

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE
OF BRONXVILLE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, 200
PONDFIELD ROAD, BRONXVILLE, N.Y.**

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

WORK SESSION & EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM on the motion of Trustee Poorman, second by Trustee Gray.

Village Administrator, Harold Porr, reviewed the meeting agenda.

On motion of Trustee Longobardo, second by Trustee Gray, the Board entered into Executive Session at 6:39PM to discuss labor relations and potential litigation in relation to an insurance matter.

On motion of Trustee Longobardo, second by Trustee Poorman, the Board closed Executive Session at 7:58PM and re-entered the public session.

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Mayor Marvin called the meeting to order at 8PM.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICE OFFICERS

Trustee Poorman introduced the three new police officers - Christopher Blessington, Michael Lewis and Martin Dentini. She gave a brief background on each officer and then had them take an Oath of Office.

POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARD PRESENTATION

Police Chief Satriale related details of the excellent police work performed by many of his officers. A Certificate of Excellent Police Duty was presented to Police Officers Nicholas deYoung, Richard Anderson, William Carroll and Lieutenant Richard Bunyan. A Certificate of Meritorious Police Duty was presented to Police Officers William Carroll, Jason Cooper, Wilson Valentin, Richard Anderson and Nicholas deYoung. Mayor Marvin thanked the all of the police officers on behalf of the entire Village.

MAYOR'S REPORT

This past summer in Bronxville was blessedly the quietest ever in recent memory on all fronts; number of accidents, teen incidents and home and car thefts. We are optimistic that history will repeat itself in the Fall.

Trustee Poorman will speak to the busy summer at our Public Works Department.

Some still on-going projects are the repair of the stone pillars at various neighborhood entrances. I thank the Hilltop residents for their contribution of \$2,000. It went a long way towards repairing the pillars at Pondfield and Valley Roads. We are also doing some sprucing up near the Kensington Road parking lots.

As a reminder, homeowners have the responsibility to maintain the sidewalks adjacent to their homes in good repair, whether paved or not. This Fall, we will send out notices to homeowners not in compliance to do the necessary repairs and maintenance, making walking safer throughout the Village.

In the doldrums of August, the Village was energized when a new TV show starring Kevin Bacon filmed its first episode on Pondfield Road. It added some good buzz to our business district. Speaking of our downtown, now that everyone is home please remember to think local and shop local to support our merchants who support us.

Later this month, the Trustees and I will be formulating the Village's next Capital Plan so that we can continue to make needed infrastructure repairs as well as beautify the Village.

As way of news, the State Comptroller announced that pension costs in the next fiscal year will again have a double digit increase to all municipalities which will impact our next budget significantly.

To put in perspective, just since 2010 our pension costs for administrative staff have tripled and our police pension obligation which is even higher has doubled.

Finally, as points of clarification in response to comments made by a local landlord at our last Board Meeting, we did our due diligence and found out that Scarsdale does not indeed have a more lenient building code vis a vis downtown business, rather our codes essentially mirror each other.

Also, it was learned that Scarsdale had a 90% store occupancy rate. On a tour of the Village, we counted 7 empty stores so unfortunately it seems like many business districts are in the same boat.

That's my summer recap as we now get down to the busy Fall business at hand.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Longobardo reported on the Library. He said that the new Director, Gabriella Radujko, is doing a terrific job and really is energizing the Library. She really is trying to broaden the reach of the Library.

Court – Trustee Longobardo reported that the Court has been more active this year in terms of cases heard. This presents the burden of record keeping.

Trustee Gray – no report.

Trustee Poorman – reported on the Department of Public Works. All paving projects were successfully completed in the Village during the month of August. The Kensington Road parking lot was the only spot that needed to be deferred to a long weekend in the Fall. The Sagamore Road playground is finished and looks beautiful. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and details will soon follow. Assemblywoman Amy Paulin will be in attendance.

Police – no report.

Mayor Marvin stated that there were 40 turnovers in residence in the past few months and she welcomed all of the new families to the Village. She encouraged them to get involved in Village government.

Mayor Marvin informed residents that one of our most esteemed and loyal residents, Mildred McLearn, celebrated her 100th birthday in late August. Mildred is the quintessential Bronx villian – even at 99, she often came to see Mayor Marvin at Village Hall to share some history, impart an idea or express some concern about an initiative – all done in the spirit of love for her Village.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Trustee Longobardo, second by Trustee Poorman, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 9, 2012 and Special Meeting on August 8, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION – APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY VILLAGE TREASURER

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees confirms the appointment made by the Mayor of Marguerite Conway to the position of Deputy Village Treasurer effective September 11, 2012 at an annual salary of \$50,000.

