

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE
OF BRONXVILLE HELD ON JULY 12, 2010 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, 200 PONDFIELD
ROAD, BRONXVILLE, N.Y.

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PRESENT:	Mary C. Marvin	Mayor
	Glenn D. Bellitto	Trustees
	William H. Barton, Jr.	
	Anne W. Poorman	
	Robert S. Underhill	

ALSO PRESENT:	Harold Porr III	Village Administrator
	James Staudt	Village Attorney

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WORK SESSION & EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 6:37PM and in attendance were Mayor Marvin, Trustee Bellitto, Trustee Barton, Trustee Underhill, Trustee Poorman, Village Administrator Harold Porr, Village Attorney James Staudt, Superintendent of Public Works Rocco Circosta and Village Engineer Vincent Pici.

Village Administrator, Harold Porr, reviewed the meeting agenda.

Village Engineer, Vincent Pici, and Village Attorney, James Staudt, discussed the new renewable energy systems legislation.

Superintendent of Public Works, Rocco Circosta, discussed the 2010 Village street paving program.

At 7:30PM, on motion of Trustee Barton, second by Trustee Bellitto, the Trustees entered Executive Session to discuss personnel matters in the Police Department, the Public Works Department and the Bronxville Library. The subject of a legal challenge against United Water regarding proposed water rate and hydrant charges was also discussed.

On motion of Trustee Underhill, second by Trustee Poorman, the Trustees re-opened the work session and entered into the public session at 8PM.

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

POLICE FAREWELLS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Marvin asked Chief Satriale to introduce to the residents the three new officers: Wilson Valentin, Tom Roviezzo and James Mazzucca.

Chief Satriale thanked the Board of Trustees for their support of the police department and stated that it will increase the quality of life in the Village. He stated it was a credit to the Mayor and the Board for allowing this to move so quickly.

Trustee Bellitto welcomed the new hires.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Our Village is thankfully in excellent financial shape, however due to the general economic downturn, there are many projects that we have had to place on hold or find alternate means of financing save for expending taxpayer dollars.

As an example, we sought funding for the refurbishment of both Sagamore Park and Maltby Field from our State representatives, Senator Klein and Assemblwoman Paulin, who came forward with member item funding. However, these grants may be in jeopardy given Governor Patterson's line item vetoes of late. We have plans in hand, but thankfully we chose not to break ground without funds in hand. As a result, these two sorely needed renovations set to commence this summer now remain on hold.

Certainly, the biggest casualty of the economic tailspin was our Kensington Road project. The area was long left dormant because we did not want to spend money on property that we hoped

would soon be developed. We realize the need to clean up that area and will be doing so this summer. We will try to make it as attractive a parking area as possible as we continue to gauge interest in its highest and best use.

We spent a great deal of time and energy applying for every conceivable grant opportunity from the County level to the State and to the Federal stimulus program. We applied for flood remediation funds, street lighting grants, environmentally friendly garbage trucks, and police personnel funding, just to name a few. We made it to the final “round” in several application processes, but no money came our way despite truly best efforts.

As a result, though the “to do” list is long and project goals extensive, in the immediate future we will be concentrating on initiatives that bring the greatest value per dollar to benefit the Village. For example, we will be doing general maintenance projects such as tree trimming, tree removal and replanting throughout the Village. In that vein, if you believe a Village tree needs care or removal, call our Public Works Department with the location and we will have it assessed.

We have again joined with Eastchester and Tuckahoe in an inter-municipal paving contract and work will commence in late summer. Given the times, we will be paving fewer streets this year than in past year’s capital programs. If you believe your street, or any particular area in the Village needs road maintenance, please call the Public Works Department and we will add the location to the list and evaluate its condition for repair.

Unfortunately, many of our beautifully paved streets have been dug up by Con Edison or United Water to do various repairs. These utilities do the repairs and then contract out the road resurfacing to a subcontractor. This process causes what seem to be unusually long delays between repairs and resurfacing and the installation of metal plates stay far too long as stop gap measures. We are very vigilant in pressing the utilities for timely repair, and will continue to do so though their status as monopolies certainly affects their responsiveness.

