

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE HELD ON JUNE 8, 2009 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, 200 PONDFIELD ROAD, BRONXVILLE, N.Y.

* * * * *

PRESENT: Mary C. Marvin Mayor
Glenn D. Bellitto Trustees
William H. Barton, Jr.
Robert S. Underhill

ALSO PRESENT: Harold Porr III Village Administrator
James Staudt Village Attorney

EXCUSED: Anne W. Poorman Trustees

* * * * *

WORK SESSION & EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 6:35PM and in attendance were Mayor Marvin; Trustee Bellitto; Trustee Barton; Trustee Underhill; Village Administrator, Harold Porr; Village Attorney, James Staudt; Counsel, Terry O'Neil; and Chairman of the Planning Board, Don Henderson.

At 6:36PM, on motion of Trustee Barton, second by Trustee Bellitto, the Trustees entered Executive Session to discuss a police personnel matter with labor attorney Terry O'Neil.

At 7:03PM, on motion of Trustee Underhill, second by Trustee Barton, the Trustees left Executive Session. Donald Henderson made a presentation to the Board on the Planning Board's discussion of the "On Consignment" property at 117 Pondfield Road.

At 7:44PM, on motion of Trustee Bellitto, second by Trustee Underhill, the Board returned to Executive Session to discuss the legal advice of Village Attorney, James Staudt, regarding the Kensington Project request for proposal.

At 7:56PM, on motion of Trustee Underhill, second by Trustee Bellitto, the Trustees re-opened the work session and entered into the public session.

* * * * *

Mayor Marvin called the meeting to order at 8:00PM.

Mayor Marvin welcomed Kevin Cunningham of EVAC.

Mr. Cunningham said he will be attending Village board meetings on a quarterly basis to update residents on issues, create dialogue and get visibility. Mr. Cunningham reported that there is improved communication with emergency management; intra-agency protocol; a website upgrade has taken place to be more of a public information portal, and, EVAC now has special functionality on their cell phones which is crucial during disasters. A quality assurance database has also been created which is able to track outcomes and skills of paramedics and a new automated scheduling has been put into place which allows for continuous coverage, and EVAC is obtaining supplies through Lawrence Hospital directly to save money.

Mayor Marvin thanked Mr. Cunningham for coming and for the service that the public receives. She reminded residents that the funds for EVAC are obtained through donations only.

Trustee Underhill said he was impressed with the modern management skills that have been brought to EVAC.

MAYOR'S REPORT

This month has seen a lot of our activities and duties take place out of the office which is a nice change of pace.

I have attended several Senior Citizens events as well as a 25th anniversary celebration for the Jansen Memorial Hospice. I also took part in a tree planting ceremony to honor the 100th anniversary of Lawrence Hospital.

And then there were all the wonderful events surrounding Memorial Day. Trustee Poorman and I spoke at the 2nd Annual Veterans Commemoration held at the Women's Club on May 17th. The scroll of honor of village residents who have served in the armed forces now contains 1,575 names and thanks to the efforts of organizers, Cindi Callahan and Jane Staunton, they have identified 85 villagers who gave their lives in defense of our country.

And then there was our Memorial Day parade with Grand Marshall Chris Eldridge, who did a terrific job. The Trustees and I were heartened because we had one of the largest turnouts in years.

Also, that same weekend our Police Benevolent Association held their annual dinner dance and fundraiser. Based on the crowd attending, it was a nice success though I was disappointed to hear from our PBA President that less than 10% of villagers donate to our police department. Our officers not only serve us so well but they also donate and partake in many other charitable events in the Village. I know it would mean a great deal to them if you showed your support.

Mr. Porr and I also attended the LWV annual meeting where we were able to connect with some of our local legislators and discuss projects with them. He and I also attended a Westchester County dinner honoring our own Planning Board member, Anna Longobardo, as a County Planner of the Year and we got to attend another celebratory event where seven of our police officers were honored for exemplary service including our Chief Satriale by the Westchester County PBA.

And now for the business inside Village Hall.

Everyone should have received their tax bills by now. If not, please call Village Hall and speak with Janet Grosso. We send them out for the school as well so we changed the format this year to make it easier to read and clearer as to the two parts of the bill since this was always a source of questions directed to Village Hall. Also in the interest of saving time, money and manpower we are sending our bill out once, not twice per year - the format used in most other communities - with a first half and second half tear-off. However, since it is the first year of piloting this, we will send a reminder postcard as well as reminders on our e-alert system.

