

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF
BRONXVILLE HELD ON MARCH 12, 2007 AT THE BRONXVILLE LIBRARY, 201 PONDFIELD
ROAD, BRONXVILLE, N.Y.

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PRESENT:	Mary C. Marvin	Mayor
	Robert S. Underhill	
	Anne W. Poorman	
	William H. Barton, Jr.	Trustees
ABSENT:	Glenn D. Bellitto	Trustee
ALSO PRESENT:	Ned W. Branthover	Village Counsel
	Harold Porr III	Village Administrator
	Rocco Circosta	Superintendent of Public Works
	Brian M. Downey	Chief of Police
	Vincent Pici, P.E.	Superintendent of Buildings
	Robert J. Fels	Village Treasurer
	William J. Murphy	Parking Commissioner

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Mayor Marvin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION

(In attendance were Mayor Marvin, Trustees Poorman, Underhill and Barton, Village Administrator Porr and Superintendent of Public Works Circosta.) The Board reviewed the Agenda and discussed the traffic study for the Gramatan Avenue-Pondfield Road-Midland Avenue-Palumbo Place/Poplar Street area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:34 p.m., on motion of Trustee Poorman, seconded by Trustee Barton, the Board went into executive session to discuss personnel and ongoing litigation. (In attendance were Mayor Marvin, Trustees Poorman, Underhill and Barton, Village Administrator Porr, Superintendent of Public Works Circosta, Police Chief Downey and Labor Counsel Terence O'Neil.)

On motion of Trustee Underhill, seconded by Trustee Barton, the Board came out of executive session at 8:04 p.m.

On motion of Trustee Poorman and second by Trustee Barton, the Board returned to open session at 8:05 p.m.

PRESENTATION – Gramatan Village, Inc.

John Corry, representing Gramatan Village, Inc., spoke about the organization that was recently formed by Bronxville area residents with the purpose of eventually making available to senior citizens in the greater Bronxville area both medical and non-medical services so that they can continue to live in their own homes and don't have to go to an assisted living facility. They are trying to determine if there is a real interest in the community and will be sending questionnaires to area residents asking them would they be willing to pay a fee to have these services made available. If they get a fair response they will be able to move forward.

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PRESENTATION – YOUTH COUNCIL

Jillana Rosenberg, Director of the Bronxville Youth Council, said this is her second year running the program and they have over 120 students involved, up from approximately 95 last year. She said she has received only positive feedback from all of their community service programs.

Liz Jones, Co-President of the Bronxville Youth Council, spoke about a few of the social and community service activities they sponsor. For example, the Youth Council hosts and organizes a Halloween Parade every year and this year about 1,500 children participated. They have basketball games with physically and mentally disabled young adults. They also deliver meals on wheels one Saturday a month.

Gregory Minetti, Co-President of the Bronxville Youth Council, spoke about some of the other programs they sponsor, including organizing holiday parties and mentoring children at the Graham-Windham Children's Home. He said one of the more popular activities is the annual ski trip to Okemo Mountain.

PRESENTATION – SENIOR CITIZENS OF BRONXVILLE

Kathy Studwell, Director, gave a report for the Senior Citizens of Bronxville. She said the Bronxville Seniors are doing well, with a membership of 450. The day trips, luncheons and other group activities the seniors do together with their peers help to foster new friendships and to escape from the stress of daily life. Ms. Studwell spoke about some of their social activities as well as the community service projects the Seniors are involved with. She said the Community Fund has been a strong supporter of their organization as well as the business community.

PRESENTATION – JOINT VILLAGE/SCHOOL CABLE COMMITTEE

Sheryl Donner, Chairman, gave a report on the Village/School Cable Committee. She said over the last month she has encouraged 5 or 6 others who are willing to do some programming on the cable channel. They have a consultant here this evening who is looking at some of the concerns that Peter North, video technician, has had here at the Library. She said Peter has also been working on putting together a list of new equipment needs. Concordia College has developed a new media center and she is talking to them about taping some of the one-on-one interviews there. Ms. Donner said the students have been working very hard on video taping a lot of the events at the School.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Marvin reported that it has been another extremely busy month in the Village. The Board of Assessment Review met two nights last week for 5 hours each night and have approximately one hundred seventy residential cases to review. The number is less than anticipated in a revaluation year but still a great work load for the committee. Mayor Marvin thanked Bob Shearer, Chris Eldridge, Lisa Connors, Steve Howard, John Hill and Bill Staudt who are spending hours with our assessor and consultant to make the right decisions. She said she truly cannot think of a more even-handed and fair group of people to take on this responsibility. Decisions will be mailed during the first week in April. The process has had the added benefit of alerting the assessor of homes that are under-assessed and they will be assessed accordingly on the next roll. She said everyone is working extremely hard to get the most equitable roll possible.

