

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE
HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2006 AT THE BRONXVILLE LIBRARY, 201 PONDFIELD ROAD, BRONXVILLE,
N.Y.

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PRESENT:	Mary C. Marvin	Mayor
	Frank V. Sica	
	Glenn D. Bellitto	
	Robert S. Underhill	
	Anne W. Poorman	Trustees
ALSO PRESENT:	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
	Gerry Iagallo	Village Assessor

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Mayor Marvin opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Bellitto, seconded by Trustee Underhill and approved unanimously.

WORK SESSION

(Present were Mayor Marvin and Trustees Sica, Bellitto, Underhill and Poorman; Village Administrator Porr; Superintendent of Public Works Circosta; and Consultant David C. Wilkes, Esq.)

There was a presentation by David Wilkes discussing the RFP to be used in a Village revaluation process. Mr. Wilkes discussed time lines, the possible assistance of the New York State Office of Real Property Services and staffing needs to undertake a revaluation effort.

Superintendent of Public Works Rocco Circosta gave a presentation on recycling and waste pickup in the Village. Issues included different types of waste materials and scheduling options.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to enter executive session to discuss litigation and contract negotiations was moved by Trustee Underhill, seconded by Trustee Poorman, and approved unanimously. The Board entered executive session at 7:40 p.m.

By motion of Trustee Poorman and second by Trustee Underhill the Board voted unanimously to return to public session at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Marvin opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION – Accepting \$6,000 Gift from Leonard Morange Post No. 464
American Legion

Mayor Marvin introduced Howard Lenard, Past Commander of Leonard Morange Post No. 464, American Legion and also Chairman of the Memorial Day Parade Committee in Bronxville for many years.

Mr. Lenard said he was here this evening as a representative of Leonard Morange Post No. 464, and said that at their last meeting the members voted to donate \$6,000 to the Village of Bronxville Police Department to pay for three new defibrilators to complement the three

defibrillators currently in the Bronxville police vehicles. Mr. Lenard reported that the Post also voted to donate a World War II monument to be placed in Leonard Morange Square. He said that Rocco Circosta will be coordinating with him and the monument people and they hope to have the monument in place before Memorial Day.

Mayor Marvin thanked Mr. Lenard and the members of Leonard Morange Post No. 464 on behalf of all the residents of Bronxville for their generosity.

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

BE IT RESOLVED the Village of Bronxville accepts a donation of \$6,000 from the Leonard Morange Post No. 464, American Legion to pay for new defibrillators in the Village of Bronxville Police Department.

The Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to Leonard Morange Post No. 464 for their generous donation and extend their admiration to the members of the Post for their service to the community.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Marvin began her report on the subject of tax assessment. She said the first phase of the Michaelian Institute report has arrived and is available at Village Hall and on our Village web site. The report focused on two subjects. The first subject is our choices as a village as an assessing unit. As far as the assessment function, we have three options as a village in New York State:

Option 1 – Getting out of the assessing business completely and relinquishing the function to our Town, which would use the Town roll as our roll. The trend is definitely toward this in New York State – of the 554 villages in New York, 390 have terminated their assessing unit status. In Westchester - Briarcliff Manor, Ossining, Pelham, Pelham Manor, Port Chester and Rye Brook have ceded their authority to their towns, and 74 other villages throughout the state have adopted their town rolls and then administer them themselves.

The advantage of this approach is obviously financial. Tuckahoe has done this and only pays Eastchester \$1 a year for this service. The Town also defends all certiorari suits and their attendant costs.

The most obvious disadvantage is losing control of the valuation of our village's most valuable asset to another entity. In our case, based on what we now know from our Eckert study conducted in parallel, we would be ceding authority to a taxing unit that has last revalued in 1942 with a roll 25 years older than ours and which we know has an inequity dispersion of 43% vs. our 19%. Based on this data, it is clear, in the interest of fairness alone, Mayor Marvin said we could not go this route unless Eastchester committed to its own revaluation.