We are also doing some internal auditing of the efficiencies of our various departments to make sure we are maximizing staff time and profit. Right now we are focusing on the parking office.

I am still hammering away with Metro North. Unfortunately, their dire financial straits have consumed all of their efforts so I think it may be time to involve additional government agencies and State elected officials to get their attention again. We will keep at it.

I have two announcements:

- We have added a new Trustee Liaison position. Bill Barton has graciously accepted the role as liaison to Lawrence Hospital. The Hospital in the coming years is looking to expand services and facilities so it seemed a natural fit to formalize our relationship with them so we could be even a better partner.
- Also, the County Passport Mobile will be in front of Village Hall on June 15th. No appointment is necessary and it is an easy one stop shopping to get all parts of the passport process completed at one time.

I have two final thoughts before I close. First a thank you to our three garden groups who have coordinated efforts and teamed up to do all of the beautiful plantings around the Village. I think it looks extraordinary this year and it is all done with donations by you, no tax dollars.

And speaking of gardening and fundraising, the three clubs are hosting a self-guided garden tour Saturday, the 13th of June starting at Village Hall from 12Noon to 4PM. Tickets are available now for \$20 at Womrath's Book Store or can be purchased the day of the event at Village Hall.

Finally, this Friday night, the 12th of June, Tuckahoe, Eastchester and Bronxville have joined together to raise funds for the Eastchester Community Action Program by hosting a concert by Kevin Mayor, an internationally known opera singer at the Women's Club. Kevin is a Tuckahoe native, who recently sang at Carnegie Hall and graciously agreed to sing to help out his hometown. This event is an unprecedented cooperative effort between our municipalities and I think if successful will serve as the template for future cooperative philanthropic efforts. So, please support this if you can.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Bellitto reported on the police department and that the new officers are busy training and there was only one burglary and one false alarm report incident.

Parking – revenues are better than budget.

Green Day – Trustee Bellitto reminded residents that it is on June 13th from 10AM – 4Pm at the Eastchester Town Hall. There will 40 green groups in attendance.

Trustee Barton thanked Mayor Marvin for her wonderful speech on Memorial Day.

Finance – Trustee Barton reported that the Village is still managing to keep finances on budget.

Trustee Underhill reported that the Paddle Committee is working on bringing in a pro.

Kensington Project – trustees are working on finalizing a request for proposal (RFP) and will be meeting with potential parties in the next few weeks to assess the depth of interest.

Trustee Underhill commented on Mayor Marvin's Memorial Day speech and that the Village needs to look at improving the sound system so that more residents can hear what is being said.

Mayor Marvin gave the report for Trustee Poorman, who was home sick. Mayor Marvin reported that the Sidewalk Sale was a great success and that the Farmers' Market has begun and will be on Saturdays from 8:30AM – 1:30PM.

Announce Appointments from April 13, 2009 Trustee Meeting

Mayor Marvin announced the following appointments:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Name</u>
Deputy Mayor	1 year term	(incumbent) Glenn D. Bellitto
Treasurer & Budget Officer	2 year term	(incumbent) Robert J. Fels
Village Clerk	2 year term	(incumbent) Harold Porr, III
Deputy Treasurer/Tax Assessment	2 year term	(incumbent) Janet Grosso
Village Assessor	1 year term	(incumbent) Anthony DeBellis
Deputy Village Clerk	1 year term	(incumbent) MaryAnn Urrico
Parking Violations Hearing Officer	1 year term	(incumbent) Patricia M. Smith
Village Historian	1 year term	(incumbent) Eloise L. Morgan
Registrar of Vital Statistics	4 year term	(incumbent) Angela Faiella
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics	4 year term	Karen A. Buccheri

COMMITTEES

Ethics Board (2 year terms)

- John Priesing
- Donald Kennedy
- William Slattery
- Wendy Riggs

Zoning Board (1 year term)

- William Primps (one year term)

Design & Review Board (2 year terms)

- John Browne
- William Fredericks

Planning Board (5 year terms)

- Anna Longobardo
- Jeffrey Faville
- John Colquhoun

Finance Committee (2 year terms)

- Adrienne Smith
- Eric Blessing

Library Board of Trustees (3 year terms)

- Donald Gogel
- Michael Minter

- Rosanne Welshimer
- Karen Falk
- Tess Lewis
- Kathy Mullen
- Joseph Peddy

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION – Tax Certiorari Settlement – HDW Stone Place LLC – 30 Milburn Street (Section 2/Block 3/Lot 13)

