

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE HELD MARCH 10, 2025 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:	Kevin Staudt	Village Attorney
	James Palmer	Village Administrator
	Christopher Satriale	Police Chief
EXCUSED:	Mary C. Marvin	Mayor

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WORK SESSION

At 4:00pm, on a motion by Trustee Behrens, seconded by Trustee Fredericks, the Village Board unanimously convened the work session for the purposes of entering into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters with Special Counsel.

At 6:00pm, on a motion by Deputy Mayor Underhill and seconded by Trustee Knapp, the Village Board unanimously agreed to close the Executive Session and re-open the Work Session.

Justices Nordahl and Primps provided the Board with an update on the State of the Judiciary. They discussed court staffing, court activity, OCA’s centralized arraignment proposal and other matters.

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At 7:00pm, Deputy Mayor Underhill opened the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

MAYOR’S REPORT

In Mayor Marvin’s absence, Deputy Mayor Underhill gave a brief report on what he has been working on.

Justice Primps and Justice Nordahl provided an update on the work of the Justice Court including increased court activity with the possibility of adding an additional court date each month. The Trustees thanked the Justices for their update.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Village Administrator, James Palmer, gave a brief report on what he has been working on. Mr. Palmer reminded residents that Village elections are Tuesday, March 18th from 6am to 9pm with polling locations at Village Hall, Christ Church and the Fire House on Palumbo Place. As warm weather approaches, Mr. Palmer reminded property owners of their responsibility to maintain the sidewalks and to report any potholes to the Department of Public Works. Limited outdoor dining season is April 15th to November 15th.

Trustee Knapp and Jim Palmer met with the Green Committee. Extra charging stations will be installed in the Cedar Street lot funded in part through a NYSERDA grant. Trustee Knapp was also happy to mention that the food scrap collection weight has doubled over the year. A solar panel installation is also being designed for the DPW roof and will be funded in part through a NYSERDA grant.

Mayor Marvin and Trustees Fredericks and Knapp attended The Picture House Film Center’s 2025 Marquee Night to honor filmmaker Trudie Styler.

Trustee Fredericks mentioned that he attended an Art Show at the Library’s Yeager room hosted by the Adult School.

Trustee Behrens shared that she and the Mayor recently held their annual meeting with Dr. Seamus Carey, President of Iona University. During the meeting, they discussed several updates regarding Iona's Bronxville campus: 70 students will be moving into a newly renovated dorm this Fall, marking the first group of Iona students to reside on the Bronxville campus; plans are underway for a renovation of the baseball field on Route 22, with close collaboration between Iona, Village Hall, and the Planning Board; Iona and the Bronxville School

District have teamed up to launch an initiative called AI@Iona, which aims to provide teachers with the tools needed to integrate artificial intelligence into their classrooms; and there are a number of exciting community outreach programs underway.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- 1. Executive/Work Session of February 10, 2025
- 2. Regular Meeting of February 10, 2025

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION – Authorizing the Appointment of Christopher Orellana as Parking Enforcement Officer - Crossing Guard

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees authorize the provisional appointment of Christopher Orellana to the position of Parking Enforcement Officer/Crossing Guard at a salary of \$63,578 effective February 18, 2025.

B. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Execution of County IMA for Use of RICI System

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

WHEREAS, Westchester County has implemented a system called Westchester County Repository for Integrated Criminalistic Information (“RICI System”) to allow for the electronic transmission and storage of criminal record and police blotter information; and

WHEREAS, the information is stored chronologically on a central computer maintained by the County and is shared by multiple law enforcement agencies having access to the system; and

WHEREAS, the Village is desirous of obtaining access to the RICI System and receiving supplemental computer services from the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to renew the inter-municipal agreement effective August 1, 2024 and terminate July 31, 2029 with Westchester County to obtain access to the RICI System.

C. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Execution of NYSDOT Snow and Ice Extension Agreements

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

WHEREAS, the Village has an agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation for the removal of snow and ice on State roads; and

WHEREAS, the Village is partially reimbursed by the State of New York for this service based on a State formula and the lane miles covered; and

WHEREAS, index adjustments will be based on the current year’s estimated expenditure; and

WHEREAS, the current agreement for contract #D104883 provides for an extension until June 30, 2029 and all other terms and conditions shall remain in effect.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Village Administrator is hereby authorized to execute an agreement for the 2024-2029 Snow and Ice Agreement.

D. RESOLUTION – Scheduling Annual Meeting and 2025-2026 Budget Public Hearing

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Underhill, seconded by Trustee Behrens, 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 14, 2025 at 7:00pm.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hold a public hearing on proposed 2025/2026 Budget on April 14, 2025 at 7:00pm.

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

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

E. RESOLUTION – Scheduling a Public Hearing to Consider State Tax Cap Override

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Law, the Village must hold a public hearing and adopt a local law when the annual operating budget exceeds the State allowable levy growth (tax cap); and

WHEREAS, for the 2025-26 fiscal year it may be necessary for the Village to exceed the allowable levy growth (growth factor of 2%); and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a local law authorizing a property tax levy increase in excess of the annual allowable limit established in the General Municipal Law Section 3-C will allow the Village to be compliant with New York State Law in the event the 2025-26 adopted budget exceeds the allowable State limit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hold a public hearing for Local Law # 1 – 2025, authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A public hearing on proposed Local Law # 1 - 2025 will be held on the 14th day of April 2025 at 7:00p.m. at Village Hall located at 200 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, NY unless otherwise noticed.
2. The Village Board directs that all requisite notices be published in accordance applicable laws and regulations

**LOCAL LAW 1-2025
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, 2025, 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, 2025, 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

F. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Execution of County IMA for STOP-DWI Program

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Westchester County to allow the Village to participate in the Westchester County STOP-DWI Patrol/Datamaster Project. This agreement will allow for up to \$8,400 per year in County grant monies to be expended by the Bronxville Police Department for STOP-DWI/Datamaster programs. This agreement commences October 1, 2024 and continues through September 30, 2025.

ADDED AGENDA ITEM

G. RESOLUTION – Authorizing the Appointment of William Kaul as Police Officer

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

WHEREAS, there exists an opening for the full time position of Police Officer with the Village of Bronxville;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

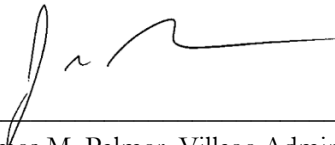
That the Village Board of Trustees appoint William Kaul of Scarsdale NY to the position of Police Officer at the second year Police Officer’s salary effective Monday, March 17, 2025 or other earliest possible date upon approval by Westchester County Human Resources.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS – A Work Session is scheduled for Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

There being no further comments, Mayor Marvin adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:02pm on a motion by Deputy Mayor Underhill, seconded by Trustee Knapp.

The next regularly scheduled Village Board of Trustees meeting will be Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:00pm.



James M. Palmer, Village Administrator/Clerk