

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE HELD NOVEMBER 14, 2016
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, 200 PONDFIELD ROAD, BRONXVILLE, N.Y.**

PRESENT:	Mary C. Marvin	Mayor
	Guy Longobardo	Trustee
	Randolph Mayer	Trustee
ALSO PRESENT:	James Palmer	Village Administrator
	James Staudt	Village Attorney
EXCUSED:	Robert S. Underhill	Deputy Mayor
	Anne Poorman	Trustee

WORK SESSION & EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:30pm, on a motion by Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Longobardo, the Village Board convened a Work Session. At 6:37pm, on a motion of Trustee Longobardo, seconded by Trustee Mayer, the Village Board entered into Executive Session to discuss an attorney-client matter.

At 7:15pm, on a motion of Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Longobardo, the Village Board re-entered into a Work Session. The Village Board asked the Village Administrator to forward the proposed draft on special permit changes to the Planning Board.

At 8:05pm, Mayor Marvin re-opened the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Marvin shared some details on what she has been working on. In honor of Veterans Day, Mayor Marvin gave a special thank you to our Veterans for serving our country.

Special Presentation – Anna Longobardo

Mayor Marvin thanked Anna Longobardo for her years of service to Bronxville. Mayor Marvin read two messages from Trustee Poorman and Deputy Mayor Underhill who were unable to attend tonight's meeting. Trustee Mayer and Trustee Longobardo each shared some special words with Mrs. Longobardo about her service to Bronxville. Gary Reetz, Planning Board Chair, also shared some kind thoughts about Anna Longobardo.

Mrs. Longobardo thanked everyone for their kind words. Mayor Marvin presented Mrs. Longobardo with a gift.

On motion of Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Longobardo, the Board consented to the following Mayoral appointment:

James Murray has been appointed Vice Chairperson of the Planning Board, effective immediately. This appointment is effective for five years.

On motion of Trustee Longobardo, seconded by Trustee Mayer, the Board consented to the following Mayoral appointment:

Larry Vranka has been appointed member of the Planning Board. This appointment is effective for five years.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Village Administrator, James Palmer, shared some details on what he has been working on. Take Back Day, sponsored by the Bronxville Green Committee, is being held Saturday, November 19. Details are on our website, www.villageofbronxville.com. Also, we are in receipt of some trees from NYPA. If any resident has lost trees in the past, please email me for a replacement at villageadmin@vobny.com

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Trustee Longobardo, seconded by Trustee Mayer, the Board approved the minutes of the following meetings:

- Executive/Work Session of October 11, 2016
- Regular Meeting of October 11, 2016

PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW # 4-2016

At 8:22PM, on motion of Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Longobardo, the Village Board of Trustees opened the public hearing for Local Law 4-2016.

Village Administrator, James Palmer, gave a brief description of this local law.

No further comments.

LOCAL LAW NO. 4 - 2016

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE TRAFFIC AND VEHICLE LAW OF THE VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE, CHAPTER 290, BY ADDING A NEW DESIGNATED NO-PARKING AREA

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bronxville as follows:

Section One. Section 290-28.A.(21) of Chapter 290 of the Code of the Village of Bronxville is hereby revised by adding a new section (w) as follows:

§ 290-28. Parking prohibited in designated locations.

A. The parking of vehicles is hereby prohibited in any of the following locations. Signs prohibiting such parking shall be maintained at appropriate locations within the Village.

(21) Pondfield Road.

(w) On the west side, from the southern curblineline of Gramatan Avenue to the northern curblineline of Normandy Road.

Section Two. If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or other portion of this Local Law is, for any reason, declared invalid, in whole or in part, by any court, agency, commission, legislative body or other authority of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate distinct and independent portion. Such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof, which other portions shall continue in full force and effect.

Section Three. This local law shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and filing with the Secretary of State.

PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW # 5-2016

At 8:25PM, on motion of Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Longobardo, the Village Board of Trustees opened the public hearing for Local Law 5-2016.

Mayor Marvin gave some background and history on this local law.

No further comments.

At 8:27PM, on motion of Trustee Longobardo, seconded by Trustee Mayer, the Village Board of Trustees closed the public hearings for Local Law 4-2016 and Local Law 5-2016.

LOCAL LAW 5 – 2016

A LOCAL LAW TO REVISE THE STREETS AND SIDEWALKS LAW OF THE VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE, CHAPTER 260, REGARDING THE OPERATION OF BICYCLES AND CLEANING OF PUBLIC SIDEWALKS

Section One. Section 260-9 of the Code of the Village of Bronxville is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section Two. Section 260-10.B. is hereby amended by changing its heading to read as follows: “Section 260-10. Coasting, ball playing, skateboarding, skating and bicycling”.

Section Three. Section 260-10.B. is hereby amended by adding thereto a sentence to read as follows: “No person shall ride a bicycle on any business district sidewalk”.

Section Four. Section 260-6 of the Code of the Village of Bronxville is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 260-6. Littering.

A. Generally. No garbage, trash, rubbish, waste or other substance or material shall be thrown, dropped or placed in or upon any street, sidewalk, gutter, catch basin or other public place, or swept into such place.

