

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 2001 AT VILLAGE HALL, 200 PONDFIELD ROAD, BRONXVILLE, N.Y.

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| PRESENT: | Nancy D. Hand | Mayor |
| | Thomas M. Leslie | |
| | Frank V. Sica | |
| | John O'Callahan | |
| | Mary C. Marvin | Trustees |
| ALSO PRESENT: | William T. Regan | Village Administrator |
| | Peter J. Woodcock | Superintendent of Public Works |
| | Brian M. Downey | Chief of Police |
| | Vincent Pici, P.E. | Superintendent of Buildings |
| | Robert J. Fels | Village Treasurer |
| | William J. Murphy | Parking Commissioner |

Mayor Hand called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. On motion of Trustee O'Callahan, seconded by Trustee Leslie the Board voted to enter executive session to discuss personnel and litigation matters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(Present were Mayor and Trustees (Trustee Sica arrived at 7:50 PM), Village Administrator, Village Assessor and Chief of Police.) Robert Balog, Village Assessor, discussed with the Board ways to analyze the Village's assessments in order to reduce future certiorari cases. No action was taken by the Board. At 7:35 PM, Mr. Balog left the executive session and Chief Downey arrived to discuss candidates for police officer. No action was taken by the Board.

At 8:00 PM, executive session ended on motion of Trustee Sica, seconded by Trustee Marvin, to begin the regular monthly meeting of the Board.

Mayor Hand opened the regular meeting at 8:05 PM.

SWEARING IN - Police Officer Stephen Bobker

Mayor Hand administered the oath of office to Stephen Bobker as a new Police Officer in the Village of Bronxville. The mayor gave a little background information on Patrolman Bobker and congratulated him on his appointment.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION - Marino Capulli

Mayor Hand paid tribute to Marino Capulli with a Certificate of Recognition in appreciation for serving the Village of Bronxville so ably for the last 23 years in the Department of Public Works. Mr. Capulli, who retired in November, was not able to be present to accept the award.

AUDITORS' REPORT

Susan Friend, a partner of the firm Bennett, Kielson, Storch, DeSantis & Company, gave an overview of the audit report for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2001. Once again the Village received an unqualified opinion, which is the highest you can receive. She stated that the financial statements reflect continued financial stability and good management practices. She concluded that the Village is in excellent financial condition. Mayor Hand acknowledged receipt of the audit report by the Board of Trustees.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Trustee Sica, seconded by Trustee Marvin, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 12, 2001, as drafted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Department reports were presented by Chief of Police Downey, Superintendent of Buildings Pici, Superintendent of Public Works Woodcock, Village Treasurer Fels, Parking Commissioner Murphy and Village Administrator Regan.

RESOLUTION - Amending the 2001/2002 Capital Budget

Village Treasurer Fels stated that on November 16th the Village's Finance Committee met with Nick DeSantis from Bennett, Kielson, Storch, DeSantis & Co. At that meeting the committee discussed the Village's finances and the funding of the 2001/2002 Capital budget. It was the consensus of the committee that the Village should take advantage of the low interest rates and finance the entire capital budget with the issuance of bonds. It was also the committee's recommendation that the Village should review its outstanding capital projects and authorize major projects so that financing could be approved at the same time as the original capital budget. After discussions with the Village Administrator and Mayor, the following two capital projects were identified.

On motion of Trustee Sica, seconded by Trustee Marvin, the Board unanimously passed the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Treasurer to amend the 2001/2002 Capital Budget to add the following capital projects:

Repair & Reconstruction of Storm Sewer Lines (#20012002-0040-8140)	\$250,000
Renovation To Village Hall (#20012002-0041-1620)	\$298,250

RESOLUTIONS - Bond Anticipation Notes to Finance 2001/2002 Capital Budget

Village Treasurer Fels submitted sixteen separate bond resolutions for 41 projects, requiring Board approval, to finance the Village's amended 2001/2002 Capital Budget:

Thirty-nine projects adopted May 14, 2001	\$847,750
Two projects adopted December 10, 2001	<u>548,250</u>
Total	<u>\$1,396,000</u>

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE.
2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY ROOM IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE.
3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$117,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF INSTALLATION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE HEATING, VENTILATING OR AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM IN VILLAGE HALL IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE.

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4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$25,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE VILLAGE FOR SAID VILLAGE.
5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$85,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF STREET PAVING AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE VILLAGE FOR SAID VILLAGE.
6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$75,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF CURB RESTORATION AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE VILLAGE FOR SAID VILLAGE.
7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$52,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION OF A BUCKET TRUCK IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE.
8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$40,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE TUCKAHOE POLICE DEPARTMENT RIFLE RANGE, WHICH IS USED BY THE BRONXVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT UNDER A USE AGREEMENT WITH A TERM OF AT LEAST 20 YEARS AND FOR SAID VILLAGE.
9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$35,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, INCLUDING CURBING AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE.
10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$26,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION OF A DUMP TRUCK BODY IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE.
11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$14,750 SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE.
12. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$30,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF A BUS SHELTER FOR SAID VILLAGE.
13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF PARTIAL RECONSTRUCTION OF THE VILLAGE LIBRARY ROOF IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE.