Option 2 – allows a village to adopt its town roll "where practicable" and then administer it as a village including the costs of defending certiorari cases. What "where practicable" means is open to judicial interpretation, but even if you could legally cherry pick better valuation numbers from the town and blend them with more accurate village values in some cases, Mayor Marvin said it would not solve our problems because even though the Eastchester roll would certainly capture the improvements, it again doesn't deal with the problems inherent with a roll even 25 years older than ours, or the issues of under-assessed neighborhoods or over-assessed smaller homes. Again, this alternative does not solve our problem.

The third option is to remain an autonomous assessing unit. Certainly this is our most expensive option requiring our own either full or part time assessor, and defending all challenges, but it allows us to determine all values of the properties in our village. Given our acknowledged tax inequities coupled with our truly unique property mix, both in types of homes and number of co-ops, Mayor Marvin said that at this time she believes this is our only option.

Mayor Marvin said we commissioned this report to review our options as thoroughly as possible and assess their viability. She encouraged everyone in the audience to read the report in full. The Mayor said that the section on Article 19 or the Homestead Act is not ready for release, because she asked for additional information added related to the pro's and con's of its adoption.

Mayor Marvin advised that the draft RFP for revaluation is also available to the public at Village Hall. She said we will continue to refine it and add and subtract provisions as needed.

Speaking of the request for professional services, Mayor Marvin said we have sent out 29 letters or request for information and level of interest in our project, to the complete list of companies compiled by Mr. Wilkes and in addition, Mr. Sauter's complete list. To date we have only received responses from seven companies, two of which were to say they weren't interested. She said we are hoping it was just a holiday lull, but we will send a second letter in a week if responses don't increase.

Mayor Marvin said that the other portion of our report from the Michaelian Institute of Law deals with the makeup of the Board of Assessment Review, the body that hears and reviews citizens' complaints in regard to their assessments.

Prior to 1983, the only option for villages regarding the makeup of this board was for Village Trustees and the assessor to serve as board members. She said our current Board of Trustees, during their review of all aspects of the tax assessment issue, was receptive to the idea of delegating this review function to an independent non-partisan board, rather than the Trustees.

Mayor Marvin said the resolution that the Board of Trustees will vote on tonight allows for boards of 3 to 5 members. This Board has opted for the five member board due to the difficulty of getting a quorum with a three member board and the possibility a member may have to recuse themselves. Members are appointed by the Board of Trustees. She said that according to an opinion we requested from the Office of Real Property Services Legal Department, since this will be our first Board of Assessment Review appointed under this title, we must appoint members to staggered terms commencing October 1, 2005, notwithstanding that those appointments will not be made until January or early February 2006. Members will be required, according to statute, to have a knowledge of property values in the Village, undergo mandatory training, and make financial disclosures about any direct or indirect interest they may have in a property under discussion. Mayor Marvin said that just as the Board of Trustees does not approve the assessment roll or can make increases to the assessment roll, the independent Board of Assessment Review has only the power that Trustees ever had, which is to rule on an application for an assessment reduction.

Mayor Marvin said that our Board of Trustees agrees with the conclusion of the Michaelian Institute study, that an appointed Board of Assessment Review offers several advantages in comparison with the current Trustee model. The non-partisanship, independence, mandatory training and financial disclosure requirements associated with an appointed board establishes a more equitable and objective process for the review of real property tax assessments in the Village. She said we believe the new Review Panel composition advances our goal as a Board of Trustees of having a more open, transparent and understandable tax process for our Village.

Mayor Marvin said we are still anticipating a late January release of the Dr. Eckert impact study, and we will follow it immediately with a public meeting at the Library. She said Trustee Bellitto will report on more of the specifics.

Mayor Marvin said she is also asking our current Village Finance Committee to take a more active role as advisors to the Board of Trustees as we embark on the next phase of our tax process. Finance Committee members include Victor Samra, Don Gogel, Henri Gourd, Lisa Diaz and Michael Minter.

