

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE HELD MARCH 11, 2024 AT 7:00PM
AT VILLAGE HALL, 200 PONDFIELD ROAD, BRONXVILLE, N.Y.**

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

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EXECUTIVE SESSION/WORK SESSION

At 5:35pm, on a motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Trustee Fredericks, the Village Board unanimously convened a Work Session. On a motion by Deputy Mayor Underhill, seconded by Trustee Behrens the Village Board moved to enter into an executive session to discuss PBA negotiations with labor counsel.

At 6:55pm, on a motion by Trustee Behrens, seconded by Trustee Fredericks the Village Board closed the executive session and re-opened the public work session.

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At 7:08pm, Deputy Mayor Underhill opened the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Deputy Mayor Underhill summarized past and present stormwater improvements and clarified the planned design improvements for the Hamilton, Sussex and Homesdale neighborhoods. Village Administrator, James Palmer, further explained the project background and the plan moving forward. He also responded to the allegations concerning an illicit discharge into the storm sewer system and explained efforts the Village had already undertaken concerning the complaint. A statement from the Village responding to all the allegations will be posted on the Village website.

Trustee Knapp mentioned that representatives from Sustainable Westchester attended last month’s meeting and explained the benefits of Westchester Power to residents and why the Village should consider joining the program. Trustee Knapp also mentioned that she together with Trustee Behrens, Trustee Fredericks and Justice’s Primps and Nordahl marched in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Eastchester yesterday.

Trustee Behrens, Trustee Knapp and Trustee Fredericks attended a very successful gala at The Picture House last week. She reminded the public to continue supporting the movie theatre.

Trustee Fredericks noted that Police Officer Jason Cooper successfully passed his EMT training. Chief Satriale made a few comments and announced that a total of five officers have successfully passed the NYS exam with a sixth in coming weeks. He hopes to train two more officers in 2024. Chief Satriale also mentioned that his annual report will be published to the website by end of March.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

James Palmer, Village Administrator, gave a brief update on what he has been working on. He reminded residents that Village elections are next Tuesday, March 19 from 6am to 9pm. Please come out and vote. Village hall will be closed March 29th in observance of Good Friday.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. **Proposed Local Law #1-2024 Regarding Sanitary Sewer Laterals- Inspections, Repairs, Replacement and Ongoing Maintenance**

At 7:42pm, on a motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Trustee Fredericks, Deputy Mayor Underhill opened the public hearing for proposed local law 1-2024.

Deputy Mayor Underhill and Village Administrator, James Palmer explained this local law.

No action will be taken at this time and the public hearing will remain open for comments until May 2024.

No public comments. Written comments received.

2. Proposed Local Law #2-2024 – Tax Cap Override

At 7:53pm, on a motion by Trustee Fredericks, seconded by Trustee Knapp, Deputy Mayor Underhill opened the public hearing for proposed local law 2-2024.

Deputy Mayor Underhill explained the purpose of this local law.

Trustee Fredericks explained how the majority of Village taxes go to the Bronxville School.

No public comments.

At 7:58pm, on a motion by Trustee Fredericks, seconded by Trustee Behrens, Deputy Mayor Underhill closed the public hearing for proposed local law 2-2024.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

1. Executive/Work Session and Regular Meeting of February 12, 2024

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION – Adopting Local Law -2024, Property Tax Cap Override

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

WHEREAS the Village is desirous of passing a responsible budget that continues to provide essential municipal services to Village residents, and

WHEREAS the State allowable levy growth factor for 2024 is 2% but the rate of inflation is over 6% as measured by the Department of Labor, and

WHEREAS the Village would benefit by adopting a public law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; A public hearing on proposed Local Law 2-2024 was held at 7:00pm on Monday, March 11, 2024 held at Village Hall located at 200 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, New York.:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED; that the Board of Trustees adopts Local Law # 2-2024, authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C.

LOCAL LAW -2024 PROPERTY TAX CAP OVERRIDE

Section One. Legislative Intent. It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Bronxville to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2024, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section Two. Authority. This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law § 3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap

for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section Three. Tax Levy Limit Override. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Bronxville, County of Westchester, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2024, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law § 3-c.

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 – Acknowledging Disbursement of All ARPA Funds Received

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

WHEREAS, between July 29, 2021 and July 25, 2022, ARPA funding to the Village of Bronxville totaled \$657,228.79, and

WHEREAS, from July 29, 2021 to present, the Village has used these fund to pay for various Village capital projects, and

WHEREAS, the Village has expended all ARPA funds, and

WHEREAS, we are submitting to the Board of Trustees a full accounting of all ARPA funds used,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees acknowledge receipt of accounting for all ARPA funds received by the Village.

C. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Assignment Of Fund Balance To Capital Fund

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

WHEREAS, the Village's current annual debt service obligations total 12% of its operating expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Village is mindful that its continued long-term capital needs may only further its annual debt service obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Village maintains a healthy unrestricted fund balance to mitigate current and future risks and to ensure stable tax rates; and

WHEREAS, to fund the \$697,598.03 unfunded balance of capital projects based on analysis at February 26, 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby authorize the Village Administrator and Treasurer to transfer \$697,598.03 from general fund unassigned fund balance to the capital fund and to record all necessary transactions as required.

D. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Construction of New Sanitary Manhole on Vine Street

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

WHEREAS, the Village’s Board of Trustees approved contractors for emergency sewer repairs under contract VA 2022-06, on December 12, 2022.

WHEREAS, Peter J. Landi is one of the approved contractors so approved, and

WHEREAS, the Village is in need of an emergency sewer project requiring construction of a new sanitary manhole at Midland and Vine, and

WHEREAS, Peter J Landi submitted an estimate of \$14,500, which is reasonable and competitive for this type of work,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby authorize the Village Administrator and Treasurer to award this project to Peter J Landi for \$14,500, execute all contracts, and purchase orders necessary to effect this transaction.

E. RESOLUTION – To Schedule a Public Hearing for 2024/2025 Village Budget and Annual Meeting

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees will conduct its Annual Meeting & April monthly meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 7:00pm.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hold a public hearing on proposed 2024/2025 Budget on April 8, 2024 at 7:00pm.

The Village Board directs that all requisite notices be published in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

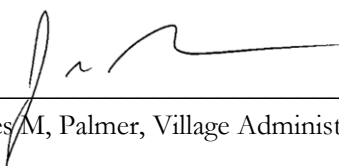
Newly elected Trustees and Justice will be installed that evening. The meeting will be located at Village Hall, 200 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, NY. This will be posted in Village Hall and on the Village website

TRUSTEE COMMENTS – No Comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Locust Lane resident, Richard Delaney, shared his concern about the proposed stormwater improvements on his street that proper notice should be given to residents.

There being no further comments, Deputy Mayor Underhill closed the Board of Trustees meeting at 8:15pm on a motion by Trustee Behrens, seconded by Trustee Fredericks.

The next Village Board of Trustees meeting will be Monday, April 8, 2024 at 7:00pm.


James M, Palmer, Village Administrator/Clerk