

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF
BRONXVILLE HELD ON APRIL 4, 2005 AT VILLAGE HALL, 200 PONDFIELD ROAD, BRONXVILLE,
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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 |
| | Robert J. Fels | Village Treasurer |
| | William J. Murphy | Parking Commissioner |

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The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by outgoing Mayor Nancy D. Hand at 8:00 p.m. Mayor Hand said it has been a distinct honor and privilege serving as mayor for the last twelve years and she also had the privilege of working with a wonderful group of volunteers. During her time as mayor she said that every person who was elected or appointed to a village board, their knowledge and service to Bronxville residents is really quite remarkable. That's what sets Bronxville apart. The new group coming in really has those interests at heart. Mayor Hand acknowledged all the people at Village Hall, the Library, Department of Public Works and Police Department. She thanked everyone for working so positively for Bronxville.

Senior Village Justice George McKinnis administered the oath of office to Mayor Mary C. Marvin, who had been elected for a two year term. Mayor Hand said she couldn't think of a better person as mayor than Mary Marvin, with her wealth of experience and knowledge, as she handed over the gavel.

Mayor Marvin thanked Mayor Hand on behalf of the trustees and a grateful village for her devoted service and truly unprecedented years of hard work on behalf of everyone.

Village Justice McKinnis then administered the oath of office to Village Trustee Glenn D. Bellitto, who had been re-elected, and newly elected Village Trustee Robert S. Underhill, each for two year terms.

Mayor Marvin proposed a resolution appointing Anne W. Poorman to fulfill her term as Trustee which expires in April 2006. On motion of Trustee Sica, seconded by Trustee Bellitto, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Anne W. Poorman as Village Trustee.

Village Justice McKinnis then administered the oath of office to Trustee Poorman.

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS – VILLAGE BOARDS

Mayor Marvin made the following appointments to the various Village Boards:

To the Finance Committee – Henri N. Gourd, Donald J. Gogel and Michael Minter reappointed for two years terms to 2007. Lisa Guiffra Diaz appointed to complete the term of Patrick Oden to 2006.

To the Planning Board – Donald B. Henderson, Jr. reappointed as Chairman to 2006, Anna K. Longobardo reappointed as Vice-Chair to 2006, and Maryann Palermo reappointed as Counsel to 2006.

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To the Design Review Board – Anna K. Longobardo reappointed as Chairman to 2006.

To the Zoning Board of Appeals – James L. Fischer reappointed as Chairman to 2006; Betty Crowley reappointed as a member for a five year term to 2010; Charles Jackson, who previously served as an alternate, appointed as a member, completing the term of Anne W. Poorman to 2009; and John P. Browne and David Thurm reappointed as Co-Counsels to 2006.

To the Library Board of Trustees – Mariellen Carpenter and Christopher Goff appointed as members for three year terms to 2008.

To the Ethics Board – William Primps reappointed as Counsel to 2006.

Trustee Bellitto offered a motion, seconded by Trustee Sica, and unanimously carried, approving the action of the Mayor with regard to the appointment of Village Officials as set forth above.

Mayor Marvin announced the reappointment of Timothy G. Griffin as Village Prosecutor at the hourly rate of Ninety Five Dollars for a term of one year.

Trustee Bellitto offered a motion, seconded by Trustee Poorman, and unanimously carried, approving the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees hereby gives its advice and consent to the Mayor's appointment of Timothy G. Griffin as Village Prosecutor at the hourly rate of Ninety Five Dollars for a term of one year.

Mayor Marvin announced the reappointment of Daniel M. Harrigan as Deputy Village Prosecutor at the hourly rate of Ninety Five Dollars for a term of one year.

Trustee Bellitto offered a motion, seconded by Trustee Poorman, and unanimously carried, approving the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees hereby gives its advice and consent to the Mayor's appointment of Daniel M. Harrigan as Deputy Village Prosecutor at the hourly rate of Ninety Five Dollars for a term of one year.

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS – VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Mayor Marvin proposed the following appointments:

<u>Office Term</u>	<u>Name</u>
Deputy Mayor	1 year term - Frank V. Sica
Village Counsel	2 year term - (incumbent) Ned W. Branthover
Village Clerk/Village Administrator	2 year term - (incumbent) Harold Porr III
Collector of Taxes	2 year term - (incumbent) Robert J. Fels
Registrar of Vital Statistics	2 year term - (incumbent) Angela L. Faiella
Deputy Registrar	2 year term - Jaclyn Povella
Deputy Village Clerk	1 year term - (incumbent) MaryAnn Urrico
Deputy Village Counsel	1 year term - (incumbent) James F. Hayden

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Parking Violations 1 year term - (incumbent) Patricia M. Smith
Hearing Officer

Village Historian 1 year term - (incumbent) Eloise L. Morgan

On motion of Trustee Bellitto, seconded by Trustee Underhill, the Board unanimously approved the appointments of Village officials as set forth above.

TRUSTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Mayor Marvin announced the following Trustee liaison assignments:

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| Trustee Frank V. Sica | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deputy Mayor - Finance Committee - School Finance & Tax Related Matters - Eastchester Town Budget - Eastchester Fire District - Police |
| Trustee Glenn D. Bellitto | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning Board - Department of Public Works - Joint Village/School Cable TV Committee - Parking - Assessor Liaison |
| Trustee Robert S. Underhill | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Metro North - Zoning Board - Taxi Negotiations - Tennis/Paddle Liaison - Real Estate Related Matters |
| Trustee Anne W. Poorman | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Library Board - School and Youth Liaison - Senior Citizens - Chamber of Commerce/Business District Liaison - Day Camp/Gymnastics |

RESOLUTION REGARDING ANNUAL ACTIONS

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Poorman, seconded by Trustee Bellitto, and unanimously carried:

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees hereby gives its advice and consent to the following annual appointments and actions of the Mayor:

Auditor to Board of Trustees Village Administrator for a period of 1 year term - for the purpose of checking monthly abstracts of purchases as prepared by the Village Treasurer, Village Administrator/ Clerk.