The Mayor said she and Mr. Porr will be meeting with the Greenwich assessor, who has used many of the revaluation companies, since Connecticut revalues every five years, to get his ideas and his experiences with the different companies and processes.

Mayor Marvin said that Village Administrator Porr, as part of his report, will update us on the Village Hall Renovation Project and move to the trailers.

Mayor Marvin said she wanted to touch on one more topic, and start the year with a forecast of upcoming budget issues, or trends in costs, spending and revenue. She said in the area of staffing, we have reconfigured our assessing function from a part time clerk to a full time tax assessment assistant with benefits and we anticipate the addition of quite possibly a full time assessor which together would add approximately \$110,000 to our salary costs.

The Mayor reported that in the area of employee benefits there are two major components: health insurance and retirement benefits. She said we anticipate a 7% increase in health care costs which translates into \$110,000 more than in this year's budget. Retirement costs for our police will increase at the rate of 5.6%, and regular staff retirement costs will decrease by 7.2%, translating into a \$15,000 budget increase, when taken together.

Mayor Marvin said our utilities projections show a 60% per gallon increase in the cost of diesel and unleaded fuel and a 20% per gallon increase in heating oil costs, resulting in a budget increase of \$50,000. Our long term debt service will increase by \$530,000, which represents the cost of the Village Hall renovation and the capital budgets of the past three plus years including items like Library improvements, a new garbage truck, new police cars and road improvements. To put it in context, the cost of the Village Hall renovation will be \$358.00 per household.

Taken in total, Mayor Marvin said this is an approximately \$700,000 increase from last year's budget. She said we anticipate some increased revenues to offset this number including an additional \$50,000 from sales tax and a \$100,000 increase in mortgage tax revenue; however, we are projecting a \$45,000 decrease in parking ticket revenues because of our less aggressive policy of ticketing, in an effort to help our downtown business district, for a net revenue surplus of \$105,000. This leaves us with a projection of a \$607,000 net increase in the tax levy, and since every \$60,000 translates into a 1% increase in the tax levy, this results in a 10.1% increase. This will be offset to a small degree by the 2005 assessment value additions our new assessor has made to the roll, though we do not know the level of tax grievances that may come forward during the review process in February. She said it is important to note that this increase is only on the 17% portion of residents' taxes that goes to Village government, 83% of the tax bill comes from the school's budget.

Mayor Marvin said we are continuing to search for ways to increase revenue and we will be receiving approximately \$1.3 million dollars from the Kensington Road project upon completion of the approval process. Upon its receipt, all of this money will be used to offset our debt service, and the Kensington Road property will return to the tax rolls. She said these numbers are estimates but we wanted early on to share with residents what we know about budget projections and we will continue to update our information as we get closer to the spring budget process.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Bellitto shared his feelings about where we are headed on tax assessments. He said he feels so privileged to be a Trustee during this time. He said the Mayor and Trustees regularly scour the budget looking for cost efficiencies, look to ensure that Village services are performed well, and handle residents' concerns as expeditiously as possible. Only rarely is the Board of Trustees presented with an issue that has such importance to Village residents as the tax assessment issue and that will have such long term ramifications for Bronxville's future. Trustee Bellitto said he feels honored to be one of the five people who will in a matter of weeks vote on this matter. He said he feels the utmost respect for everyone's opinions on the multi-layered issue of a Village-wide revaluation. In strongly favoring a revaluation he cannot think of a

clearer example of just doing what is right, championing what is fair, and knowing that the results ultimately will be to Bronxville's great benefit.

Trustee Bellitto said that, as the Mayor mentioned, the draft RFP will be available tomorrow morning at Village Hall. This will be followed by a pre-proposal meeting, company interviews, and the announcement of the most responsible bidder. He said we hope to have a contract signing on or before April 2006. Trustee Bellitto said our consultant Patrick McEvily has furnished Dr. Eckert with the information he requested and we anticipate receiving the Impact Study in late January. He said a public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15th in the Yeager Room of the Bronxville Public Library to discuss the study.

