

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING HELD BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE ON
APRIL 10, 2000 AT VILLAGE HALL, 200 PONDFIELD ROAD, BRONXVILLE, N.Y.

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

Mayor Hand called the public hearing to order at 8:05 p.m. She advised that the purpose of the public hearing was to hear and consider comments regarding the tentative budget for the fiscal year 2000/2001.

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

Mayor Hand said the departments heads spent a great deal of time putting the budget together, there were three work sessions at which the trustees reviewed the budget line by line and made a few adjustments. They tried to keep the total increase as low as they could, at least no greater than the inflation rate, and were successful again this year. The mayor then asked Village Treasurer Fels to give an overview of the budget.

Mr. Fels gave an overall review and summary of the proposed 2000/2001 budget and referred to charts showing the breakdown of revenues and expenditures. Total estimated revenues, including an appropriated fund balance of \$350,000, increased by \$127,799 or 3.37%. The total budget of \$8,726,132 represents a 2.96% or \$251,195 increase in spending over the 1999/2000 budget. The 2000/2001 tax levy is set to increase by 2.64% or \$123,396 over the 1999/2000 tax levy. However, the Village has been fortunate in that the tax base has increased by \$289,017 due primarily to the addition of the Avalon Property on Parkway Road. The increase in the assessed value has helped to keep the projected tax rate increase down to 2.25%.

Mayor Hand then called for public comments.

Dorothy Brennan, 69 Sagamore Road, complemented Bob Fels on a budget that is very understandable.

Trustee comments were then invited.

Trustee Sica said we have very competent managers in the Village and they should be applauded.

The public hearing was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.


William T. Regan, Village Clerk

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE HELD
ON APRIL 10, 2000 AT VILLAGE HALL, 200 PONDFIELD ROAD, BRONXVILLE, N.Y.

PRESENT:	Nancy D. Hand	Mayor
	Thomas M. Leslie	
	Frank V. Sica	
	John O'Callahan	
	Mary C. Marvin (7:00-8:00 PM)	Trustees
 ALSO PRESENT:	Bohn C. Vergari	Village Attorney
	William T. Regan	Village Administrator
	Peter J. Woodcock	Superintendent of Public Works
	Alexander W. DiVernieri	Chief of Police
	Vincent Pici, P.E.	Superintendent of Buildings
	Robert J. Fels	Village Treasurer
	William J. Murphy	Parking Commissioner

Mayor Hand called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. On motion of Trustee Sica, seconded by Trustee Marvin, the Board voted to enter executive session to discuss litigation concerning certiorari cases.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(Mayor and Trustees, Mr. Balog, Mr. Regan and Mr. Vergari present.) Assessor Robert Balog presented three recommended settlements which the Board discussed and on motion of Trustee Sica, seconded by Trustee Marvin authorized settlements within the parameters described by Mr. Balog.

At 7:30 PM the Board voted to end executive session on motion of Trustee Leslie, seconded by Trustee O'Callahan.

CAPITAL PROGRAM WORK SESSION

At this time the Board commenced a work session concerning the 2000/2001 capital improvement program. During this work session the Board discussed capital program requests from the parking office, police department and administration. The work session ended at 8:00 PM.

Following a public hearing, the regular meeting was reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

RESOLUTION - ADOPTION OF BUDGET FOR 2000/2001

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

Whereas, the tentative budget for the year 2000/2001 has been duly presented to the Board by the Budget Officer and a duly advertised public hearing has been held thereon,

Resolved, pursuant to Section 5-508(4) of the Village Law, that the said tentative budget, as changed, altered and revised, be and hereby is adopted as the budget of the Village of Bronxville for the year 2000/2001.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Trustee Sica, seconded by Trustee Leslie, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13, the Special Meeting of March 20, and the Annual Meeting of April 3, 2000, as drafted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

RESOLUTION - Agreement for Structural Engineering Services - Garden Avenue Stairs

Mr. Pici presented background information on the Garden Avenue stairs and noted the poor condition they are in, with serious deterioration. He stated that the proposal the Trustees had before them is intended to do some exploratory work to identify problem areas.

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

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Engineer to sign an agreement with The DiSalvo Ericson Group, Ridgefield, CT for structural engineering services to evaluate the Garden Avenue stairs leading to Pondfield Road for the sum of \$7,000 (copy attached).