Auditor to the Justice Court Village Treasurer Robert J. Fels

Village Auditor Bennett Kielson Storch DeSantis, The Government Services Division of O'Connor Davies Munns & Dobbins, LLP

Signatures Section 1. Checks drawn on the bank accounts of the Village of Bronxville be signed by any two of following: Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Village Administrator or Treasurer.

Section 2. Checks drawn on the account of Justice Court of the Village of Bronxville, established for deposit of fines, fees and forfeited bail, shall be signed by a Village Justice.

Section 3. Bank transfers and federal wire transfers to be signed by any two of the following: Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Village Administrator or Treasurer.

Bank Depositories

Authorize depositories for Village funds with the Bank of New York, J. P. Morgan Chase Bank, Hudson Valley Bank and Wachovia Bank.

Surety Bonds

That surety bonds be filed in the following amounts, premiums to be paid by Village:

All employees \$200,000 per loss

Official Newspaper

Designate the "Review Press" as the primary official newspaper during the ensuing official year for the publication of such legal notices that may from time to time be required, and further, that "The Journal News" and "The Town Report" be designated as alternate official newspapers for legal notices.

Meeting Date

Resolve that the regular meeting date of the Board of Trustees will be held at 8:00 PM on the 2nd Monday of each month.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Marvin said she was truly honored and humbled to serve as Mayor of Bronxville. She highlighted what she sees as important issues facing the village, not the least of which is reviewing our tax situation. She said we are very mindful as your elected officials that it is our job to make decisions about tax policy and we take our fiduciary duty very seriously and will review our current situation and explore all options available and their potential benefits and ramifications. All this will be done using the best interests of the village long term as our guide, and at a level of discourse and openness we can all be proud of.

Mayor Marvin said the Village has already taken the following steps:

- Every resident will receive an informational brochure next week to help advance the discussion and answer questions we have been receiving from residents.
- We are finalizing an agreement with an outside expert to review our tax roll and make appropriate recommendations going forward.
- There will be a panel on May 4th at 7:30 p.m. at the Library to offer further information and to hear questions from residents.

Mayor Marvin added that we will not hesitate to call on experts as needed as well as seek the assistance of our very able finance committee. She said that next Monday at our regularly scheduled monthly meeting she will give an update on any new information. In the interim, she said please call on us, let us know what your concerns are and we would be happy to sit down and meet with any resident. We are listening. We are a village of very capable and committed citizens and this issue is eminently solvable if we work together as a community. The mayor invited everyone concerned to join the process and be part of the solution. She mentioned that in our 100 year history, the village has met many challenges. We will meet this one and emerge as an even stronger and closer community.

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Mayor Marvin noted that in addition to the tax issue, this is a year of many big projects for our small village. We will soon begin the renovation of Village Hall which is long overdue and is the first renovation since the 1940's. She said we have been holding off on this project mindful of the demands of the school project, but we feel now is the right time to move forward. Money is at historically low rates, we have a leaky roof, buckled floor, asbestos in the basement, we are not ADA compliant and we do not have the wiring necessary for the technology we need, and frankly our band-aid approach to repairs for the last few years is not cost effective going forward. She added if we want to retain the high quality of employees that the village demands, we must provide them with a decent place to work. All this she said is with the caveat that we will only proceed if the bids are within our financial parameters.

Mayor Marvin said that we are also at the Planning Board stage for the Kensington Road development project, an important piece of underutilized land that we must get back on the tax rolls and at the same time build something that enhances the surrounding neighborhood. She said there will be ample opportunity going forward for input by our citizens, and we welcome it.

Mayor Marvin said we have also begun the eminent domain proceedings on the old Mobil gas station site on the west side of the village and look forward to ultimately adding those 90 additional spaces to our parking inventory.

Mayor Marvin said she looks forward to a close relationship with our Chamber of Commerce and business merchants and our School officials, working together to improve the village.

Mayor Marvin extended thanks to the village staff, department heads and our police officers for keeping our village running so efficiently. She thanked her family and friends for being so supportive. The mayor asked for everyone in the community's help and patience as she learns her new job as Mayor and pledged to do the best job she possibly can.

On motion of Trustee Bellitto, seconded by Trustee Poorman, the Board voted to go into the scheduled budget work session.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The Village Board of Trustees moved from the annual meeting into a budget session at 8:30 p.m. Robert Fels, Village Treasurer, reviewed various budget issues with the trustees at that time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:00 p.m., by motion of Trustee Sica, seconded by Trustee Bellitto, and approved unanimously the Board went into executive session to discuss personnel and litigation issues. The Board and administrator were joined by attorney David Wilkes at that time.

By motion of Trustee Sica and a second by Trustee Poorman, approved unanimously, the Board came out of executive session at 10:30 p.m.

By motion of Trustee Sica and a second by Trustee Poorman the following resolution was introduced:

A resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract with David Wilkes to provide legal advice regarding tax and assessment issues. Approved unanimously.

By motion of Trustee Bellitto and a second by Trustee Underhill the following resolution was introduced:

A resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract with Joseph K. Eckert, Ph.D., for the purpose of providing assessment review services for the village. Approved unanimously.

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By motion of Trustee Sica and a second by Trustee Bellitto the Board voted unanimously to close the meeting at 10:47 p.m.



Harold Porr III, Village Clerk