

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE HELD DECEMBER 12, 2016
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, 200 PONDFIELD ROAD, BRONXVILLE, N.Y.**

PRESENT:	Robert S. Underhill	Deputy Mayor
	Anne Poorman	Trustee
	Guy Longobardo	Trustee
	Randolph Mayer	Trustee
 ALSO PRESENT:	 James Palmer	 Village Administrator
	James Staudt	Village Attorney
	Lori Voss	Village Treasurer
	Chris Kurtz	Special Counsel
 EXCUSED:	 Mary C. Marvin	 Mayor

WORK SESSION & EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:30pm, on a motion by Trustee Longobardo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Underhill, the Village Board convened a Work Session. At 6:36pm, on a motion of Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Longobardo, the Village Board entered into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

At 7:15 pm on a motion by Trustee Poorman, seconded by Trustee Longobardo, the Village Board closed the Executive Session and reopened the Work Session. Alan Kassay of O'Connor Davies was present to discuss the Village's financial statements for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2016. At 7:40 pm Jon Gordon of Admiral Realty met with the Board to emphasize the need for the Village to review its Zoning Code, especially as it relates to the currently permitted retail uses and how retail is being impacted by online shopping.

At 8:04pm, Deputy Mayor Underhill re-opened the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

COMMUNITY FUND PRESENTATION

There was a short presentation from the President of the Community Fund, Neal Denning and Melinda Burge, Executive Director. The annual campaign was launched in October and their goal for 2017 is \$500,000. The Community Fund's goal is to allocate monies to 25 agencies in Tuckahoe, Eastchester and Bronxville.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator, James Palmer, shared some details on what he has been working on. Fire District Election is tomorrow. Polls will be open from 2pm to 9pm. Second half tax bills are due by January 3, 2017 without penalty. Email reminders will be sent out this month. New pay by space kiosks have been installed at the Garden Avenue lot.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Trustee Longobardo, seconded by Trustee Poorman, the Board approved the minutes of the following meetings:

- Executive/Work Session of November 14, 2016
- Regular Meeting of November 14, 2016

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Funding to Construct Parking Office

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

WHEREAS, the Walker Parking Study recommended a separate parking office to improve accountability and efficiency with the Village’s parking operations, and

WHEREAS, there was available space in the Justice Court offices,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Administrator to take administrative actions necessary to construct and furnish a parking office, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Administrator and Treasurer to pay up to \$25,000 for this construction by transferring funds from General Fund Contingency Account to the Capital Fund.

B. RESOLUTION – Probationary Appointment of Wayne Ballard to Superintendent of Public Works

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

WHEREAS, Wayne Ballard took and passed the Westchester County Civil Service Exam for Superintendent of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, he is eligible for a probationary appointment from County Certification List of Eligibles # 63-782;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Village Board of Trustees authorize the probationary appointment of Wayne Ballard to the position of Superintendent of Public Works subject to a probationary period of 52 weeks and in accordance with Westchester County Rules and Regulations.

C. RESOLUTION - Board of Trustees Calendar 2017

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

WHEREAS, A 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar has been created.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board has authorized the Administrator to implement the 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar.

D. RESOLUTION – Authorizing the Village Administrator to Execute an Easement Agreement with Miller Pondfield LLC for the Purposes of Installing a Pay Station Kiosk

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

WHEREAS, the Village is converting the Garden Avenue Parking Lot to a multi-space parking meter system using pay stations (kiosks); and

WHEREAS, in order provide maximum convenience to patrons for the new pay-by-space system it is desirable to place a kiosk along the sidewalk next to the stairway leading from the Lot to Pondfield Road; and

WHEREAS, the area along the sidewalk where the kiosk is to be placed is owned by Miller Pondfield LLC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Bronxville authorize the Village Administrator to enter into an easement agreement with Miller Pondfield LLC for the purposes of installing, servicing and maintaining a parking kiosk and shelter at the rear of 85 Pondfield Road abutting the Garden Avenue Parking Lot.