Trustee Bellitto said two of the three part-time assistants to the assessor have completed their work at this time and are no longer working for the Village. Trustee Bellitto said he agreed wholeheartedly with the Mayor about establishing an independent Board of Assessment Review. He said it can only benefit us to get as many people as possible involved in Village government.

Trustee Bellitto said some of the most highly charged feelings we all have are feelings of trust. For better or worse, when you elect us as Village Trustees you place your trust in us. Over time, however, the amount of trust given tends to equal the amount of trust earned. Trustee Bellitto said he hopes that as time lines are met and action plans are actualized that we will continue to earn that trust.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Trustee Poorman, seconded by Trustee Bellitto, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12 and the Public Hearing of December 12, 2005, as drafted.

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, Village Assessor Gerry Iagallo, and Village Administrator Porr.

RESOLUTION - 2006 STOP-DWI Patrol Project Reimbursement Contract

On motion of Trustee Sica, seconded by Trustee Underhill, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement with County of Westchester for the 2006 STOP-DWI PATROL PROJECT.

RESOLUTION - Accepting \$7,650 Gift from Generoso Pope Foundation

On motion of Trustee Sica, seconded by Trustee Bellitto, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees accepts a gift of \$7,650 from the Generoso Pope Foundation for use by the Village of Bronxville to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera for use by the Bronxville Police Department. The Board of Trustees expresses their gratitude and appreciation for this significant gift that will preserve life and property within the Village of Bronxville.

RESOLUTION - Stamen Animal Hospital Agreement

On motion of Trustee Bellitto, seconded by Trustee Sica, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees authorizes the mayor sign the attached agreement with Stamen Animal Hospital of New Rochelle, NY for services related to shelter and care of dogs seized within the Village. The term of the agreement is for five years expiring November 30, 2010.

RESOLUTIONS – Appointment of Animal Control Officer

Police Chief Downey stated that pursuant to the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law the Village must maintain an Animal Control Officer to be appointed by the Village Board of Trustees. In the past we have used the services of civilian employees of the Village of Tuckahoe. Chief Downey recommended that we continue this practice and appoint Sergeant Kenneth Varian of the Village of Tuckahoe Police Department as our Animal Control Officer.

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

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees designates Sergeant Kenneth Varian, an employee of the Village of Tuckahoe, as Animal Control Officer for the Village of Bronxville for the period of November 14, 2005 through December 31, 2005, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the rate of pay shall be based on Sergeant Varian's hourly rate of pay for the Village of Tuckahoe.

On motion of Trustee Underhill, seconded by Trustee Sica, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees designated Sergeant Kenneth Varian, an employee of the Village of Tuckahoe, as Animal Control Officer for the Village of Bronxville for the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the rate of pay shall be based on Sergeant Varian's hourly rate of pay for the Village of Tuckahoe.

RESOLUTION – Pavement Striping Machine

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

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town of Eastchester, the Village of Tuckahoe and the Village of Bronxville under the auspices of the NYS Department of State Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant program 2005-2006 for the purchasing of a parking lot pavement striping machine.

Of the overall cost of \$18,000, \$16,200 will be paid by the State with the remaining cost to be shared equally among the three local governments, approximately \$600 each.

RESOLUTION – Sanitary Sewer Cleaning Machine

On motion of Trustee Bellitto, seconded by Trustee Sica, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town of Eastchester, the Village of Tuckahoe and the Village of Bronxville under the auspices of the NYS Department of State Share Services Municipal Services Incentive Grant program 2005-2006 for the purchasing of a sanitary sewer cleaning machine.

Of the overall cost of \$200,000, \$180,000 will be paid by the state with the remaining costs to be shared equally among the three local governments, approximately \$6,666.66 each.