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14. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$250,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SEWER LINES, INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF 36" AND 24" SEWER LINES AND THE RELOCATION OF SEWER LINES, FOR DRAINAGE PURPOSES IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE.
15. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$298,250 SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF PARTIAL RECONSTRUCTION OF VILLAGE HALL, INCLUDING IMPROVEMENTS TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT FOR SAID VILLAGE.
16. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$332,000 SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST FOR VARIOUS VILLAGE PURPOSES TO BE FINANCED OVER A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS OR LESS, IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE.

On motion of Trustee Sica, seconded by Trustee O'Callahan, the Board unanimously passed the aforesaid bond resolutions.

RESOLUTION – Agreement with J. Robert Folchetti & Associates, L.L.C.

Mayor Hand noted that earlier the Board approved a \$250,000 capital project for the beginning phase as part of an effort to alleviate flooding problems in the Village around the Bronxville School. This phase would involve two projects. A 42 inch drainage pipe would be reconstructed and rerouted to connect with an existing 72 inch pipe, and the 36 inch drain pipe under Midland Avenue would be relined. The work is expected to take place during the summer to minimize its effect on the school. Village officials have been working with J. Robert Folchetti & Associates on this project and she called for a resolution authorizing her to sign an agreement with them.

On motion of Trustee O'Callahan, seconded by Trustee Sica, the Board unanimously passed the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement with J. Robert Folchetti & Associates, L.L.C., Somers, NY for continued services related to remediation of stormwater flooding in the vicinity of the Bronxville Public School (copy of the agreement attached).

RESOLUTION – Enhanced Military Benefits - Police

Mayor Hand noted that last month the Board approved a resolution to enter into an agreement with the Teamsters for enhanced military benefits, and on the agenda was a similar agreement with the Bronxville Police.

On motion of Trustee Leslie, seconded by Trustee Marvin, the Board unanimously passed the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Bronxville Police Taylor Act Committee for enhanced military benefits (copy of the agreement attached).

RESOLUTION – Scheduling Public Hearing - Stop Sign

Mayor Hand stated that a group of residents had presented the Board with a petition requesting that the Village consider creating a three-way stop at the intersection of Homesdale Road and Pine Terrace. They feel that the stop signs will make a big difference in safety in the

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neighborhood. There are no sidewalks in that neighborhood, forcing pedestrians to walk on the road.

On motion of Trustee O'Callahan, seconded by Trustee Sica, the Board unanimously passed the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees schedules a public hearing for January 14, 2002 to hear and consider comments regarding the proposed installation of stop signs on Homestead Road at the intersection of Pine Terrace.

RESOLUTION – Salary Increase

On motion of Trustee Sica, seconded by Trustee O'Callahan, the Board unanimously passed the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees approves a salary of \$26,880 for Susan Ricci, Court Clerk, effective January 1, 2002.

RESOLUTION – Analysis of Assessment Roll and Property Classifications

Mayor Hand called for a resolution to authorize funding for the Village Assessor to analyze the Village's assessments.

On motion of Trustee Sica, seconded by Trustee Marvin, the Board unanimously passed the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees authorizes Village Assessor Robert Balog to conduct and prepare an analysis of the current assessment roll and real property classifications for a fee of \$12,500.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Sica reported on a meeting he attended with the Finance Committee and the auditors. He extended congratulations to Village Treasurer Fels on the excellent audit report.

Trustee Leslie commented on the fine job done by the Finance Committee, saying that this represents a proactive approach by a group of talented people. Trustee Leslie also reminded residents to vote in the election for fire commissioner on December 11th.

Trustee O'Callahan reported that he heard from the cable company today and they anticipate that by the end of the year they will have broad band service available for \$30 a month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Dresdale, 29 Prescott Avenue, commented that there were serious problems on Halloween, particularly in the Hilltop area. He said many children congregated there and quite a bit of vandalism took place. He said that Police Chief Downey has agreed to come to a meeting of the Hilltop Association to discuss the subject of Halloween safety.

Dorothy Brennan, 69 Sagamore Road, said she had heard stories about the problems on Halloween in the Hilltop area this year and they shocked her. She said, "I think you have to arrest them" in order to stop it.

Mrs. Brennan said she heard talk earlier about our police using the rifle range in Tuckahoe and asked, "do we not have our firing range here any more?" Mayor Hand replied, "not for the last 15 years." She said about a year ago Bronxville and Eastchester entered into an agreement with Tuckahoe for use of their rifle range by our Police Department and each municipality is contributing toward improvements.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.



William T. Regan, Village Clerk