RESOLUTION – APPOINTMENT OF LABORER (DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS)

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

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works, Rocco Circosta, recommends the appointment of Robert Sassone as a laborer to fill a vacancy in the Department of Public Works

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bronxville appoints Mr. Robert Sassone of 38 Taylor Road, Patterson, NY 12563 to the position of Laborer in the Department of Public Works effective Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at the starting salary of \$55,318.00 with a probationary period of 52 weeks.

RESOLUTION – TAX CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT (59 Kensington Road)

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

WHEREAS, petitions having been filed by the property owner below, challenging real property tax assessments on the Village's Final Assessment Roll with respect to the following parcel:

<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Address Description</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
Michael Salvatore	Section 20- Block 5 Lot 1 59 Kensington Rd	2004-2011

WHEREAS, petitioner's court challenges are now pending in the Supreme Court, Westchester County; and

WHEREAS, the Village and the property owners have reached a mutually agreeable resolution;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Village attorney to execute the following settlement on behalf of the Village and School reducing the assessments to no less than the following amounts:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Revised Assessment</u>	<u>Reduction</u>
2004	54,950	48,490	6,460
2005	54,950	47,580	7,370
2006	54,950	44,590	10,360
2007	1,339,400	1,339,400	NONE
2008	1,339,400	1,339,400	NONE
2009	1,240,185	1,240,185	NONE
2010	1,240,185	1,240,185	NONE
2011	1,358,000	1,358,000	NONE

RESOLUTION – TAX CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT (80 Parkway Road)

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

WHEREAS, petitions having been filed by the property owner below, challenging real property tax assessments on the Village's Final Assessment Roll with respect to the following parcel:

<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Address Description</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
Michael Salvatore	Section 2- Block 1 Lot 22 80 Parkway Rd	2004-2011

WHEREAS, petitioner's court challenges are now pending in the Supreme Court, Westchester County; and

WHEREAS, the Village and the property owners have reached a mutually agreeable resolution;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Village attorney to execute the following settlement on behalf of the Village and School reducing the assessments to no less than the following amounts:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Revised Assessment</u>	<u>Reduction</u>
2004	57,500	55,010	2,490
2005	57,500	53,070	4,430
2006	57,500	49,735	7,765
2007	1,771,400	1,585,000	186,400
2008	1,771,400	1,635,000	136,400
2009	1,640,185	1,640,185	NONE
2010	1,640,185	1,640,185	NONE
2011	1,651,000	1,651,000	NONE

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING SMALL CLAIMS ASSESSMENT REVIEW SETTLEMENTS (S.C.A.R)

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

WHEREAS, Small Claims Assessment Review petitions having been filed by each property owner identified on the annexed schedules to this resolution, challenging real property tax assessments on the Village's 2012 Final Assessment Roll.

WHEREAS, petitioner's court challenges are now pending in the Supreme Court, Arbitration Division, Westchester County,

