

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE HELD MARCH 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:	James Staudt	Village Attorney
	James Palmer	Village Administrator
	Thomas Morzello	Assistant Village Administrator

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WORK SESSION

At 6:01pm on a motion by Trustee Behrens, seconded by Trustee Knapp the Village Board unanimously agreed to enter into an Executive Session for the purposes of discussing police personnel matters.

At 6:45pm on a motion by Mayor Marvin, seconded by Trustee Knapp the Village Board unanimously agreed to close the Executive Session and reconvened the Work Session. The Village Board discussed the status of the landscaping plan for the Crawford Drainage improvements. They agreed to circulate the latest plans for public review and input so a final design can be developed by April and the project considered for public bidding at the April meeting.

The Village Administrator also shared a resolution for the on-going County-wide review of the Con Ed rate increase settlement. The Board agreed to consider the resolution during the regular meeting.

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

UPDATE FROM COUNTY LEGISLATOR JAMES NOLAN

James Nolan shared updates on County initiatives impacting Bronxville. The County secured \$11 million to replace the Pondfield Road West Bridge (built in 1911), with design work coming next. Several local groups also received funding, including Bronxville Police for National Night Out, the Bronxville Women’s Club, the Bronxville Seniors Club, and Eastchester Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Nolan highlighted flood mitigation efforts, including a proposed pump station along the Bronx River Parkway and the County’s \$3 million contribution to the ongoing Crawford Drainage project.

Village officials thanked him for continued support, especially in securing funding for infrastructure and community programs.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Mary Marvin gave a brief description on what she has been working on. She announced that Con Edison has approved the Village DPW solar project, and EV charging stations at Cedar Street Lot will be operational next week. Mayor Marvin also mentioned tennis and paddle permits are moving online this spring through Elite Racquet Solutions. Ongoing work includes Milburn stair repairs and Crawford drainage improvements, while downtown signage is under review. Recent highlights included a Bronxville Historical Conservancy lecture featuring Andrew Ross Sorkin, along with several community events.

Trustee Knapp noted that she is involved in planning the upcoming 250th anniversary events with the Town of Eastchester 250th Anniversary Committee.

The athletic field lights issue is no longer being pursued, and officials are working with Eastchester and Westchester County on alternative field access.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Village Administrator, James Palmer, gave a brief report on what he has been working on. Mr. Palmer announced that the annual Village election will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 (moved due to St. Patrick’s Day), with polls open from 6 AM to 9 PM. Election details, including polling locations and sample ballots, are available on the Village website. Residents with unpaid taxes are urged to contact the Treasurer’s Office before the upcoming tax lien sale.

DPW crews continue pothole repairs, while issues on New York State Route 22 should be reported to the state. The Village’s annual MS4 stormwater report will be posted online, and preparations are underway for the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Progress also continues on the historic street sign restoration project, with new parts expected in early April.

Mary Taylor Behrens concluded six years of service on the Bronxville Board of Trustees at the March 9 meeting.

A lifelong resident, she reflected on her deep ties to the Village and her commitment to local service. During her tenure, she helped lead key initiatives including improvements to Maltby Park, pedestrian safety upgrades along New York State Route 22, drainage work at Hamilton and Sussex, and the launch of the “One Square Mile” newsletter.

She also supported environmental efforts like food scrap recycling and limits on gas-powered leaf blowers. Beyond Village government, Behrens has a background on Wall Street and serves on the Georgetown University Board of Regents.

In a heartfelt tribute, Village Trustees praised Mary Taylor Behrens for her leadership and lasting impact on the community. She was presented with an original painting by William Dowling depicting the Bronxville train station, signed by colleagues.

Officials expressed gratitude for her service, and although stepping down, Behrens said she will remain engaged in Village life.

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 February 9, 2026

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Marvin opened public comment at this time:

Mayor Marvin asked Trustee Fredericks to present the landscaping plan developed for the Crawford Drainage Project. Trustee Fredericks explained that the plan is designed to support a variety of uses within the park. He further explained it has already been reviewed by the landscaping committee.

Residents, including Ben Lentz, shared early feedback on the proposed dog park plans. The updated plan will be made available to the public for further comment.

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION – Supporting Increased State Aid to Municipalities (AIM)

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

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul released her 30-day amendments to the Executive Budget, which include an additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance (TMA) to be allocated in the same manner as in the past two years; and

WHEREAS, these additional investments reflect a recognition that New York’s strength begins in its cities, villages, and towns, and that a strong state-local partnership is essential to delivering the services, infrastructure, public safety, and quality of life that residents expect and deserve; and

WHEREAS, local governments across New York continue to face mounting fiscal pressures driven by inflation, increased service demands, infrastructure needs, and rising operational costs, while striving to provide relief to taxpayers amid a rising cost of living; and

WHEREAS, NYCOM Executive Director Barbara Van Epps, along with mayors from across the State, testified at the Local Government Joint Budget Hearing in Albany, advocating for increased unrestricted aid and a strengthened state-local partnership; and

WHEREAS, the additional \$100 million in TMA will offer meaningful assistance to many municipalities statewide, helping to address fiscal challenges and maintain essential services for residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Bronxville applauds Governor Hochul for recognizing the importance of investing in local governments and for reaffirming her commitment to strengthening New York’s cities and villages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Bronxville urges the New York State Legislature to include, at a minimum, this additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance in the adopted state budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Bronxville calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to develop a more permanent and predictable solution for unrestricted municipal aid to ensure long-term fiscal stability for New York’s local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Temporary President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the members of the State Legislature representing the Village of Bronxville.