RESOLUTION – Handicapped Parking Meters

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees directs that the time and cost at handicapped parking meters in the Village of Bronxville be changed from the present cost of twenty-five cents (25¢) for twenty minutes to twenty-five cents (25¢) for thirty minutes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the handicapped meters in the Village be changed as quickly as can be implemented.

RESOLUTION – Scheduling Public Hearing, February 13, 2006 – Parking Permit Fees

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

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees schedules a Public Hearing on February 13, 2006 in the Yeager Room at the Bronxville Public Library, 201 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, New York, to hear and receive views of the public regarding an amendment to the Code of the Village of Bronxville, Section 290.47, Parking Permits, subsection (3) Off-street public parking lot parking permit, to increase the fee to \$80 per month for the Colodny Lot and Stone Place Tandem Parking Area.

RESOLUTION – Reconstituting the Village Board of Assessment Review

On motion made by Trustee Bellitto, seconded by Trustee Underhill, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was hereby adopted:

WHEREAS, in the Village of Bronxville, pursuant to the requirements of New York State Law, there is and shall continue to be a Board of Assessment Review; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 1408(1), a Board of Assessment Review may include the members of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bronxville (the “Board of Trustees”), or, in the alternative, an “independent” Board of Assessment Review may be constituted pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 523(1); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 523(1)(a) and § 1408(1), the Board of Trustees has the authority to appoint an “independent” Board of Assessment Review to hear complaints relating to assessments; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bronxville has considered whether it is in the best interest of the Village to appoint an “independent” Board of Assessment Review;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Board of Trustees hereby reconstitutes and appoints its Board of Assessment Review as set forth below, which Board of Assessment Review shall have such powers and duties as are prescribed for such Board by law.
2. That the Village of Bronxville Board of Assessment Review shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Board of Trustees.

3. That a majority of the Village of Bronxville Board of Assessment Review shall consist of members who are not officers or employees of the Village of Bronxville.
4. That except for the members of the first Board of Assessment Review appointed herein, whose terms shall be as set forth below, the terms of the members of the Village of Bronxville Board of Assessment Review shall be five years, commencing on the first day of October and ending on the thirtieth day of September five years thereafter.
5. That the members of the Village of Bronxville Board of Assessment Review shall annually choose one of their members as Chairman of such Board, and that notification of said designation shall be made in accordance with law.
6. That the terms of the first five members of the Village of Bronxville Board of Assessment Review shall be as follows:
 - a. First members appointed: term expires September 30, 2006.
 - b. Second member appointed: term expires September 30, 2007.
 - c. Third member appointed: term expires September 30, 2008.
 - d. Fourth member appointed: term expires September 30, 2009.
 - e. Fifth member appointed: term expires September 30, 2010.
7. That members of the Village of Bronxville Board of Assessment Review shall disclose any direct or indirect interest, as defined in the Real Property Tax Law, they have in any property for which a complaint has been filed, and that such disclosure shall be filed with the Mayor of the Village of Bronxville in accordance with the law.

RESOLUTION - Board of Assessment Review

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the date for the meeting of the Board of Assessment Review will be the third Tuesday in February, February 21, 2006.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that since the Bronxville School is closed during the week of February 20th and some residents may be out of town, and in order to allow more time for residents to prepare their grievance applications, the Board of Assessment Review will meet on February 21st at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Bronxville Public Library and will immediately adjourn until Tuesday, February 28, 2006 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Board Room at the Bronxville Public Library, 201 Pondfield Road, to hear and consider grievances relating to the 2006 tentative Village assessment roll.

RESOLUTIONS – Annual Village Election

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

BE IT RESOLVED the hours for Village Election Day, Tuesday, March 21, 2006 be set from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and that the polling place shall be the Burt Gallery at the Bronxville Public Library, 201 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, N.Y.

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Clerk is authorized to contact the County Board of Elections requesting the use of four voting machines.

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Clerk be authorized to appoint four inspectors each from the Democratic and Republican parties to serve on Election Day.

