

VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 27, 2006

A Special Meeting was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, June 27, 2006 at 8:05 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

PRESENT: Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr., Trustee Marjorie Apel, Trustee Peter Swiderski, Trustee Jeremiah Quinlan, Trustee Diggitt McLaughlin, Village Manager Francis A. Fobel, and Village Clerk Susan Maggiotto.

CITIZENS: Two (2).

Mayor Kinnally: Christina Griffin is here to give us an update and an overview of the Boulanger project.

Christina Griffin, Architect: We received the bids on Friday and we are happy that it is likely that the contractor who did Phase 1 will be the contractor for Phase 2. If you add the base bid number to Add Alternate 1 for the decorative pavement along the storefronts and the alleyways, Marquise Construction is the lowest bidder. As soon as we got the bids we met with the property owners to see if they would accept the numbers that we came up with for their properties. To distribute the costs fairly the amounts were pro-rated based on the square footage for each property divided into the total amount of the Add Alternate 1. We have gotten an agreement from all of the property owners. We added in completely upgrading all the drainage because we found out after a camera was put in the drainage system that all the catchbasins are disintegrating.

The project is based on a heavy paver, 2-3/4 inch thick, made for highway traffic. It is a little overboard, but we know we have six-wheeler trucks coming in. It has been designed by Pine Hall Brick, the largest brick manufacturer in the country. We know Unilock works in this area with a very heavy gravel base. This brick has been designed to interlock like Unilock. They go down quickly and are beveled to prevent snow plows from picking it up. It is smooth, but it still has some texture so it is slip-resistant. A lot of thought was put into this brick.

We have another brick that we would like to use for the walls. We were trying to match the worn brick that is on the buildings around Boulanger Plaza. The pavement brick will have a range of color, but the walls and the benches will be mostly red with inserts of granite. The base bid also included a precast concrete coping similar to my original inspiration for the project, St. John's. We had a deduct alternate for bluestone because I was concerned that the precast concrete would be expensive, but the deduct alternate was insignificant, about \$1,500.

We also had an add alternate for granite curbing. The base bid is concrete. There is a common feeling that concrete is much less expensive, but I wanted to price it out because I knew that you have to cast concrete in place so there is labor attached to that. This \$5,000 add alternate is just as I expected. It is not that much more because you just put them in place. The material is more.

This final plan has included the trees that we agreed on at the last meeting. These trees are to be installed by the contractor and supplied by the Village. I have collected a list of trees from Jim Dunn for Dobbs Ferry. He has done a lot of research and feels like he has found the ideal tree that does not push the pavement up and does not grow too quickly and too large. We have the two ticket dispensers as discussed to be supplied by the Village and installed by the contractor. The two handicapped spaces are towards the middle.

I got to know someone who is a relative of Joe Boulanger and I want to put some kind of a memorial to Boulanger. We have a note asking the contractor to install a brass plaque if we are interested and we are able to find a way to do this. It would be lovely to have some 18-inch square piece inserted somewhere on the plaza.

Mayor Kinnally: I have been asked in the past by the family if the Village could once again memorialize the family, the name. This would be a great opportunity. What was deduct alternate 2?

Ms. Griffin: A flat bluestone topping to the walls instead of a precast stone made to look like stone. I was looking for something that had a beveled top, a nice profile to it, which you can get when you precast. I thought it is expensive to do this, so I decided that to be cautious we should explore a deduct alternate. But it is only \$3,100.

Mayor Kinnally: What is deduct alternate 3?

Ms. Griffin: Three is to eliminate the benches and the piers altogether. I had that in there as a way of controlling costs if you decided you needed to do that.

Mayor Kinnally: Is this within budget?

Village Manager Frobel: Financing this has taken a little finesse. You have two capital projects, one for the rebuild of this plaza, and one for retaining walls throughout the Village. It has been our recommendation from the beginning that you take the money spent already on this plaza for the retaining wall and charge that work to retaining walls.

We needed to get approval from the auditors and bond counsel to make certain that that was okay and they have no problem with it. The wall you built in this plaza is, in fact, a retaining wall and it could be appropriately charged to that account. So we have freed up money that would let you do this work with the bond proceeds and some money from the wall retaining account as well as a contribution from the businesses. We will still have a little left over to do some additional wall work, say on Mt. Hope.

Mayor Kinnally: What is the time frame from start to finish of this project?

Ms. Griffin: Three months.

Mayor Kinnally: When will it start?

