

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE HELD JANUARY 9, 2023 AT 7:00PM
AT VILLAGE HALL, 200 PONDFIELD ROAD, BRONXVILLE, N.Y.**

PRESENT:	Mary C. Marvin	Mayor
	Robert S. Underhill	Deputy Mayor
	William Fredericks	Trustee
	Helen Knapp	Trustee
	Mary Taylor Behrens	Trustee
ALSO PRESENT:	James Palmer	Village Administrator
	James Staudt	Village Attorney
	Stephen Shallo	Assistant Village Administrator
	Lori Voss	Village Treasurer
	Christopher Satriale	Chief of Police

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WORK SESSION

At 5:45pm, on a motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded Trustee Fredericks the Village Board unanimously convened a Work Session.

At 5:50pm, on a motion by Trustee Fredericks, seconded by Mayor Marvin the Village Board entered into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

At 6:50pm, on a motion by Trustee Behrens, seconded by Trustee Knapp the Village Board closed the Executive Session and re-opened the Work Session. The Village Administrator and Treasurer introduced Alan Kassay of O’Connor Davies. Mr. Kassay took the Village Board through the 2021-22 Financial Statements.

REGULAR MEETING

At 7:12pm, Mayor Marvin re-opened the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Marvin gave a brief update on what she has been working on. Mayor Marvin is happy to announce that Iona University’s Bronxville campus will officially open January 16, 2023 to students. An opening ceremony will be held January 12, 2023 in dedication of the Kelly Center for Health Sciences, NewYork-Presbyterian Iona School of Health Sciences to honor the Kelly family who so generously made a \$5 million dollar gift to the facility. The Bronxville Police Department has hired two new police officers, one is from the NYPD and the other is the police academy. Mayor Marvin also mentioned that feedback is still being requested from residents regarding the Westside Circle improvements.

Marvin Mayor introduced Alan Kassay, Partner of PKF O’Connor Davies, the Village’s Financial Auditors. Mr. Kassay presented the statements to the Board and summarized the findings from the Village’s audit for fiscal year ending May 31, 2022.

Devon Rourke, from County Legislator James Nolan’s office, shared some updates on what their office has been working on including updates on Bronx River footbridge and stormwater legislation application.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Village Administrator, James Palmer, gave a brief update on what he has been working on. Mr. Palmer mentioned that designs for Sagarmore Park playground are ongoing. The traffic signals at the corner of Gramatan Avenue and Pondfield Road have been delayed due to a backorder of the mast arms which should arrive by end of February.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Trustee Behrens, seconded by Trustee Fredericks, the Village Board unanimously approved the minutes of the following meetings:

1. Executive/Work Session December 12, 2022
2. Regular Meeting December 12, 2022

PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Local Law 5 – 2022

Mayor Marvin re-opened the public hearing for proposed local Law 5-2022 at 7:42pm on a motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Trustee Behrens.

Trustee Comments:

Trustee Behrens and Trustee Fredericks mentioned that this proposed local law would take effect September 1, 2023 to provide enough time for community outreach and to update all Village signage. Mayor Marvin also mentioned that Scarsdale and Tarrytown have also adopted the reduced speed limit.

Public Comments:

David Stern, Village resident, would like to see the new reduced speed limit enforced.

Proposed Local Law 5 – 2022 Amend Chapter 290-14.A VI, Regarding the Setting of Speed Limits on Village Streets and Public Roadways

Section 1. Section 290-14.A of Article VI of Chapter 290 of the Code of the Village of Bronxville, entitled “Maximum speed limits within the village”, is hereby revised in its entirety to read as follows:

A. Twenty-five miles per hour. Except as provided in Subdivisions B and C hereof, 25 miles per hour is hereby designated as the maximum speed limit at which vehicles may proceed on highways within the village.

Section 2. Section 290-14.C of Article VI of Chapter 290 of the Code of the Village of Bronxville, entitled “Maximum speed limits within the Village”, is hereby revised in its entirety to read as follows:

C. Thirty miles per hour. Thirty miles per hour is hereby designated as the maximum speed limit at which vehicles may proceed on the portions of roadway within the village designated as State Route 22 (also commonly known as the White Plains Road).