RESOLUTION – Opposition to Proposed Federal Legislation Regarding Local Government Franchising

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

- WHEREAS, recent technological advances have allowed telecommunications providers the opportunity to “bundle” voice, video and broadband services through a single fiber optic network, thereby providing for the ability to offer a greater number of services and making it profitable for more than one vendor to expend the necessary capital to install communications infrastructure in a community; and
- WHEREAS, most local governments currently have the authority to approve cable television franchise agreements, which among other things allow for the use of the public rights-of-way by private companies providing services to municipal residents, and
- WHEREAS, recent lobbying efforts by telecommunications companies before the state legislature in Texas and in other states have sparked a national debate regarding local government franchising authority and its alleged effects on competition and service deployment in the telecommunications market; and
- WHEREAS, the Video Choice Act of 2005 (S. 1349) and the Broadband Investment and Consumer Choice Act (S. 1504) were recently introduced in the United States Senate, and similar legislation has been introduced or is under consideration in the House of Representatives; and
- WHEREAS, the stated goals of this legislation include promoting the efficient deployment of competitive video, broadband, and telecommunications services throughout the country, providing greater consumer choice and lower prices, and eliminating barriers for future services and development, and
- WHEREAS, this legislation unfortunately also includes provisions which would preempt state and local authority to grant franchises, limit the ability of local governments to address customer service concerns of their residents, decrease the authority of local governments to manage their rights-of-ways, reduce franchise fee revenues payable to local governments for the use of public property, and eliminate in-kind support for PEG (Public, Educational, and Governmental) channels, and
- WHEREAS, the proposed establishment of national templates for the franchising process would disregard and diminish the local variety that makes each community unique and cherished by its residents; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bronxville, herein declares its opposition not only to S.1504 and S.1349, but to all legislation and regulatory actions that would have the effect of preempting local franchising authority, restricting the ability of local governments to address customer service problems, or reducing the compensation received by local governments for the use of their property, whether at the national, state or county level; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator is herein requested to forward this resolution to Bronxville’s Federal, State and County representatives as well as those Senators and Congressional representatives sponsoring the aforementioned bills.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patty Dohrenwend, said she wanted to thank all of the Board members for all of the work they do as volunteers. She complimented Village officials on the move to the temporary Village Hall complex.

Ms. Dohrenwend said it looks as if we will have a group of very qualified people running for office. She said the Board will probably want to consider where everyone will vote. She said there's a huge amount of parking problems, and people on the west side of the Village very much like to vote at Lawrence Hospital and at Christ Church. Ms. Dohrenwend asked the Board to consider adding other polling locations, with one at Christ Church and one at Lawrence Hospital. She said many people who live in apartments are not able to come in and out of this building. She said since everyone will have a change of venue for voting, the Village could send notices to everyone where they will be voting. She said that when she was Town Clerk whenever they had a change of location they always told voters where they could vote. Ms. Dohrenwend said if you don't have a contest you don't need more than one machine, but where you have a contest you should have four machines.

Trustee Poorman pointed out that this building, the Library, is fully handicapped accessible.

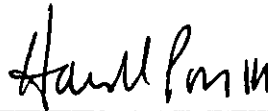
Betsy Harding said she wanted to add to Mayor Marvin's comments about the Star program. She said she noticed that Mr. Balog had a separate contract for the Star program.

Ms. Harding asked Mr. Iagallo if after February 1st there was any way to negotiate a decrease without going before the Board of Assessment Review. Mr. Iagallo said the grievance process does provide for a stipulation of settlement between the parties and the assessor is part of that process. He said there's a good reason for the grievance process. The form itself is not sufficient, you need to support your position.

Ms. Harding asked if the Village has errors and omissions insurance coverage. She said people had to do things that Mr. Balog didn't do and there may be other losses.

On motion of Trustee Sica, seconded by Trustee Underhill, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

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Harold Porr III, Village Clerk