saver to residents.

On another note, there are new LED lightbulbs in the street lights on Pondfield Road between Valley Road and Tanglewylde Avenue. These are brighter and she encouraged all residents to take a look and send any comments to the Mayor at mayor@vobny.com.

Police – Trustee Poorman reported that safety has been the primary focus. She joined the task force established by the Chief. This task force met with representatives from the community to discuss safety systems. They would like to see sign-in policies, lock down drills, etc. All systems are being evaluated. Officer Nick DeYoung, who has been tactically trained, will meet with all and review safety standards and will review all layouts of buildings. Protocols cannot be fully shared with the public for obvious reasons.

Trustee Gray – no report.

Trustee Longobardo – no report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Trustee Longobardo, second by Trustee Gray, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 14, 2013.

Trustee Longobardo reviewed some non-substantive changes he would like made in the January 14, 2013 minutes.

On motion of Trustee Poorman, second by Trustee Gray, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 14, 2013 with these changes.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION - SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #3-2013 AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-C

On motion of Trustee Gray, second by Trustee Poorman, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Village of Bronxville (the “Village”) requested Village Counsel to draft a local law authorizing the Board to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2013, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law § 3-c; and

WHEREAS, having received proposed Local Law # 3-2013, the Board is prepared to hold a public hearing on such proposed law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A public hearing on proposed Local Law # 3- 2013 will be held on Monday, April 1, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. at Village Hall located at 200 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, NY.
2. The Village Board directs that all requisite notices be published in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

RESOLUTION - RECONCILIATION, TAX WARRANT & COLLECTIONS

On motion of Trustee Longobardo, second by Trustee Poorman, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accepts the Reconciliation of Uncollected Taxes as of January 31, 2013 as prepared by the Village Treasurer.

Village Administrator, Harold Porr, explained that this is for unpaid taxes. The Village guarantees paid taxes for the School, Town and County. The Village sells liens on taxes due to the Village. Once this is done, the owner pays the money to the owner of the tax lien. The lien sale is run by the Village Treasurer and liens are auctioned off to the highest bidder. The Village gets the lien amount plus any interest payments due.

RESOLUTION - TAX LIEN SALE

On motion of Trustee Poorman, second by Trustee Gray, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bronxville, that the Village Treasurer be authorized to advertise and sell tax liens for the fiscal year 2012-2013 on March 14, 2013 as shown in the account of unpaid taxes and in accordance with Article 14, Title 3 of the Real Property Tax Law (Section 1455), and that the advertisement of the notice required by law be inserted in The Journal News, the official newspaper of the Village, and that said notice shall be published once a week for three consecutive weeks and the last date for publication shall be made on or before the 14th day of March 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said notice shall be substantially the following:

VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE
Statement of Real Estate upon which
taxes for the year 2012-2013 are unpaid, and
NOTICE OF TAX SALE

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 14, Title 3 of the Real Property Tax Law (Section 1455).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the taxes for the year 2012-2013 of the Village of Bronxville are unpaid on the real estate described as shown on a tax list filed with the Village Clerk.

The description of each parcel of said real estate is designated by Section, Block and Lot numbers as shown on the Assessment Map of the Village of Bronxville, Town of Eastchester, Westchester County, New York, which roll and map are on file in the office of the Village Clerk at 200 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, New York.

A list of parcels of real estate on which the taxes remain unpaid for 2012-2013, as of January 31, 2013, will be available in the Treasurer's office.

RESOLUTION - POLICE OFFICER APPOINTMENT – JASON KAISER

On motion of Trustee Longobardo, seconded by Trustee Gray, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bronxville appoints Jason Kaiser to the position of second year Police Officer at the second year Police Officer's salary of \$50,000 effective at the earliest date following successful completion of all medical requirements.

RESOLUTION – APRIL 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

On motion of Trustee Poorman, second by Trustee Gray, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees meeting previously scheduled for March 11, 2013 is cancelled. It will conduct its Annual Meeting on Monday, April 1, 2013 with the work session beginning at 6:30PM and the Annual Meeting beginning at 8PM. Newly re-elected Mayor and Trustees will be installed that evening. The Board may conduct other Village business as well. It will be located at Village Hall, 200 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, NY. This will be posted in Village Hall and on the Village website.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

A student from the Bronxville School reported that cars are idling outside the Meadow Avenue school entrance. He is looking for ways to improve this situation. He feels there should be no idling on Meadow Avenue. He asked what could be done to take care of this as it is not an easy problem.

Trustee Poorman responded that she has noticed this as well. The County law states there is no idling for more than five minutes. The police can use this law for enforcement. She feels the police should give a warning before issuing tickets. She asked what other scenarios there are when idling is taking place.

Trustee Longobardo said the buses of visiting teams.

The student also reported that after lunch there are kids sitting in their cars listening to music.

Mayor Marvin commented that the school in the past called all of the bus companies to have them turn off the buses. However, if it is below 32 degrees, the buses may be able to keep running. She suggested leaving notes on the cars. It definitely is time to revisit this issue. She will talk to the police and school.

Trustee Poorman said she would prefer to look to other solutions first rather than putting up signs.

Trustee Gray feels this will go away in five years time because all of the new cars are designed to turn off when not moving.

Ms. Betsy Harding, 39 Homesdale Road, discussed Mayor Marvin's revaluation column of two weeks ago. She felt it was extremely difficult to follow the mechanics of the column.

Mayor Marvin replied that every three years the Village would be doing a revaluation. It is a three year cycle. The Village needs to work on the 2012 numbers for the 2014 tax roll.

Ms. Harding inquired if these numbers would be adopted in 2014. She wanted to know how the 2012 numbers would reflect the final data and what was the motivation for the work being done this way.

Mayor Marvin responded that the Village wanted to get the fairest tax roll and this procedure was the most cost efficient way to do this. The cost to the Village will be \$55,000 per year. This will perfect the tax roll.

Village Administrator, Harold Porr, commented that this is a very small change in the method originally used. We have a greater database and new topography now. The Village has a very solid assessment base to operate from. They will be looking at all properties with a lot less tweaking of values.

Ms. Harding asked why not wait until 2013 to reevaluate as the numbers may be out of date.

Mayor Marvin said that the residential data will be collected in the summer and the Village will look at how the values are three months prior to the tax roll being done.

Village Administrator, Harold Porr, reported that the tracking of sales is much better now and that there is a good, solid valuation of Village property values.

Ms. Harding commented again that she found the Mayor's column confusing and unclear. She said that she thought the Village was gearing up for 2014.

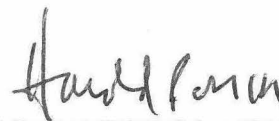
Mayor Marvin answered that she wanted to bring up this subject early and that the Village was indeed gearing up for 2014. She said that the Village has been lucky in court cases. The fresher the data the better the Village will do. There needs to be constant tweaking of the tax roll to make it the fairest possible. This really is to get those who are undervalued.

Ms. Harding inquired if the Village would be sticking with the three year system and adopting the numbers in 2014.

Mayor Marvin responded that this was correct and that the 2014 tax roll should have been mentioned in her column.

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There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47PM by motion of Trustee Longobardo, second by Trustee Poorman.



Harold Porr III
Village Administrator/Village Clerk