B. RESOLUTION – Authorizing \$12,000 Purchase and Funding for Motion Sensors for Paddle Court Lighting

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Bronxville is consistently trying to increase energy efficiency and lower energy costs, and

WHEREAS, installing motion sensors on paddle court lighting would conserve energy while still providing lighting when needed, and

WHEREAS, Naber Electric Corporation quoted \$12,291.04 for materials and installation of motion sensors at the paddle courts, which is a fair and reasonable price for this work, and

WHEREAS, Naber Electric Corporation has capably provided electrical services to the Village for over 15 years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the installation of motion sensors on paddle court lighting, by Naber Electric Corporation for \$12,291.04, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes funding for this project by the transfer of funds from general fund unassigned fund balance to the capital fund, and

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

C. RESOLUTION – Authorizing \$18,000 Purchase and Funding for Village Hall/PD Security Camera and Intercom Upgrades

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Bronxville is continually improving and updating Village Hall security systems, and

WHEREAS, installing additional security cameras and related hardware in the Village Hall basement and police department would further safeguard Village Hall personnel and assets, and

WHEREAS, A+ Technology & Security Solutions, Inc. quoted \$18,937.07 for materials and installation of this security equipment, which is a fair and reasonable price for this work, and

WHEREAS, A+ Technology & Security Solutions, Inc. has capably provided security equipment to the Village for over 15 years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the purchase and installation of security system equipment, by A+ Technology & Security Solutions, Inc for \$18,937.07 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes funding for this project by the transfer of funds from general fund unassigned fund balance to the capital fund, and

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

D. RESOLUTION – Scheduling a Public Hearing for an Amendment to the Vehicle and Traffic Chapter of the Village Code for Extending the No Parking Area on Parkway Road at the Crosswalk Located at the Intersection with Paxton Avenue

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bronxville has introduced a proposed Local Law to amend Chapter 290 of the Code of the Village of Bronxville, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment would modify §290-28 of the Village Code by extending the existing parking prohibition on the east side of Parkway Road; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to hold a public hearing on the proposed Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bronxville hereby schedules a public hearing on the proposed Local Law for Monday, April 13 at 7 PM at Village Hall, 200 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, New York; and

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to publish all required notices of said public hearing in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1- 2026

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC LAW OF THE VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE, CHAPTER 290, BY AMENDING PARKING PROHIBITED IN DESIGNATED LOCATIONS

Section 1: Section 290-28(A)(19)(e) of Chapter 290 of the Code of the Village of Bronxville is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. The parking of vehicles is hereby prohibited in or at the following locations. Signs prohibiting such parking shall be maintained at such locations:

(19) Parkway Road

(e) On the east side, from the ~~south~~ north end property line at 62 Parkway Road south for a distance of ~~55~~ 80 feet.

Section 2: This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

E. RESOLUTION – Scheduling Annual Meeting and Public Hearing for 2026-27 Budget

On a motion by Trustee Behrens, seconded by Trustee Knapp, 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 13, 2026 at 7:00pm.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hold a public hearing on proposed 2026/2027 Budget on April 13, 2026 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 resolution will be posted in Village Hall and on the Village website.

F. RESOLUTION – Considering Authorizing the Hiring of Joel R. Dichter Of Dichter Law LLC as Special Counsel to Represent Participating Westchester Municipalities in Monitoring the Con Edison Rate Settlement

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

WHEREAS, the Westchester Municipal Consortium including the Village of Bronxville hired Joel R. Dichter of Dichter Law LLC to represent participating Westchester County municipalities in Con Edison's electric and gas rate case before the New York Public Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Public Service Commission recently approved a three-year rate settlement with Con Edison starting January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Village of Bronxville and the Westchester Municipal Consortium that the settlement be monitored for compliance with the terms agreed upon with the New York State Public Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, Joel R. Dichter of Dichter Law LLC has the necessary experience and expertise to represent the interests of the participating municipalities in this matter and has submitted a three-year monitoring proposal dated February 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the proposal includes monitoring submissions, respond thereto when necessary, participate in the WMC specific meetings, and provide periodic updates to the Westchester Municipal Consortium at a cost of \$1,250 per participating municipality per year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bronxville, as follows:

- 1) that the Village of Bronxville Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the hiring of Joel R. Dichter of Dichter Law LLC as special counsel to represent participating Westchester municipalities of the Westchester Municipal Consortium to monitor the approved New York State Public Service Commission settlement in accordance with the three-year proposal from Joel R. Dichter of Dichter Law LLC dated February 11, 2026; and
- 2) The participating municipalities shall share the cost of legal and related fees incurred by Joel R. Dichter of Dichter Law LLC, with the total annual amount of such representation not to exceed \$1,250 per participating municipality; and

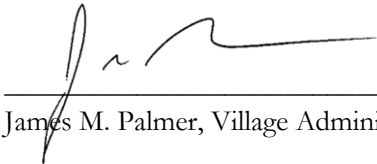
- 3) The Mayor and Village Administrator are hereby authorized to take all necessary actions to execute agreements and related documents and make payments in furtherance of this resolution.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS – NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

There being no further comments, Mayor Marvin adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustee at 8:11pm on a motion by Trustee Behrens, seconded by Trustee Fredericks.

The next regularly scheduled Village Board of Trustees meeting will be Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7:00pm.



James M. Palmer, Village Administrator