On motion of Trustee Underhill, second by Trustee Bellitto, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

WHEREAS, petitions having been filed by the property owner below, challenging real property tax assessments on the Village's Final Assessment Roll with respect to the following parcel:

<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Address Description</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
HDW Stone Place LLC. 2008	Section 2 Block 3 Lot 13	2002-

30 Milburn Street

WHEREAS, petitioner's court challenges are now pending in the Supreme Court, Westchester County; and

WHEREAS, the Village and the property owners have reached a mutually agreeable resolution;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Village attorney to execute the following settlement on behalf of the Village and School reducing the assessments to no less than the following amounts:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Revised Assessment</u>	<u>Reduction</u>
2002	117,000	117,000	None
2003	117,000	117,000	None
2004	117,000	111,900	5,100
2005	117,000	111,630	5,370
2006	117,000	106,330	10,670
2007	3,868,800	3,200,000	668,800
2008	3,868,800	3,250,000	618,800

RESOLUTION – Contaminated Soil Removal and Disposal - 49 Kraft Avenue Demolition (Former BAMs Service Station Building)

On motion of Trustee Barton, second by Trustee Underhill, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees authorizes Northeast Environmental Inc., 225 Valley Place, Mamaroneck, NY 10543 to perform emergency work required to remove and dispose of contaminated soil associated with closure and removal of the 1,000 gallon underground heating fuel tank at the former BAMs Service Station building located at 49 Kraft Avenue in accordance with attached unit price list, as outlined in the attached cost estimate dated June 5, 2009 for an estimated cost of **\$12,260.00** (Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Dollars and zero cents).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Trustees authorizes a contingency amount of \$6,000 (Six thousand Dollars) to cover the cost of any additional soil removal, transport and disposal fees that maybe required, with the prior notification and approval of the Village Engineer. All costs to be billed at the rates specified in the cost estimate dated June 5, 2009. Total soil removal project cost not to exceed **\$18,260.00** (Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Dollars and zero cents).

RESOLUTION – Setting Public Hearing on Capital Budget

On motion of Trustee Bellitto, second by Trustee Barton, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing to review and discuss the Village’s Capital Spending Plan for the 2009/2010 fiscal year to be held at the July 13, 2009 Board Meeting.

RESOLUTION – Setting Public Hearing on the Proposed Local Law to revise the

Traffic and Vehicle Law of the Village of Bronxville, NY, Chapter 290, by adding a designated area in which parking is permitted within specific time limits

On motion of Trustee Underhill, second by Trustee Bellitto, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Village of Bronxville (the “Village”) requested Village Counsel to draft a local law revising the Traffic and Vehicle Law of the Village, Chapter 290, by adding a designated area in which parking is permitted within specific time limits; and

WHEREAS, having received proposed Local Law # 2 - 2009, the Board is prepared to hold a public hearing on such proposed law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A public hearing on proposed Local Law # 2 - 2009 will be held on Monday, July 13, 2009 at 8:00PM at Village Hall located at 200 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, NY.
2. The Village Board directs that all requisite notices be published in accordance applicable laws and regulations.

RESOLUTION – Setting Public Hearing on the Proposed Local Law to revise the

Traffic and Vehicle Law of the Village of Bronxville, NY, Chapter 290, by adding two designated stop intersections

On motion of Trustee Bellitto, second by Trustee Barton, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Village of Bronxville (the “Village”) requested Village Counsel to draft a local law revising the Traffic and Vehicle Law of the Village, Chapter 290, by adding two designated stop intersections; and

WHEREAS, having received proposed Local Law # 3 - 2009, the Board is prepared to hold a public hearing on such proposed law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A public hearing on proposed Local Law # 3 - 2009 will be held on Monday, July 13, 2009 at 8:00PM at Village Hall located at 200 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, NY.
2. The Village Board directs that all requisite notices be published in accordance applicable laws and regulations.

Mayor Marvin welcomed the Bronxville High School students that were in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

James Kroulis, 78 Parkway Road, inquired about the leaf blower ban and if it applied to the Department of Public Works staff.

Mayor Marvin responded that it does and that she will speak to Superintendent of Public Works, Rocco Circosta, about this. She also asked counsel to review this ban.

* * * * *

There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46PM by motion of Trustee Underhill, second by Trustee Barton.

Harold Porr III
Village Administrator/Village
Clerk