Mayor Marvin said we will also be having a public meeting after all the deadlines are met for filing the roll to recap the entire process, valuation methods, etc. and discuss how we will maintain an equitable roll going forward. She is working on a date in early Spring.

Mayor Marvin reported that the Cabin Committee has met twice already and they are in the process of sending out a village-wide needs assessment questionnaire. She said it is a

wonderful working group of volunteers. The remains of the Cabin were torn down last week and the site is being secured for safety.

The Mayor said we had the most flooding in over 30 years last Friday and most severely at the two lowest parts in the Village, Paxton Avenue and the Bronxville School/Meadow Avenue area. The problem was exacerbated not only by the frozen ground – which limited water absorption – but by a heating oil tank rupture on Paxton Avenue, so we had 4 or 5 County environmental agencies here to assist in the clean-up. The Mayor said our own DPW, Police Department and Eastchester Fire Department were extremely helpful at both the Paxton Avenue site and the School and she thanked them all.

Mayor Marvin noted that Mr. Porr is heading our negotiations with both Verizon and Cablevision. She said we are trying to get the best deal possible that is tailored to the particular needs of our Village. We will in the near future have two cable companies operating in the Village, but are negotiating carefully to craft a really advantageous agreement.

Mayor Marvin reported that Mr. Circosta, Mr. Porr and she met with Con Edison officials to discuss their new initiatives to prevent power outages of the frequency and duration we had last summer. She is devoting this week's newspaper column to the issue but, in brief, they have increased their phone response/dispatch team from 450 to 1000 people, they are working much more closely with the communities to prioritize emergencies and they have begun a very aggressive wire and tree maintenance program. They will be trimming around the wires in the Kensington, Avon, Governors and Plateau Circle area in the coming weeks. The Mayor said Mr. Circosta will speak on the coordination of this tree trimming program with the Village in his report.

Mayor Marvin said we are planning on moving the Village staff back into the renovated Village Hall in early to mid April, as scheduled. She said once we get settled we will arrange an open house so everyone can see the beautiful restoration.

Mayor Marvin gave an update on events since the last Trustees meeting: The Newsletter went out, and we have a new edition of the cable show *One Square Mile*.

The Mayor attended a meeting at the Pope Foundation to discuss possible grants for emergency preparedness initiatives.

Chapel School and the Village Lutheran Church both celebrated milestone anniversaries with a wonderful benefit at Glen Island.

Trustee Poorman and the Mayor went to a very well attended Chamber event at Blue Moon, and yesterday they marched together in the Eastchester St. Patrick's Day Parade with the Village's own John Fogarty as Grand Marshal.

This past Saturday the Mayor and Trustees hosted a "Meet the Trustees" coffee at Fogarty's which was a wonderful opportunity to speak with residents in an informal setting. Over 40 residents stopped by, some with concerns, some just to talk – it was such a success that the Mayor would like to make this a regular event.

Looking forward, Mayor Marvin said April is our month to work on the operating budget and then on to the capital budget. Again, much of the capital budget will focus on infrastructure improvements. As the three major projects begin to wind down, the renovation, reassessment and Kensington project approvals, Mayor Marvin said we can now focus more of our attention on the day to day quality of life issues in the coming year.

Mayor Marvin announced that Trustee Bellitto was not able to be here this evening as he is away on business. She said it's the first meeting he has missed in four years.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Poorman reported that she had a great time at the St. Patrick's Day Parade. She said she attended the Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting. The Chamber has put together their 2007 calendar and the sidewalk sale will take place on June 9th. The Farmers Market will open on June 2nd.

Trustee Barton, as liaison to the Public Works Department, commented on the terrific job they did on the day of the storm and said their hard work is appreciated.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Marvin said the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2007, should be corrected to add the word "said", to read "She said", on page 4, paragraph 4, line 3.

On motion of Trustee Underhill, seconded by Trustee Barton, the Board approved the minutes of the the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2007, as amended.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Department reports were presented by Chief of Police Downey, Superintendent of Buildings Pici, Superintendent of Public Works Circosta, Village Treasurer Fels, Parking Commissioner Murphy, and Village Administrator Porr.

