

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE HELD
ON MARCH 12, 2001 AT VILLAGE HALL, 200 PONDFIELD ROAD, BRONXVILLE, N.Y.

PRESENT:	Nancy D. Hand	Mayor
	Frank V. Sica	
	John O'Callahan	
	Mary C. Marvin	Trustees
ABSENT:	Thomas M. Leslie	Trustee
ALSO PRESENT:	Bohn C. Vergari	Village Counsel
	William T. Regan	Village Administrator
	Peter J. Woodcock	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

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Mayor Hand called the meeting of the Board of Assessment Review to order at 7:10 PM. On motion of Trustee Marvin, seconded by Trustee O'Callahan the Board voted to enter executive session to discuss certiorari cases. On motion of Trustee O'Callahan, seconded by Trustee Marvin the Board voted to authorize the Assessor to settle the case with Midland Gardens Owners, Inc. within the parameters described in the Assessor's memo dated February 27, 2001.

On motion of Trustee Marvin, seconded by Trustee Sica the Board ended executive session at 7:40 PM to resume the public portion of the Board of Assessment Review meeting.

On motion of Trustee O'Callahan, seconded by Trustee Marvin the Board voted to reduce the assessment on 72 Parkway Road to \$17,250 and to deny all other grievances. The assessment of Nulla Bona Realty, Inc. (Section 2, Block 2, Lot 24) is to be reduced to \$52,720 as per the settlement of this case previously.

The Board of Assessment Review adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Mayor Hand opened the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. She began by inviting representatives of the Youth Council and the Senior Citizens Council to give presentations.

YOUTH COUNCIL

Donald Lucas, Director, highlighted some of the activities of the Youth Council. He said an average of 45 students in grades 9 through 12 attend the monthly meetings.

Ali Santoro, student co-president, spoke about some of the major events the Youth Council held during the past year, both social and community service oriented.

Mayor Hand thanked the representatives of the Youth Council for all the volunteer work they do throughout the year, and expanding the students' horizons.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Julie Jackson, Chairperson of the Senior Citizens Council, gave a brief report. She

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said they have now updated their bylaws and are nearing completion on an informational brochure. Early in the year she met with officers of the Bronxville and Tuckahoe senior centers to hear about their cares and concerns. She said our area of southern Westchester has experienced a tremendous surge in the senior population. Ms. Jackson said they greatly appreciate the support of the Village.

Kathy Studwell, Director of Senior Citizens of Bronxville, said all is well with seniors in our Village. She highlighted some of the numerous programs they offer, which have a wide range. She said there are two levels of seniors that are served – the people who come to the senior center and the people at home who need assistance.

Mayor Hand extended thanks to Kathy Studwell for her efforts throughout the year serving the seniors in Bronxville.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Marvin asked that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March, 2001 be corrected on page 1 to read "Cable TV Committee" instead of "Senior Citizens Council".

On motion of Trustee Sica, seconded by Trustee Marvin, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2001 were approved as corrected, and the minutes of the Grievance Hearing of February 27, 2001 and the Board of Trustees Meeting of February 27, 2001 were approved as drafted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

RESOLUTIONS – Municipal Snow and Ice Control Agreement

On motion of Trustee Sica, seconded by Trustee Marvin, the Board unanimously passed the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign the extension of the Indexed Lump Sum Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement between the New York State Department of Transportation and the Village of Bronxville for the period of one year commencing July 1, 2001 to expire on June 30, 2002.

On motion of Trustee Sica, seconded by Trustee Marvin, the Board unanimously passed the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign the extension of the Indexed Lump Sum Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement between the New York State Department of Transportation and the Village of Bronxville for the period of one year commencing July 1, 2002 to expire on June 30, 2003.

RESOLUTION – Sales Tax Extension

On motion of Trustee O'Callahan, seconded by Trustee Marvin, the Board unanimously endorsed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, cities, towns and villages in Westchester County are severely restricted in their revenue base, with real property tax as their main source of revenue constantly rising and putting a disproportionate burden on the property owner, and;

WHEREAS, the County Executive and the Board of Legislators advocated and approved the distribution of sales tax revenue to the cities, towns, villages and school districts, in accordance with Chapter 272 of the Laws of 1991;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bronxville hereby requests our State representatives to support a two-year extension on Article 29, Section 1262-b of the tax law, entitled 1991 Property Tax Stabilization and Relief Act, which said law presently has a sunset provision of May 31, 2002, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by copy of this resolution we urge our representatives to support the extension of the 1991 Property Tax Stabilization and Relief Act until such time as New York State Aid to Local Governments is restored.

RESOLUTION - Public Hearing - 2001-2002 Operating Budget

On motion of Trustee O'Callahan, seconded by Trustee Sica, the Board unanimously passed the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees schedules the public hearing for the 2001-2002 fiscal year operating budget for Monday, April 9, 2001 in Village Hall at 8:00 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hand reported on the progress of the Library renovations and said that many of the rooms are getting their finishing touches. Concerning the third track, she said that discussions continue with Metro North. Also, Village officials will be meeting with our consultant on flooding matters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dorothy Brennan, 69 Sagamore Road, said she'd like to meet with Mr. Pici and Mr. Regan to discuss the Girl Scout Cabin. Mrs. Brennan also commented on the new windows at either end of the Library.

On motion of Trustee Sica, seconded by Trustee Marvin, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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William T. Regan, Village Clerk