E. RESOLUTION – Supporting NYS Clean Water Grant Funding

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

WHEREAS, US Environmental Protection Agency(EPA) Reports and NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation(EFC) documents estimate that Wastewater Infrastructure cost needs over the

WHEREAS, these USEPA Reports and NYS EFC documents further estimate that Drinking Water Facilities Infrastructure cost needs over the next twenty years are also in excess of 30 billion dollars in New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Industry Council of Westchester and Hudson Valley and the Construction Advancement Institute of Westchester and Mid-Hudson Valley launched a Clean Water/Jobs Coalition campaign and released a report in October of 2016 entitled *The Water Infrastructure GAP for New York State's Future: Clean Water Infrastructure Needs for Communities in Westchester County and the Hudson Valley* which identified over 250 million dollars in current clean water (wastewater and drinking water) infrastructure project needs and a billion dollars in total clean water infrastructure project needs over the next five years in the local communities of the Westchester/Hudson Valley Region; and

WHEREAS, investments in clean water infrastructure projects protect our water bodies, purify our drinking water, enhance community quality of life, create thousands of jobs and enhance the local economy; and

WHEREAS, local municipalities cannot take on this challenge alone and need clean water grants and low-interest financing to make these investments possible; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature the *Water Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2015* was enacted and to date has allocated 425 million dollars state-wide in clean water infrastructure grant funds to communities of which 250 million dollars has been awarded including close to 35 million dollars awarded to communities in the Westchester and Hudson Valley region; and

WHEREAS, this Clean Water grant program will allocate its remaining 175 million dollars in clean water grant funds state-wide in 2017 which will leave a zero balance in the account while many projects have not been funded and the need remains in the billions of dollars;

WHEREAS, it is critical that the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act be reauthorized and new/increased funds be appropriated state-wide in the NYS 2017-2018 budget in order for communities in Westchester County and across the State of New York to meet their clean water infrastructure needs today and into the future; and

WHEREAS, immediate local needs include funding for stormwater infrastructure repairs and sanitary sewer system repairs and replacement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Village of Bronxville joins the Clean Water/Jobs Coalition call for Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature to appropriate 800 million dollars in the NYS 2017-2018 Budget for the Clean Water grant program state-wide and in doing so reauthorize the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act.

F. RESOLUTION - Authorizing the Village Administrator to Execute an Engagement Letter Retaining Jackson Lewis for the Purposes of Obtaining Suez Water Usage Data

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

WHEREAS, the cities, villages and towns that make up United Water Westchester (now Suez) have sanitary sewer systems that are in desperate need of repair and significant capital investment; and

WHEREAS, an equitable way to fund those repairs and investment is through a user fee; and

WHEREAS, a user fee would also be applied to not-for-profit entities such as universities and hospitals and other large users of sanitary sewer infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, an equitable method for developing a user fee involves allocating cost based on water consumption; and

WHEREAS, since the water consumption data is privately owned the participating municipalities must seek approval from the New York State Public Service Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees authorize the Village Administrator to participate in a consortium with other communities to retain Jackson Lewis P.C. to assist with petitioning the State Public Service Commission to obtain water consumption data for the purposes of modeling a sewer user fee and that participating communities shall share equally in the costs that are not expected to exceed \$6,000 per community.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Poorman mentioned that Mayor Marvin and Chief Satriale hosted the Bronxville School second graders for 2 days at Village Hall. She also had an opportunity to participate along with Justice Mayer and Village Administrator James Palmer and found it a rewarding experience. The students had lots of energy and came prepared with questions.

No further Trustee Comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

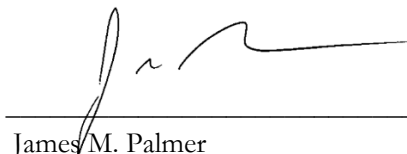
Larry Wilson, a landscape contractor who resides in Yonkers, and who is past President and volunteer of NYS Turf and Landscape Association spoke about Mayor Marvin's most recent column on cessation of bulk leaf pick up. Mr. Wilson spoke about his experience about mulching in place and how it is not a desirable solution especially during heavy leaf season.

Michael Iorio, also a landscape contractor who resides in Eastchester and current President of NYS Turf and Landscape also shared his thoughts on the disadvantages of mulching in place.

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There being no further comments, the Board of Trustees adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:40pm by motion of Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Longobardo.

Next Village Board of Trustee's Meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2017 at 8:00pm.



James M. Palmer
Village Administrator/Village Clerk