

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE HELD FEBRUARY 9, 2026 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
	Thomas Morzello	Assistant Village Administrator

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WORK SESSION

At 6:00pm, on a motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Deputy Mayor Underhill the Village Board unanimously agreed to convene the Work Session. The Village Board discussed the draft landscaping plan for the Crawford Drainage Improvements project.

The Village Administrator circulated a draft resolution supporting a County-wide ban on restricting the use of gasoline powered leaf blowers that has already been adopted by several municipalities. The resolution would encourage Westchester County to adopt a countywide summer ban on gasoline powered leaf blowers as a minimum standard. The Board agreed to consider the resolution during the regular meeting.

The Village Administrator suggested that the Village Board schedule a work session with the Design Review Committee (DRC) to discuss existing signage in the Village and possible revisions to the Village Code. The Village Board asked the Village Administrator to circulate some dates for the work session.

At 6:55pm, on a motion by Trustee Fredericks, seconded by Trustee Knapp, the Village Board unanimously agreed to enter into an Executive Session.

At 7:00pm, on a motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Trustee Fredericks, the Village Board closed the Executive Session and re-entered the Work Session.

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At 7:06pm, Mayor Mary Marvin opened the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Mary Marvin gave a brief description on what she has been working on. She encouraged residents to visit the Bronxville Movie Theater to see the *Hearts for Arts* student exhibit, showcasing artwork from kindergarten through 12th grade, and highlighted the theater’s Monday night Black History Month film series. Mayor Marvin also acknowledged Iona’s recent “Bronxville Night” basketball game, which offered free tickets, drew strong community participation, and featured a hallway showcase where local businesses and organizations hosted information tables.

The Mayor also previewed upcoming February events, including a Bronxville Historical Conservancy lecture at Sarah Lawrence College with author Andrew Ross Sorkin and the *Bundles of Joy* benefit at the Field Club. She noted continued collaboration with the Community Fund’s junior committee, including a planned paddle tournament and a March basketball event supported by the Police Department and Village staff. In addition, she recognized the library’s recent grant award secured with assistance from Senator Shelley Mayer, promoted registration for Adult School classes, and reminded residents about an upcoming Green Committee program at the Library focused on yard health and biodiversity.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Village Administrator, James Palmer, gave a brief report on what he has been working on. He shared an update on the Village’s right-of-way tree planting program, encouraging residents to reach out to schedule a site visit and review potential tree locations in advance of spring planting. Mr. Palmer also expressed appreciation to residents and

the DPW for their ongoing snow response efforts, including clearing corners, ramps, and crosswalks. He reminded residents to keep sidewalks safe and passable as snow melts, noting that the Village may enforce compliance and recover costs if it must complete the work.

He also outlined several infrastructure updates, including continued progress toward reopening the state-owned Dewitt Avenue bridge over the Sprain Brook Parkway and an upcoming NYSDOT project at the Route 22 and Pondfield Road intersection that is advancing toward construction. The project is expected to include pedestrian signal upgrades, improved curb ramps, and new striping. He highlighted the “Propel NY” transmission initiative as a significant, multi-year state utility project that will involve work along the Route 22 corridor and portions of Pondfield Road and New Rochelle Road, aimed at strengthening the regional electric grid amid rising demand. Lastly, he reported ongoing momentum in securing flood mitigation funding, including Westchester County support for the Crawford drainage improvements, an additional \$1.1 million in federal funding, and approximately \$2 million in FEMA assistance for flood mitigation efforts along Paxton Avenue, with further coordination underway.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- 1. Executive/Work Session/Regular Meeting of January 12, 2026

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Marvin opened public comment at this time:

Some Village residents attended the meeting and spoke in opposition to the school’s proposal to install lighting at the field. Mayor Marvin mentioned that we are checking with Counsel as to when and how the Village Board would act concerning this matter and that the Board is continuing to follow it carefully. She further stated that the Village Board had not seen any plans so could also not opine on what was being considered at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION – Accepting List of Unpaid Taxes for the 2025-26 year

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

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B. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Tax Lien Sale for 2025-26 Unpaid Taxes

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bronxville, that the Village Treasurer be authorized to advertise and sell tax liens for the fiscal year 2025-2026 on March 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Village Hall conference room, as shown in the account of unpaid taxes and in accordance with Article 14, Title 3 of the Real Property Tax Law (Section 1455), and that the advertisement of the notice required by law be inserted in The Journal News, the official newspaper of the Village, and that said notice shall be published once a week for three consecutive weeks and the last date for publication shall be made on or before the 12th day of March 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said notice shall be substantially the following:

VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE
Statement of Real Estate upon which
taxes for the year 2025-2026 are unpaid, and
NOTICE OF TAX SALE

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 14, Title 3 of the Real Property Tax Law (Section 1455).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the taxes for the year 2025-2026 of the Village of Bronxville are unpaid on the real estate described as shown on a tax list filed with the Village Clerk.
The description of each parcel of said real estate is designated by Section, Block and Lot numbers as shown on the Assessment Map of the Village of Bronxville, Town of Eastchester, Westchester County, New York, which roll and map are on file in the office of the Village Clerk at 200 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, New York.