WHEREAS, the Village and the property owners have reached a mutually agreeable resolution;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Village Assessment Consultant to execute those proceedings marked "Settled" on behalf of the Village and School reducing the assessments to no less than the following amounts:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Original AV</u>	<u>Reduced AV</u>	<u>Reduction</u>	<u>Refund Village</u>	<u>Refund School</u>	<u>Total Refund</u>
Settled	17 Ridge Road	3,500,000	3,175,000	325,000	\$956.48	\$4,526.93	\$5,483.40
Settled	140 Park Avenue	1,968,300	1,825,000	143,300	\$421.73	\$1,996.03	\$2,417.76
Settled	47 Tanglewylde Avenue	3,083,500	3,083,500	--	--	--	NONE
Settled	6 Lookout Avenue	2,361,300	2,100,000	261,300	\$196.01	\$3,639.65	\$4,408.65
Settled	55 Valley Road	2,377,400	2,100,000	277,400	\$816.39	\$3,863.90	\$4,680.29
Settled	6 Sunset Avenue	2,857,000	2,857,000	--	--	--	NONE
Settled	32 Sturgis Road	3,193,000	3,050,000	143,000	\$420.85	\$1,991.85	\$2,412.70
Settled	5 Governor's Road	3,569,200	3,150,000	419,200	\$1,233.71	\$5,839.04	\$7,072.74
Settled	11 Vine Street	1,586,700	1,350,000	236,700	\$696.61	\$3,296.99	\$3,993.60
Settled	27 Studio Lane	1,510,000	1,400,000	110,000	\$323.73	\$1,532.19	\$1,855.92
Settled	90 Tanglewylde Avenue	1,759,900	Awaiting Court Decision		--	--	--
Settled	39 North Road	2,066,500	1,925,000	141,500	\$416.43	\$1,970.95	\$2,387.39
Settled	53 Dewitt Avenue	860,000	750,000	110,000	\$323.73	\$1,532.19	\$1,855.92
Settled	110 Tanglewylde Avenue	3,000,000	3,000,000	--	--	--	NONE
Settled	16 Sussex Avenue	2,089,500	2,089,500	--	--	--	NONE
Settled	5 Kensington Terrace	888,500	725,000	163,500	\$481.18	\$2,277.39	\$2,758.57
Settled	9 Avon Road	1,387,900	1,225,000	162,900	\$479.41	\$2,269.03	\$2,748.45
Settled	76 Parkway Road	674,500	674,500	--	--	--	NONE
Settled	103 Midland Avenue	1,457,300	1,325,000	132,300	\$389.36	\$1,842.81	\$2,232.17
Settled	10 Sycamore Street	960,000	900,000	60,000	\$176.58	\$835.74	\$1,012.32
Settled	37 Greenfield Avenue	2,842,800	2,700,000	142,800	\$420.26	\$1,989.06	\$2,409.32
Settled	57 Dewitt Avenue	1,092,100	940,000	152,100	\$447.63	\$2,118.60	\$2,566.23
Settled	87 Tanglewylde Avenue	4,399,500	4,200,000	199,500	\$587.13	\$2,778.84	\$3,365.96
Settled	11 Willow Road	939,400	939,400	--	--	--	NONE
Settled	11 Paddington Circle	--	Awaiting Court Decision		--	--	--
				TOTAL	\$9,360.21	\$44,301.18	\$53,661.40

RESOLUTION – JCAP GRANT FOR VILLAGE COURT 2012/2013

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

WHEREAS, the Bronxville Justice Court wishes to apply for a grant of funds through the Justice Court Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Justice Court Support requires that all requests for funding by Justice Courts in New York be approved by the local legislative board; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bronxville wishes to approve the application of the Village of Bronxville Justice Court for a grant not to exceed Thirty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$30,000) from the Justice Court Assistance Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of Justice Court of the Village of Bronxville for grant moneys pursuant to the Justice Court Assistance Program is hereby approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded along with the Court's grant application to the Justice Court Assistance Program.

RESOLUTION – PADDLE TENNIS PRO CONTRACT

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

WHEREAS, Jason Fairbrother is a PPTA certified platform tennis professional who has many years of experience in paddle and tennis instruction; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has determined that it is in the Village's best interest to engage Jason Fairbrother as an independent contractor who will provide paddle tennis instruction at the Village's paddle tennis facilities to persons holding valid paddle tennis permits issued by the Village; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bronxville authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement with Jason Fairbrother to provide paddle tennis instruction at the Village's paddle tennis facility as outlined in the attached contract for which Jason Fairbrother shall pay the Village \$10 for each hour of instruction.

RESOLUTION – BOARD OF TRUSTEES OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER MEETING DATE CHANGE

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

WHEREAS the regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Bronxville for October 2012 and November 2012 occur on national holidays, Columbus Day and Veterans Day.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees is officially now moving the date of the meetings to Monday, October 1, 2012 and Monday, November 5, 2012 with the work sessions beginning at 6:30PM and the regular meetings beginning at 8PM. They will be located at Village Hall, 200 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, NY. This change will be posted in Village Hall and on the Village website.

RESOLUTION – CHIPS STATE AID 2012-2013

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Treasurer to establish a capital project to account for the NY State Department of Transportation CHIPS State Aid in the amount of \$71,862.82 and to establish capital project number 20122013-0001-5110.

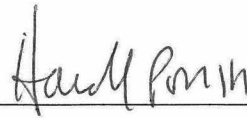
Mayor Marvin announced that Susan Laughlin, Village Registrar, has been hospitalized but is doing well. She wished her a speedy recovery.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

None.

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There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53PM by motion of Trustee Longobardo, second by Trustee Poorman.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harold Porr III", is written over a horizontal line.

Harold Porr III
Village Administrator/Village Clerk