

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING HELD BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VILLAGE OF  
BRONXVILLE ON FEBRUARY 14, 2000 AT VILLAGE HALL, 200 PONDFIELD ROAD,  
BRONXVILLE, N.Y.

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| PRESENT:      | Nancy D. Hand      | Mayor . . . .                  |
|               | Thomas M. Leslie   |                                |
|               | Frank V. Sica      |                                |
|               | John O'Callahan    |                                |
|               | Mary C. Marvin     | Trustees                       |
| ALSO PRESENT: | Bohn C. Vergari    | Village Attorney               |
|               | William T. Regan   | Village Administrator          |
|               | Peter J. Woodcock  | Superintendent of Public Works |
|               | Brian Downey       | Police Lieutenant              |
|               | Vincent Pici, P.E. | Superintendent of Buildings    |
|               | Robert J. Fels     | Village Treasurer              |
|               | William J. Murphy  | Parking Commissioner           |

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Mayor Hand called the public hearing to order at 8:00 P.M. She advised that this was a continuation of the public hearing held in January to hear and consider comments regarding proposed changes to Chapter 30 of the Village Code to provide for alternate members for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Village Administrator Regan verified that due notice of the public hearing had been given by posting and publication.

Mayor Hand briefly reviewed the proposed changes in the Code. She stated that at the public hearing in January, the Chairman of the Planning Board explained the purpose of the new law to add alternates to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. In many communities in Westchester both boards have alternates for members who cannot be present at a meeting. Both boards are in agreement with the revised legislation. They looked at the wording and made some adjustments since the last meeting. The way the law was drafted originally, the Planning Board would use Design Review Committee members as alternates. The Trustees had suggested that the Planning Board might not want to limit themselves to just Design Review Committee members. The revised legislation would allow alternates to the Planning Board to be designated not only from the Design Review Committee but from the community at large.

Mayor Hand stated that questions have been raised by both the Chairman of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board concerning item 9 of the draft legislation amending section 30.94 J of the Code, and they would like to go back and take another look at the wording in this section. Therefore, it was suggested that item 9 be deleted at this time. This will not affect the remainder of the legislation.

The mayor then called for public comments and for trustee comments and there were none forthcoming.

The public hearing was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

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William T. Regan, Village Clerk

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE HELD  
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Mayor Hand called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. Before the meeting the Village Board met with the Library Board to discuss the bids received to renovate the library.

The regular meeting was recessed to adjourn to a public hearing and was reconvened at 8:05 PM.

Mayor Hand invited representatives of the Senior Citizens Council and Eastchester Volunteer Ambulance Corps to give presentations.

SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES

Barbara Stires, Chairperson of the Senior Citizens Council, gave a brief report on senior citizens services in Bronxville. She said Bronxville, as well as other communities, has experienced tremendous growth of senior citizens since 1980. That group is now the fastest growing segment of the population. The village is a magnet for older people to be close to their families and because of good services, excellent medical facilities and the quality of life for all ages. She extended thanks to the Board and the Village Hall staff for their continued support and encouragement.

Kathy Studwell, Director of Senior Citizens of Bronxville, outlined the many programs they offer and services her office provides for seniors. They celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1999. She said that the Senior Citizens group in Bronxville is thriving and their membership exceeds 400 people.

Mayor Hand thanked Mrs. Studwell and the Senior Citizens Council for all the work they do throughout the year on behalf of the senior citizens throughout the community.

EASTCHESTER VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

Anson Augustine, representing EVAC, spoke about the services they provide to the community and requested continued funding from the Village in the amount of \$4,000 for the coming year to help defray their utility and maintenance costs. During the past year they purchased a new ambulance partially funded by the Community Fund. He said they are looking for volunteers.

**RESOLUTION - Local Law No. 1 - 2000**

Board members unanimously agreed to delete item 9 (Section 30.94 J) of the proposed law as drafted.

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

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees approves Local Law No. 1 - 2000 amending Chapter 30, sections 30.2; 30.31; 30.77 (C); 30.81 (C) (2) and (D) (3); and 30.92 (B), (D) and (E) of the Code of the Village of Bronxville, as revised (see attached).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jeff Zuckerman, president of the Bronxville Teachers Association, addressed the Board about providing additional parking for employees at Bronxville School. He said school enrollment has climbed from about 850 students when he came to Bronxville in 1986 to its present level of 1,365. There are presently 234 employees at the school who could conceivably ask for a parking space. Only 135 are teachers. There are assistants, aides, cafeteria workers, custodians and staff. With the school embarking on a major renovation and several additional staff positions being discussed, he said the parking situation will only get worse. He said not everyone drives to school and they have done everything they can to get car pools going. They would be completely lost if it wasn't for the cooperation they have already gotten from the Village he added. He was hoping that the board might come up with some ideas for an additional 10 or 15 parking spaces. They didn't have a parking problem, he said, until parking was banned along Midland Avenue - that was their overflow.