A list of parcels of real estate on which the taxes remain unpaid for 2025-2026, as of January 31, 2026, will be available in the Treasurer’s Office.

C. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Capital Project and Funding of \$17,000 for DPW Diesel Fuel Line Improvements

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

WHEREAS, during annual compliance testing of the DPW diesel fuel tank, it was determined that the diesel line is in need of additional testing and should be upgraded, and

WHEREAS, American Petroleum manages the Village’s fuel tank service, and has submitted a quote of \$16,940 for excavation, replacement of fuel line, installation of a new above ground check valve and associated testing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the rehabilitation of DPW diesel fuel tank line by American Petroleum, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the use of unassigned general fund balance transfer to the capital fund to finance this project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Administrator and Village Treasurer record all necessary transactions as required.

D. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Gutter Installation & Breakroom Upgrades

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

WHEREAS, gutters on the east side of Village Hall are in need of repair; and

WHEREAS, this work is also connected to the Village Hall breakroom wall; and

WHEREAS, rather than repairing the existing gutters located behind the existing exterior brick wall, it was deemed more cost effective to install a new gutter on the exterior of the east side of Village Hall, and

WHEREAS, Arthur Lange, Inc. has been a reliable and efficient contractor for Village Hall repairs and improvements, and,

WHEREAS, Arthur Lange, Inc. gave the Village a quote for \$18,000, which is a fair and reasonable price for this work, and

WHEREAS, this work needs to proceed expeditiously to prevent structural impairment from water damage,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Hall gutter replacement and breakroom upgrades, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the use of unassigned general fund balance transfer to the capital fund to finance this project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Administrator and Village Treasurer record all necessary transactions as required.

E. RESOLUTION – Authorizing Leader Drain Installation & Facia Upgrades

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

WHEREAS, leader drain on the west side of Village Hall needs to be replaced, and

WHEREAS, the facia on the west side of Village Hall also needs to be replaced, and

WHEREAS, rather than repairing the leader drain located behind the existing exterior brick wall, it was deemed more cost effective to install a new gutter on the exterior of the west side of Village Hall, and

WHEREAS, Arthur Lange, Inc. has been a reliable and efficient contractor for Village Hall repairs and improvements, and,

WHEREAS, Arthur Lange, Inc. gave the Village a quote for \$17,400, which is a fair and reasonable price for this work, and

WHEREAS, this work needs to proceed expeditiously to prevent structural impairment from water damage,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Hall leader drain replacement and facia upgrades, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the use of unassigned general fund balance transfer to the capital fund to finance this project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Administrator and Village Treasurer record all necessary transactions as required.

F. RESOLUTION – Supporting County-Wide Action on Gasoline Powered Leaf Blowers

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

WHEREAS, gasoline-powered leaf blowers contribute to air pollution, noise pollution, and public-health impacts affecting residents and landscaping workers; and

WHEREAS, thirty-three of the forty-seven municipalities in Westchester County currently restrict the use of gasoline-powered leaf blowers during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, enforcement of municipal restrictions has proven challenging, and the existing patchwork of local regulations creates confusion for residents and landscaping companies operating across multiple jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, effective countywide action on this issue requires clear and explicit municipal support due to New York State’s home-rule framework; and

WHEREAS, a coordinated countywide approach would strengthen enforcement, simplify compliance for landscapers, reduce environmental and public-health impacts, and improve quality of life for Westchester residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its support for Westchester County to adopt a **countywide summer ban on gasoline-powered leaf blowers as a minimum standard**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such a countywide standard should **explicitly preserve the authority of municipalities** to enact and enforce stricter local regulations if they choose; and

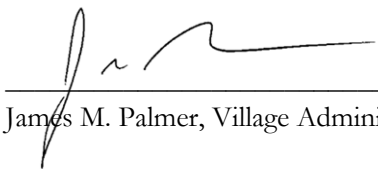
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to transmit this resolution reflecting this position, to Westchester County officials and any relevant county departments.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS – NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

There being no further comments, Mayor Marvin adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustee at 8:10pm on a motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Deputy Mayor Underhill.

The next regularly scheduled Village Board of Trustees meeting will be Monday, March 9, 2026 at 7:00pm.



James M. Palmer, Village Administrator