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or other portion of this Local Law is, for any reason, declared invalid, in whole or in part, by any court, agency, commission, legislative body or other authority of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate and distinct and independent portion. Such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof, which other portions shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 4. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

There being no further comments, Mayor Marvin closed the public hearing at 7:50pm on a motion by Deputy Mayor Underhill, seconded by Trustee Knapp.

RESOLUTION – Adopting Local Law 5-2022 (filed as Local Law 1-2023)

On a motion by Trustee Fredericks, seconded by Mayor Marvin, the Board of Trustees unanimously agreed to a reduced maximum speed limit of 25 m.p.h. Village-wide. The Village Board relied in part on the findings and determination by the consulting engineer charged with completing an engineering review in compliance with the adopted state legislation. The Board agreed to make the legislation effective September 1, 2023 to allow for an effective implementation, which would include an extensive educational and outreach campaign.

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION – Appointing Budget Officer for 2023-24 Budget Season

On a motion by Mayor Marvin, seconded by Trustee Fredericks, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Village Law, the Village of Bronxville is required to prepare an annual operating budget for the purposes of detailing the annual financial plan of the Village; and

WHEREAS, also pursuant to Village Law, the Budget Officer is responsible for preparing the budget document and to work closely with the chief fiscal officer and department heads to develop a realistic tentative budget and to present it to the Village Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Village Law, Chapter 61 of the Code of the Village of Bronxville authorizes the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees to designate the Village Administrator as Budget Officer;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees hereby designate the Village Administrator as Budget Officer for the 2023-24 fiscal year responsible for preparing the operating budget of the Village of Bronxville in accordance with Village Law.

B. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Fund Balance Transfer to Library Fund

On motion of Deputy Mayor Underhill, seconded by Trustee Knapp, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

WHEREAS, for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2022, the Village of Bronxville budgeted \$1,443,332 for general fund transfers to the Bronxville Public Library, and

WHEREAS, whereas the Village expended \$1,390,455.43 on this budget line, and

WHEREAS, the Bronxville Public Library has requested that the Village transfer the unspent balance, \$52,876.57 to the Bronxville Public Library,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the transfer of \$52,876.57 to the Bronxville Public Library, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorize, in compliance with the requirements of law, the Village Administrator and the Village Treasurer to take all actions necessary to effect and record this transaction.

C. RESOLUTION – Accepting Stop DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign Grant

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Underhill, seconded by Trustee Behrens, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

WHEREAS, the Village has budgeted \$8,400 for the current fiscal year Stop DWI Grant program, and

WHEREAS, Westchester County has launched the High Visibility Engagement Campaign in conjunction with the Stop DWI program, and

WHEREAS, Westchester County is offering up to \$10,000 for reimbursement of police department overtime for enforcement crackdowns between October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2023, and

WHEREAS, this would enhance traffic safety throughout the Village,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorize, in compliance with the requirements of law, the Village Administrator and the Village Treasurer to take all actions necessary to accept this grant.

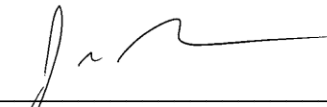
TRUSTEE COMMENTS – Trustee Underhill mentioned how thankful he is of Jim Palmer, Village Administrator and Lori Voss, Village Treasurer for all their hard work on the Village budget.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Katherine Park, Village resident, spoke over concerns regarding lack of trash removal and double parking on Park Place. Several other residents spoke of their concerns regarding Route 22 crosswalk. Several residents continue to oppose the placement of a crosswalk at Dusenberry Road. Trustee Fredericks reiterated the benefits of a crosswalk. The Trustees will be having a meeting, January 11, 2023, to discuss the crosswalk debate as well as other matters.

County Legislator, James Nolan, made a few comments and shared some updates on what his office has been working on.

The next regularly scheduled Village Board of Trustees meeting will be Monday, February 13, 2023, at 7:00pm.

There being no further comments, Mayor Marvin closed the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:49pm on a motion by Trustee Behrens, seconded by Trustee Fredericks.



James M, Palmer, Village Administrator/Clerk