Mayor Hand said she understands that parking is a great concern of the teachers as well as other people who want to visit the village. As a stopgap measure, she suggested the teachers could buy merchant parking permits and have use of available spaces in the Garden Avenue lot.

Trustee Leslie suggested they might reach out to the residents in the surrounding neighborhood to find additional spaces for about 10-15 cars.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Trustee Marvin, seconded by Trustee Sica, the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of January 10, 2000 and the Special Meeting of January 24, 2000 were approved as drafted.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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

**RESOLUTION - Electrician Bids**

Mr. Woodcock stated that bids for a new contract for electrical service, maintenance and installations for the Village were advertised and four bids were received back. He recommended that the bid be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications, D & M Electric in Elmsford.

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

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees awards the contract for electrician services to the lowest responsible bidder, D & M Electric, Elmsford, New York, effective March 1, 2000 for a two year period, and as per the attached memo.

**RESOLUTION: Reconciliation Tax & Warrant**

Village Treasurer and Tax Collector Fels furnished information concerning unpaid taxes in the amount of \$322,603.03 as of January 31, 2000. (Recap of Taxes, Warrants and Collections as of January 31, 2000 is attached to the official minutes.)

On motion of Trustee O'Callahan, seconded by Trustee Sica, and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the information presented by Treasurer Fels as set forth above.

**RESOLUTION: Tax Lien Sale**

On motion of Trustee O'Callahan, seconded by Trustee Sica, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees:

Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bronxville, that the Village Treasurer be authorized to advertise and sell tax liens for the fiscal year 1999-2000 on March 14, 2000 as shown in the account of unpaid taxes and in accordance with Article 14, Title 3 of the Real Property Tax Law (Section 1455), and that the advertisement of the notice required by law be inserted in the Review-Press Reporter, the official newspaper of the Village, and that said notice shall be published once a week for three consecutive weeks and the last date for publication shall be made on or before the 9th day of March 2000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said notice shall be substantially the following:

VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE  
Statement of Real Estate upon which  
taxes for the year 1999-2000 are unpaid, and  
NOTICE OF TAX SALE

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 14, Title 3 of the Real Property Tax Law (Section 1455).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the taxes for the year 1999-2000 of the Village of Bronxville are unpaid on the real estate described as shown on a tax list filed with the Village Clerk.

The description of each parcel of said real estate is designated by Section, Block and Lot numbers as shown on the Assessment Map of the Village of Bronxville, Town of Eastchester, Westchester County, New York, which roll and map are on file in the office of the Village Clerk at 200 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, New York.

Following is a list of parcels of real estate on which the taxes remain unpaid for 1999-2000, as of January 31, 2000.

**BUDGET RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Fels advised that on January 5, 2000 the Bronxville Historical Conservancy donated \$25,500 to the Village. This generous contribution has been identified by the Conservancy for two purposes:

- Production of a video by the Village's Cable Committee for \$5,000.
- Funding for the acquisition of planters and installation of signs in the amount of \$20,500.

In order to use these funds, Mr. Fels requested the following resolutions be adopted.

Budget Resolution - Cable TV

On motion of Trustee Leslie, seconded by Trustee O'Callahan, the following resolution was passed:

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Treasurer to amend the Village's 1999/2000 operating budget by \$5,000 to provide additional funds to finance a video to be produced by the Village's Cable Committee as follows:

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| Increase A.1010.445 Cable TV Fees         | \$5,000 |
| Increase A.2770.000 Miscellaneous Revenue | \$5,000 |

Capital Project Authorization - Centennial Beautification Project

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

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Treasurer to establish a capital project #BHC99/00-0036-5110 "Acquisition/Installation of Planters and Signs" in the amount of \$20,500, to be financed by a contribution from the Bronxville Historical Conservancy in the amount of \$20,500.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hand reported that members of the Library Board and Mr. Regan were present for the opening of bids on February 10<sup>th</sup> for the library renovation and expansion project. Earlier this evening the Library Board met in executive session with the Board of Trustees and discussed the results of the bid. They will continue to work over the next couple of weeks or so to find ways to find additional money.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Marvin reported that she heard some favorable comments about snow removal and thanked Peter Woodcock and members of his department.

Trustee Leslie offered a motion, seconded by Trustee Marvin to adjourn to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 9:20 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Trustee Leslie, seconded by Trustee Marvin, the Board ended executive session and reopened the public meeting at 9:30 PM. On motion of Trustee Marvin, seconded by Trustee Sica, the following resolution was passed:

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees approves a merit payment of \$1,500 to Roxane Campagna, Library Director, for the 1999/2000 fiscal year.

No members of the public were present. On motion of Trustee O'Callahan, seconded by Trustee Leslie, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM.

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William T. Regan, Village Clerk