

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE HELD SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 AT 7:00PM
AT VILLAGE HALL, 200 PONDFIELD ROAD, BRONXVILLE, N.Y.**

PRESENT:	Mary C. Marvin	Mayor
	Robert S. Underhill	Deputy Mayor
	Helen Knapp	Trustee
	William Fredericks	Trustee
	Mary Taylor Behrens	Trustee
ALSO PRESENT:	Kevin Staudt	Village Attorney
	James Palmer	Village Administrator
	Stephen Shallo	Assistant Village Administrator

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WORK SESSION

At 6:15pm, on a motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Trustee Behrens, the Village Board unanimously convened a Work Session.

Mayor Marvin mentioned that she had received correspondence from a few residents concerning Everytown for Gun Safety/Moms Demand Action and their desire to have a community event in November. The Village Board was in support of the program and the Mayor agreed to follow up with the group.

The Village Board discussed the outdoor dining program and agreed to meet separately on that issue.

The Mayor suggested moving the regular meeting of Oct 10th to Oct 16th. The Board agreed to confirm the new date after reviewing schedules.

At 6:50pm, on a motion by Trustee Behrens, seconded by Deputy Mayor Underhill, the Village Board agreed to enter into Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter.

At 7:05pm, on motion by Deputy Mayor Underhill, seconded by Trustee Knapp, the board closed the Executive Session and re-opened the Regular Meeting.

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At 7:09pm, Mayor Marvin opened the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

A moment of reflection was taken to remember the victims of September 11, 2001.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Marvin introduced Lisa Rao, chairperson of the 125th Anniversary celebration of Bronxville. Ms. Rao gave an update and shared some event details that are planned for the October 1st. The fall festival will be held between noon and 4pm with a BBQ starting at 12:30pm.

Mayor Marvin introduced County Legislator James Nolan. Mr. Nolan gave an update on the various projects he is currently working on including a \$3000 grant for Police Night Out events and funding for Bronxville’s sewer system and flooding issues.

Mayor Marvin introduced Bronxville School student Emerson Dennis. Emerson won first place in the 2023 National History Day competition in the junior individual exhibit category with her work, titled “Equal Opportunities by Mail: How the Sears Roebuck Catalogue Crossed Frontiers in the Consumer World.”

Outstanding Service Recognition Awards were given to two recently retired Bronxville employees, Linda Thomas(36 years of service) and Joseph Scaglione (37 years of service).

Library Board President, Margaret Mager and Library Trustee & Liaison to Friends of the Public Library, Christina Krettecoc shared a few updates on the proposed Outdoor Library Patio Revitalization project.

Trustee Behrens announced that Maltby Park Playground is near completion and that an opening date of September 24th is planned.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

James Palmer, Village Administrator, gave a brief update on what he has been working on. Mr. Palmer mentioned that the October public Board of Trustees meeting has been changed from October 10th to

October 16th. As a reminder, Village Hall offices will be closed on October 9th for Columbus Day. The ban on gas leaf blowers will be lifted between October 15th and December 15th.

Mr. Palmer also mentioned that he took a walking tour with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's consultant SLR, together with Mayor Marvin and Stephen Shallo, Asst. Village Administrator, took a walking tour with SLR to evaluate flooding along the Bronx River Parkway.

Trustee Knapp mentioned that she has been received positive feedback regarding Sagamore Park improvements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Underhill, seconded by Trustee Knapp, the Village Board unanimously approved the minutes of the following meetings:

1. Executive/Work Session of June 12, 2023
2. Regular Meeting of June 12, 2023
3. Work Session of July 17, 2023

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION – to Schedule a Public Hearing for Local Law 5-2023, A Local Law Clarifying Residency Requirements for Certain Public Officials

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

WHEREAS, Village Counsel has drafted a local law amending the residency requirements for public officials; and

WHEREAS, having received proposed Local Law # 5-2023, the Board of Trustees is prepared to hold a public hearing on such proposed law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A public hearing on proposed Local Law # 5 – 2023 to Amend Sections 47-2 and 61-5 of the Code of the Village of Bronxville to Clarify Residency Requirements for Public Officials will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Trustees Room of the Village Hall located at 200 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, NY.
2. The Village Board directs that all requisite notices be published and circulated in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW # 5 - 2023

A Local Law to Amend Sections 47-2 and 61-5 of the Code of the Village of Bronxville to Clarify Residency Requirements for Public Officials

Section One: The title of Section 47-2 of the Code of the Village of Bronxville is hereby amended by deleting the title in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

§ 47-2 Residency requirements.

Section Two: Section 47-2A of the Code of the Village of Bronxville is hereby amended by deleting Section 47-2A in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

A. Notwithstanding any other general or special law, no person shall be eligible to be appointed to or hold the office of Village Administrator, Assistant Village Administrator, Building Inspector, Assistant Building Inspector, Village Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Village Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Village Assessor, Deputy Assessor, Village Court Clerk or Assistant Court Clerk who is not a citizen of the United States, is not at least 18 years of age and is not a resident of Westchester County or of any village, town or city located within the State of New York within 60 miles from the Village of Bronxville at the time of such appointment. No person shall be eligible to be appointed as an election inspector in the Village of Bronxville unless such person is a resident of Westchester County.

Section Three: Section 61-5 of the Code of the Village of Bronxville is hereby deleted in its entirety.

Section Four: 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, 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 Five: Effective Date.

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

B. RESOLUTION – to Authorize BPAS to Provide GASB 75 Actuarial Valuation Services to the Village of Bronxville

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

WHEREAS, the Village has worked with BPAS since 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Village is satisfied with the high quality of their services at a competitive price, and

WHEREAS, the Village would like to continue retaining the services of BPAS for 2023-2025,

THEREFORE BE IT

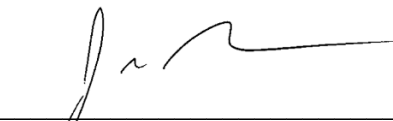
RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Administrator to take administrative actions necessary to execute a two year contract with BPAS.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Fredericks shared some comments on last week's meeting regarding the proposed Route 22 crosswalk. He requested a transcript of the meeting be generated and available on the website and had put that in the form of a motion(s) which was seconded by Trustee Behrens. Deputy Mayor Underhill, Mayor Marvin and Trustee Knapp disagreed and explained that it might set a precedent. It was further mentioned that the meeting is available to view on YouTube should anyone want to refer to it. The motion(s) did not pass.

There being no further comments, Deputy Mayor Underhill motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:32pm on a motion by Mayor Marvin, seconded by Trustee Knapp.

The next Village Board of Trustees meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, October 16, 2023 at 7:00pm.



James M. Palmer, Village Administrator/Clerk