Similar to the Village, other entities we rely on to do needed repairs and maintenance are also experiencing a money crunch. Metro North is the prime example. The fencing along the length of the tracks needs painting and the condition of the underpass, though quite safe, is exceedingly unattractive. However, there are no capital funds in the MTA budget to do any work of this kind.

At times like these, we are particularly grateful to and reliant upon the volunteer efforts of our community organizations such as the garden groups, who plant and weed, and the Rotary Club who donates recycling bins for our business district.

All of the beautiful plantings you see throughout the Village are the result of volunteer donations and labor.

Even the smallest of improvements barely perceptible can have a significant budgetary impact. Some of our great old trees that must be cut down due to disease can cost in the neighborhood of \$3,000 to \$5,000 per tree for removal. Multiplying this number Village wide can have a significant dollar expenditure.

In a similar scenario, the installation of just one traffic light costs upwards of \$140,000 translating into 2% points of tax increase for one item.

We continue to balance the need to maintain our Village at the level residents expect with the revenues available to us in a difficult economy, and pick and choose projects that result in the greatest impact for the dollar. We will continue to actively seek funding for any future projects from all available sources other than totally relying on Village taxpayers.

To further these efforts, Mr. Porr and I joined a committee of Westchester County administrators, elected officials, school members and business leaders to try to tackle some of the bigger issues such as pension reform, with one and hopefully more powerful voice.

Finally, some announcements:

For the next three Wednesdays, on the School lawn at 8PM, the Concert series continues so bring a chair and a picnic and enjoy the music.

On Friday, July 23rd from 11AM to 2PM, the County’s Mobile Passport Van will be in front of Village Hall – this is a very easy and convenient way to apply for or renew a passport.

Finally, thanks to a grant from Senator Klein and a donation from the Pope Foundation, in the very near future you will see an old fashioned trolley stopping in the Village on Fridays and

Saturdays. This is an effort to link our three communities. I will have more details (fares, schedules, etc) at a later date. I hope that it offers a service that our residents can use.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Bellitto reported on the police department and that in June there were no felonies and seven misdemeanors.

Parking – revenues are down from last year.

Green Committee – the next meeting will be on August 2nd at Village Hall and will be regarding the Fall activities.

Trustee Barton reported on the Department of Public Works and that paving will be done at about 50% less than what has been done previously. The paving will be centered around the downtown area primarily.

Finance – Trustee Barton reported that the fiscal year closed on May 31, 2010 and that the Village is in good shape. There is a good balanced budget this year.

Trustee Underhill reported on the Building Department and that there has been an increase in building in the Village.

FOIL requests – Trustee Underhill reported that FOIL requests are an important part of the legal structure but can be taxing on the employees and Village overall. Since January of this year, one person has made 16 requests which has involved over 1,200 pages of documents. The Village can only charge for the copies made and not for employee time.

Mayor Marvin commented that open government is the goal but it can be frustrating when so much time is spent on research and the Village can only charge for the copies made. We need to look at the value of time.

Trustee Poorman reported on the Court and the four updates since Court Clerk, Maryann Palermo, has joined Village Hall staff. They include: accepting credit card payments which has proven very popular; translation services which have seen a shift; security – through a grant there are now six panic buttons connected to the police department throughout Village Hall; laptop computer for court room use with access to up-to-date complete case history.

Chamber – the second music series begins next Thursday, July 22nd on the west side of the Village.

Library – Trustee Poorman encouraged residents to partake in the reading games for children and programs for adults.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Trustee Bellitto, second by Trustee Barton, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 14, 2010 as drafted.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION – SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE ZONING LAW OF THE VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE, NY, CHAPTER 310, TO REGULATE THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF SOLAR ENERGY AND OTHER RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS

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

WHEREAS the Village of Bronxville Board of Trustees wishes to promote the installation of solar energy and other renewable energy systems in an environmentally sensitive manner; and

WHEREAS the Village of Bronxville Board of Trustees has caused to be drafted a Local Law that would regulate the installation and operation of solar energy and other renewable energy systems; and

WHEREAS the Village of Bronxville Board of Trustees is desirous of receiving public comment on the proposed Local Law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Bronxville Board of Trustees hereby schedules a Public Hearing to receive comment on the draft Local Law entitled, "A Local Law to Amend the Zoning Law of the Village of Bronxville, New York, Chapter 310, to regulate the installation and operation of Solar Energy and Other Renewable Energy Systems." Said Public Hearing will be held at the Bronxville Village Hall, 200 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, New York in the Village Board public meeting room on September 13, 2010 at 8PM where all interested parties will be heard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village's staff is hereby directed to publish and disseminate a Notice of this Public Hearing in accordance with applicable law.