RESOLUTION – Purchase of 1994 Ford F-350 w/mounted Sewer Jet

On motion of Trustee Barton, seconded by Trustee Poorman, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Town of Mamaroneck is selling one 1994 Ford F-350 chassis with one mounted 1994 Sewer Jet, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Bronxville is desirous of obtaining this vehicle for the purposes of maintaining the sanitary sewer lines within the Village of Bronxville, and

WHEREAS, an appraisal of said vehicle was made and its value has been established between the amounts of \$15,000 - \$20,000, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mamaroneck has accepted an offer of \$16,500.00 from the Village of Bronxville;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Administrator to sign an agreement with the Town of Mamaroneck for the purchase of such vehicle at an amount of \$16,500.00, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funds for the purchase of said vehicle shall be obtained from the sanitary sewer capital projects.

RESOLUTION – Scheduling Public Hearing – Local Law – Erosion & Sediment Control

On motion of Trustee Poorman, seconded by Trustee Barton, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation the Village of Bronxville is required to enact a Local Law for the purposes of Erosion and Sediment Control;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby sets a public hearing for Local Law entitled Erosion and Sediment Control for Monday, April 9, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION – Scheduling Public Hearing – Local Law – Illicit Storm Sewer Discharges & Connections

On motion of Trustee Poorman, seconded by Trustee Underhill, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, in accordance with the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation the Village of Bronxville is required to enact a local Law for the purposes of Illicit Storm Sewer Discharges and Connections;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby sets a public hearing for Local Law entitled Illicit Storm Sewer Discharges and Connections for Monday, April 9, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

On motion of Trustee Poorman, seconded by Trustee Barton, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees, acting as the Board of Police Commissioners, approves the request of the Bronxville Policemen's Benevolent Association, Inc. to sell tickets and solicit door prizes for the PBA's annual spring dance in 2007 subject to the following conditions:

1. All solicitations must be conducted off duty.
2. Solicitations shall not be conducted in uniform.
3. Raffle chances are to be sold at the dance only.

RESOLUTION - Public Hearing - 2007-2008 Operating Budget

On motion of Trustee Underhill, seconded by Trustee Poorman, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees schedules a public hearing on the 2007-2008 fiscal year operating budget for Monday, April 9, 2007 in the Yeager Room at the Bronxville Public Library at 8:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION - Chamber of Commerce Spring Sidewalk Sale

On motion of Trustee Poorman, seconded by Trustee Barton, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees approves the request of the Chamber of Commerce to hold their annual Spring Sidewalk Sale and to have Park Place closed to vehicular traffic on Saturday, June 9, 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Trustees authorizes free metered space parking in the Kraft Avenue and Garden Avenue parking lots and on Paxton Avenue on Saturday, June 9, 2007 in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce Spring Sidewalk Sale.

RESOLUTION - Establishing Residency Requirement for Village of Bronxville Inspectors of Election

On motion of Trustee Barton, seconded by Trustee Underhill, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Bronxville Board of Trustees is desirous of establishing a residency requirement for Inspectors of Election at Bronxville Village Elections which will enable the Board to choose inspectors from a broad enough pool of candidates to ensure that Village Elections will be adequately staffed with qualified personnel; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-300(2) of the New York State Village Law permits the Village Board to establish a residency requirement for Inspectors of Election which would provide for such Inspectors to reside within the County of Westchester.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 3-300(2) of the New York State Village Law, the residency requirement for Inspectors of Election for Village of Bronxville Elections shall be that such Inspectors of Election must reside within the County of Westchester, New York.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Siriani, a long time Bronxville resident, said he parks his car in the Upper Kensington lot, and he keeps complaining to put more lights there. He said both his car and his girlfriend's car were stolen from the lot recently. He suggested that lights be added and also cameras near the parking lot.

There was some discussion about the possibility of adding more lighting at the Upper Kensington Lot.

Betsy Harding, Homesdale Road, asked to have the model used by CLT/Tyler Technologies and the sales comparison sheets used in preparing its valuation of the Bronxville properties in connection with the reassessment be put on the Village web site. She said Eugenia Flynn of Tyler Technologies said they would be posted and made public.

Mayor Marvin said she would talk to Ms. Flynn and then get back to Mrs. Harding.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

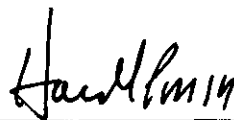
On motion of Trustee Underhill, seconded by Trustee Barton, the Board moved back to Executive Session at 9:40 p.m. to discuss personnel and ongoing litigation. On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board came out of executive session at 10:24 p.m.

On motion of Trustee Poorman, seconded by Trustee Barton, the following resolution was unanimously approved (4-0):

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees changes the date of the Annual Meeting from April 2, 2007 to April 9, 2007.

On motion of Trustee Poorman, seconded by Trustee Underhill the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

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Harold Porr III, Village Clerk