RESOLUTION - Arbor Day

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

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees declares Friday, April 28, 2000 as "Arbor Day" in the Village of Bronxville.

RESOLUTION - Funding 1999/2000 Capital Budget

Village Treasurer Fels noted that on May 10, 1999 the Board adopted the 1999/2000 capital budget totaling \$656,000. In conjunction with the preparation and review of the Village's 2000/2001 operating budget, he met with the Village's Finance Committee on April 5, 2000. At this meeting the committee discussed various appropriation and revenue estimates included in the document, as well as the projected fund balance at May 31, 2000.

Mr. Fels projected the General Fund Balance to May 31, 2000 to increase by \$60,700 over the May 31, 1999 total of \$1,908,000 to \$1,968,700. In addition, he included in the tentative 2000/2001 operating budget an appropriation of \$350,000 of the fund balance, leaving \$1,618,700. Of this remaining balance, the Village will be required to establish year-end accounting reserves of approximately \$170,000, leaving an undesignated fund balance of \$1,448,700.

Based on the above estimates, it was Mr. Fels' recommendation (and that of the Finance Committee) to appropriate \$356,000 of the aforementioned fund balance to finance a portion of the Village's 1999/2000 Capital Budget, with the remaining balance of \$300,000 to be financed by the issuance of a bond anticipation note in May. As such, he requested that the following resolution be approved:

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

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Treasurer to amend the 1999/2000 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$356,000 to transfer funds to finance a portion of the 1999/2000 Capital Projects budget. Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the appropriation of the General Fund - fund balance in the amount of \$356,000 to finance this transfer. Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Treasurer to issue \$300,000 in Bond Anticipation Notes, in May, to finance the remaining balance.

RESOLUTION - Approving Use of Parking Space - Senior Citizens Council

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

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees approves the use of a parking space in a Village owned parking lot by the Senior Citizens Council as per the attached request.

RESOLUTION - Tennis Professional Contract

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

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Administrator to sign the agreement with the tennis professional Michael Virgilio for the 2000 season (copy attached).

PUBLIC HEARING - 2000/2001 Capital Improvement Program

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 a public hearing for the 2000/2001 Capital Improvement Plan for Monday, May 8, 2000, 8:00 p.m., in Village Hall.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

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

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees authorizes the American Legion to conduct the Annual Memorial Day Parade which will be held this year on Monday, May 29, 2000.

RESOLUTION - Agreement with Engineering Firm - Flooding

Mr. Regan stated that two proposals were received from qualified engineers to report on the flooding problems experienced surrounding the school site. After reviewing the proposals Messrs. Regan, Woodcock and Pici recommended accepting the proposal from J. Robert Folchetti & Associates for the sum of \$7,500 for their Phase 1.

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

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Administrator to sign an agreement for professional services with the engineering firm of J. Robert Folchetti & Associates, Somers, NY to analyze the flooding problem in the area surrounding the Bronxville School for the sum of \$7,500 (copy attached).

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hand call on all residents to fill out the census forms they received in the mail and return them to the Census Bureau. In order to draw everyone's attention to how important the census count is to the village and to the school, the mayor said she has a bet with Tuckahoe Mayor White and Eastchester Supervisor Cavanaugh. The losers will host a party for the seniors citizens of the community with the highest return rate.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Leslie reported on the groundbreaking ceremony at the Library the day before. He said it was a lovely ceremony. Afterwards they went to the new, interim Library on Kraft Avenue, and he commended Roxane Campagna and the Library Trustees for doing a wonderful job.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dorothy Brennan, 69 Sagamore Road, said she spoke to one of the young ladies involved in starting up a teen center in the Village and asked her why they don't think the Girl Scout cabin is appropriate. One of the reasons they gave her was that the cabin wasn't big enough for 200 people and they also said it was remote. Mrs. Brennan said she thinks it is an ideal spot. The reason she has been managing the cabin all these years was that she wanted to save it for a teen center. She said there are houses next door but the sound goes out to the river and there wouldn't be too much problem for neighbors. Mrs. Brennan said it's a bit seedy looking, but a lovely building and she hopes that they will give some consideration to using the cabin for a teen center. They could enlarge it and it could be made handicap accessible.

Trustee Sica offered a motion, seconded by Trustee Leslie to adjourn the meeting to go into a capital budget work session at 9:05 PM.

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William T. Regan, Village Clerk