**RESOLUTION – STREET RESURFACING & REPAIRS OF ASPHALT CONCRETE
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On motion of Trustee Barton, second by Trustee Underhill, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

WHEREAS, the Village of Bronxville, Village of Tuckahoe and the Town of Eastchester have jointly released bids for Street Resurfacing, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Eastchester has publicly advertised and received bids for said Contract, and

WHEREAS, Petrillo Contracting Inc. of 41 Edison Avenue, Mount Vernon, N.Y. was the low bidder for this Contract at the unit prices described below:

Item # 1 – Asphalt Concrete Top	\$ 90.10 per ton
Item # 2 – Key Cut Castings	\$ 8.35 ea.
Item # 3 - Adjust Manholes	\$ 480.00 ea.
Item # 4- Roto Milling	\$ 3.65 per s.y.
Item # 5- Line Striping	\$.24 per l.f.
Item # 6 – Asphalt Surcharge for night resurfacing	\$6.00 per ton
Item # 6A – Roto Milling Surcharge for night work	\$1.20 per s.y.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town of Eastchester and the Village of Tuckahoe for resurfacing and repairing of various streets located within the Town and Villages in accordance with the attached document.

RESOLUTION – CHIPS STATE AID 2010/2011

On motion of Trustee Underhill, second by Trustee Barton, 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 \$84,788.14 and to establish capital project number 20102011-0001-5110.

RESOLUTION – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS APPOINTMENT (LABORER)

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

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works, Rocco Circosta recommends the appointment of Marcello Runco 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. Marcello Runco, 51 East Fort Hill Road, Scarsdale, N.Y. 10710 to the position of Laborer in the Department of Public Works effective Monday, July 26, 2010, at the starting salary of \$ \$55, 318.00.

RESOLUTION – POLICE EQUIPMENT STATE GRANT

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Treasurer to establish project #20102011-0002-3120 Acquisition of Police Vehicle in the amount of \$25,000. The funding for this project to be provided from a grant awarded to the Village from Senator Jeff Klein's office.

RESOLUTION – AWARDING CONTRACT VA-1002 KRAFT AVE./CEDAR STREET TRAFFIC SIGNAL

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

WHEREAS the Superintendent of Public Works reports that he publicly advertised for the receipt of bids to Furnishing and Install a Traffic Signal at the intersection of Kraft Ave. and Cedar St., pursuant to Contract VA- 1002, and

WHEREAS on the bid date, July 8, 2010 one bid was received, and

WHEREAS Contract VA -1002 was a unit price contract comprised of 39 items with approximate quantities for each item, and

WHEREAS the bidder Verde Electric Maint. Corp., 89 Edison Ave., Mt. Vernon, N.Y., has met all the bid requirements and has provided unit prices for all the items totaling \$162,160.45, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Contract VA - 1002 – Furnishing and Installing Kraft Ave. /Cedar St. Traffic Signal be awarded to Verde Electric Maint. Corp., 89 Edison Ave., Mt. Vernon, N.Y., 10550 at the unit bid pricing totaling \$162,160.45, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute Contract VA-1002 – Furnishing and Installing Kraft Ave. /Cedar St. Traffic Signal to Verde Electric Maintenance Corp., 89 Edison Ave., Mt. Vernon, N.Y., 10550

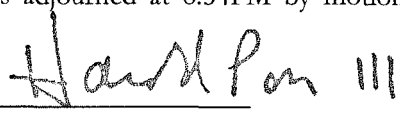
PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Ashley Donovan, Crown Circle, brought up the safety issue of having to cross Pondfield Road to get to a sidewalk. She has been in touch with Chief Satriale but has had no response. She asked that maybe a crosswalk or something be done to assess this issue.

Mayor Marvin responded that Chief Satriale was going to do an assessment to see if there was indeed a solution and that it is most definitely being worked on.

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There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54PM by motion of Trustee Bellitto, second by Trustee Underhill.



Harold Porr III,
Village Administrator/Village Clerk