B. Merchant’s duty to keep sidewalks free of litter. Every person owning or occupying a place of business within the Village shall keep the sidewalk in front of his or her business premises free of litter. Without limitation on the foregoing, every such person shall sweep or cause to be swept any litter on the sidewalk in front of his or her premises at the close of business on each day his or her premises are open for business.

Section Five. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing of the Secretary of State.

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION – Adopting Local Law #4-2016, a Local Law to Revise the Traffic and Vehicle Law of the Village of Bronxville, Chapter 290, by adding a New designated No-Parking Area.

On motion of Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Longobardo, 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 new area in which parking is prohibited along Pondfield Road; and

WHEREAS, having received proposed Local Law # 4 - 2016, the Board is prepared to approve such proposed law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A public hearing on proposed Local Law # 4 - 2016 was held on the 14th of November, 2016 at 8:00pm at Village Hall located at 200 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, NY.
2. The Village Board hereby adopts Local Law #4 - 2016

B. RESOLUTION – Adopting Local Law #5-2016, a Local Law to Revise the Streets and Sidewalks Law of the Village of Bronxville, Chapter 260

On motion of Trustee Longobardo, seconded by Trustee Mayer, 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 Streets and Sidewalks Law of the Village, Chapter 260, by amending 260-6 B. to prohibit merchants from sweeping litter into gutters and by amending 260-9 and 260-10 to prohibit bicycle riding on the sidewalks in the business district;

WHEREAS, having received proposed Local Law # 5 - 2016, the Board is prepared to approve such proposed law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A public hearing on proposed Local Law # 5 - 2016 was held on the 14th of November, 2016 at 8:00pm at Village Hall located at 200 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, NY.
2. The Village Board hereby adopts Local Law #5 – 2016.

C. RESOLUTION - Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Equipment

On motion of Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Longobardo, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

WHEREAS, certain Village vehicles and equipment have been recommended to be declared surplus, or they have exceeded their useful life and purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Village would benefit by selling this vehicle at public auction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby declare the following vehicle as surplus Village property and authorizes the disposal of the following vehicle by public sale:

Year	Make/Model	Unit No.	VIN/Description	Assigned to
2002	Ford Bucket Truck	B22	1FDXF46F82ED66273	DPW

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the disposal of this vehicle is authorized in compliance with the requirements of law, and the Village Administrator and all appropriate officials are authorized to take the actions necessary to dispose.

D. RESOLUTION – Ban the Barges – In Opposition to the U.S. Coast Guard Proposed Rule 2016-0132

On motion of Trustee Longobardo, seconded by Trustee Mayer, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

WHEREAS, the U.S. Coast Guard is considering establishing new anchorage grounds in the Hudson River from Yonkers, NY, to Kingston, NY pursuant to proposed rule 2016-0132; and

WHEREAS, such rule would extend significantly the Hudson River Anchorage Ground adjacent to the City of Yonkers, Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, Village of Dobbs Ferry, and other locations in order to allow for increased shipping and on-river storage activities; and

WHEREAS, numerous identified impacts exist, including the potential for harm to river bottom habitat, harm to protected species, impact on the value of waterfront property, reduction of business activity from tourism, loss of tax revenues, hazards to recreational boaters, the presence of volatile cargo, and the placement of a potential terrorist target adjacent to significant populations; and

WHEREAS, the proposal is in direct conflict with 50 years of significant effort to clean up the Hudson River and restore its natural habitats by all levels of government and numerous regional and community-based organizations; and

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bronxville strongly oppose the adoption of U.S. Coast Guard proposed rule 2016-0132 for the reasons cited above; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, to urge a comprehensive briefing of elected and public safety officials from all affected river communities in Westchester, such briefing to include additional technical details of the proposal, timelines, and the status of the environmental review under NEPA; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congresswoman Nita Lowey, Congressman Eliot Engel, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Secretary of State Rossana Rosado, State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, State Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti, County Executive Robert Astorino, and County Legislator Mary Jane Shimsky.

E. RESOLUTION – Authorizing the Village Administrator to Execute the Service Study with CGR

On motion of Trustee Longobardo, seconded by Trustee Mayer, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

WHEREAS, the Village of Bronxville believes that Bronxville residents may benefit from a study of municipal provided goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Governmental Research Inc. (CGR) has demonstrated expertise in this field;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Administrator and Treasurer to take administrative actions necessary to contract with CGR; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Administrator and Treasurer to pay \$17,000 for these services by transferring funds from General Fund Contingencies to General Fund Administrative Contract Services.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Longobardo commented on weekend construction. If there is a complaint about construction taking place on the weekend, please call the police department to report it at 914-337-0500. The Building Department will be notified so they can follow up.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ellen Epstein, who resides at 247 Parkview Avenue, spoke to the Board about her concerns with the Marbledale Road construction. Ms. Epstein thanked the Board and Mayor Marvin for their support of concerns of area residents.

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There being no further comments, the Board of Trustees adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:45pm by motion of Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Longobardo.

Next Village Board of Trustee's Meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2016 at 8:00pm.



James M. Palmer
Village Administrator/Village Clerk