

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF
BRONXVILLE HELD ON JANUARY 11, 2010 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, 200 PONDFIELD
ROAD, BRONXVILLE, N.Y.

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PRESENT: Glenn D. Bellitto Trustees
William H. Barton, Jr.
Anne W. Poorman
Robert S. Underhill

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

EXCUSED: Mary C. Marvin Mayor

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WORK SESSION & EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 6:45PM on motion of Trustee Barton and second by Trustee Poorman. In attendance were Trustee Bellitto, Trustee Barton, Trustee Poorman and Trustee Underhill, Village Attorney James Staudt, Village Administrator Harold Porr, and Village Treasurer Robert Fels.

The Trustees reviewed and discussed the agenda for the regular meeting. Bob Fels discussed the 2008/2009 Village audits. There was discussion of a possible challenge to the water rate increases proposed by United Water Company.

At 7:20PM, on motion of Trustee Poorman, second by Trustee Barton, the Trustees entered Executive Session to discuss personnel matters in the Village Court, to seek legal advice on the Kensington Project RFP and to discuss labor negotiations with CSEA and the Library employees.

On motion of Trustee Underhill, second by Trustee Poorman, the Trustees reopened the work session and entered into the public session at 8:00PM.

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Trustee Bellitto called the meeting to order at 8:05PM. He welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2010 and mentioned that Mayor Marvin was out of town and that this was the first meeting she has missed since becoming Mayor back in 2005.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Bellitto said that the Village was saddened by the death of the 15 year old girl that passed away a few days before Christmas.

Trustee Bellitto attended the swearing in of Town of Eastchester officials and reported that there exists an excellent relationship between Eastchester, Tuckahoe and the Village of Bronxville. He said this relationship is very important to sustain so that we are able to work jointly on various projects.

He also attended the inauguration of County Executive Rob Astorino who spoke about streamlining expenses and offering quality essential services.

Police – residents were urged to keep their cars locked and alarms activated. He congratulated Officers Anderson, Dorre and DeYoung on having the highest arrest records for 2009.

Parking – revenues are higher than last year but lower than budget.

Green Committee – the next meeting will be on January 20, 2010 at 7:15PM at Village Hall. The guest speaker will be Paul Miller from New Jersey.

Trustee Underhill reported that the Kensington Road Project Request For Proposal has a February 1, 2010 deadline. Once we receive these proposals, the Trustees will move forward.

Trustee Poorman reported that the Library draws many patrons even though their hours have been cut. She urged residents to check the Library website for a list of events. The cooperation with Womrath's Bookstore has yielded over 100 books.

Chamber of Commerce – Trustee Poorman hoped that the merchants had a successful holiday season. She mentioned that the Chamber guide is going to press and will be available sometime in February.

Trustee Barton thanked the staff of the Department of Public Works for all of their hard work during the recent storms. He wanted to make sure that they know how much they are appreciated.

Finance – Trustee Barton reported that the revenues were above budget and the expenses were below budget.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Trustee Poorman, second by Trustee Barton, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 14, 2008 as drafted.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION – Village Election

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

BE IT RESOLVED the hours for Village Election Day, Tuesday, March 16, 2010 be set from 6:00AM to 9:00PM., and that the polling place shall be Village Hall, 200 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, N.Y.

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Clerk is authorized to contact the County Board of Elections requesting the use of up to four voting machines.

BE IT RESOLVED the Village Clerk is authorized to appoint up to four inspectors each from the Democratic and Republican parties to serve on Election Day.

RESOLUTION – 2009 SCAR Settlement

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

WHEREAS, Small Claims Assessment Review petitions having been filed by each property owner identified on the annexed schedules to this resolution challenging real property tax assessments on the Village's 2009 Final Assessment Roll.

WHEREAS, petitioners' court challenges are now pending in the Supreme Court, Arbitration Division, Westchester County,

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 Assessment Consultant to execute those proceedings marked "Settled" on behalf of the Village and School reducing the assessments to no less than the following amounts:

TYPE	ADDRESS	ORIGINAL AV	REDUCED AV	REDUCTION	REFUND (VILLAGE)	REFUND (SCHOOL)	TOTAL REFUND
Decision	27 Masterton Road	6,047,870	5,350,000	697,870	\$1,864.01	\$ 9,365.42	\$11,229.43
	27 Masterton Road	311,481	120,000	191,481	\$ 511.45	\$ 2,569.68	\$ 3,081.12
				Total	\$2,375.46	\$11,935.09	\$14,310.55

RESOLUTION – IMA to Form a Task Force Aimed at Drug and Alcohol Enforcement

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Bronxville, Town of Eastchester, Town/Village of Scarsdale and Village of Tuckahoe formed a Task Force, commonly known as “B.E.S.T.A.D.E.,” or the “Bronxville Eastchester Scarsdale Tuckahoe Alcohol and Drug Enforcement Task Force,” to provide an inter-municipal effort to reduce drug and alcohol related crime and increase enforcement of related laws; and

WHEREAS, the Village feels that the Task Force has been an effective tool in operations aimed at the enforcement of drug and alcohol laws and that continued participation in the Task Force helps protect the health, safety and welfare of the Village and general public; and

WHEREAS, through the proposed Inter-Municipal Agreement, the Village agrees to continue to commit police officer(s) to the Task Force in order to conduct undercover operations aimed at the enforcement of drug and alcohol related crime, uniformed special enforcement operations and the uninterrupted delivery of police services during unusual occurrences or situations that exceed the resources of any individual Police Department of a member municipality,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Village of Bronxville is authorized to execute the Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town of Eastchester, Town/Village of Scarsdale and Village of Tuckahoe to continue the Village’s participation in B.E.S.T.A.D.E.

RESOLUTION – Amendment contract with Bond, Schoeneck & King for legal services related to Bronxville Library labor relations

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign an amendment to our existing legal services agreement with Bond, Schoeneck & King of Garden City, NY to provide additional labor law services to the Bronxville Library over a two year period at a cost of \$16,500.00 per year.

RESOLUTION – Approving Use of Parking Space – Senior Citizens Council

On motion of Trustee Underhill, second by Trustee Poorman, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees approves the use of a parking space in a Village owned parking lot by the Senior Citizens Council commencing July 1, 2010, as per the attached request.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Thomas Wolff, 230 Pondfield Road, inquired about the parking space for the Senior Citizen’s Council and wanted to know if this was being continued in another form other than having one assigned spot.

Trustee Bellitto replied that the Trustees were looking at different options and would discuss them with the Senior Citizen’s Council.

James Kroulis, Parkway Road, wanted to confirm that the Kensington Road Project Request For Proposal included everything that had would have been required of WCI.

Trustee Underhill responded that the developers received the same information as approved for WCI which included all drawings, approvals, etc. It was extremely thorough.

Mr. Kroulis then asked about affordable housing and if the new administration at the County level has backtracked with regard to requirements.

Village Attorney, James Staudt, responded that the settlement entered into prior to the November election has not changed. It does not require the Village to do anything. It does however encourage the County to encourage municipalities to have certain levels of affordable housing. But, Bronxville is not a party to the settlement. The County is working on the implementation plan. He reiterated that there is absolutely nothing that requires Bronxville to do anything. The County can try and encourage the Village by using grant money but they cannot require affordable housing.

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There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM by motion of Trustee Underhill, second by Trustee Barton.

Harold Porr III
Village Administrator/Village
Clerk