Ms. Griffin: August 1. That is the date in the bid package.

Mayor Kinnally: This project certainly has gotten better over time. We have had a little trouble with the number of spaces and there is not much we can do with that. But taking a look at the participation of the adjacent property owners and the aesthetics of the project and getting this paving, I think it is everything we had hoped for.

Trustee McLaughlin: Is there room at the entrance to the alley by the hardware store in case we should determine that a third coin installation should go there?

Mayor Kinnally: It is a question of one of those property owners allowing it to be mounted on their wall.

Village Manager Frobel: The one we had on loan was freestanding. None of us were happy with it, so we are going to meet with different vendors. The price does not include the purchase of those items. That is going to be extra.

Trustee Apel: But is there wiring there if we need it? .

Ms. Griffin: We have a lamppost here.

Trustee Apel: So if we need it for the machine, the wiring is there.

Ms. Griffin: I think so.

Trustee Swiderski: But is it an issue of electrical wiring, or is it an issue of other wiring that gets them to talk to each other? If they talk via cabling, you have to lay the cabling ahead of time.

Trustee McLaughlin: Why was I under the impression from our last discussion that wiring ran under that central island and then underneath that brick walkway to the alley?

Ms. Griffin: We discussed it. There is a new lamppost here.

Trustee Apel: But if we need cabling, then it would have to be...

Village Manager Frobel: We will have to put in a conduit.

Ms. Griffin: I wish the decision could be made before they put the pavers down because in addition to the wiring there needs to be a footing for the block of concrete underneath any kind of post or meter and you can cover it.

Trustee Apel: What if we prepared for that, and if we could not afford it or we did not want to spend the money but knew we could if we wanted to, what is the difference in the cost of doing what you are saying? To be prepared in case we want to do that?

Ms. Griffin: We can find out.

Mayor Kinnally: You do not want to put a footing in if you are not going to use it. It would be unsightly.

Ms. Griffin: No, we would bury it under the brick. We would just make sure it is under the brick so that the support can sink through the brick.

Trustee Apel: I am just saying we should know when we are putting the electrical wiring under that path that we have left a big enough tube to slide anything through that, including cable, and it is probably cheaper to put the footing down now.

Ms. Griffin: It is just concrete, inexpensive. You could put it under there and cover it, and have a plan to locate it and even have an empty conduit for future wires, if you like. But we would have to go to the contractor to find out what the cost is. It would be probably worth it if you would like to plan for that.

Mayor Kinnally: Does anybody have any comments or qualifications for the project as outlined by Christina at the present time?

Trustee Apel: No, it is great. I look forward to finally bringing this to fruition and we can see it. It has been a long process, and thank you.

Trustee Swiderski: Perhaps we can provide samples of the brick to the developers up Main Street, so they can match it if they are using brick. Other than that, great. Go to it.

Ms. Griffin: Absolutely. It would be nice if we could have the theme of red brick throughout the Village. I feel confident after all the time we have put into this that we have a brick that will last.

Trustee McLaughlin: Since I spend my workday across the street from that parking lot, I have to say how delighted I am that it is going to look like we envision it. It will be such an addition to the downtown area to have a place that is that attractive.

Mayor Kinnally: I agree. If the wall is any indication, we are in for a treat. This is great.

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Swiderski the following Resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

WHEREAS: a request for bids for Renovations to Boulanger Parking Lot and Plaza was advertised as required; and

WHEREAS: bids were opened at the Municipal Building on June 23, 2006; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees award the bid for Renovations to Boulanger Parking Lot and Plaza to Marquise Construction Corp., 10 St. Charles Street, Thornwood, New York 10594 as follows:

Base bid	\$371,900
Add alternate 1	\$ 63,590
Add alternate 2	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
	\$440,490

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYE

NAY

Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Peter Swiderski	X	
Trustee Jeremiah Quinlan	X	
Trustee Diggitt McLaughlin	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

57:06 GRANT AWARD ACCEPTANCE - NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

Village Manager Frobel: The Chief approached Senator Spano for a grant for this livescan, a fingerprint ID process. It removes some human error and makes it easier to have a positive ID. Now we do it the old-fashioned way with ink and a pad. They take that fingerprint over the Town of Greenburgh. They have a special fax machine that can transfer it to a police agency that can do a positive ID. It takes a lot of time. We would have had to buy this some day in the future had we not received this grant. It is a terrific piece of technology. We have to come up with a little cash towards it but we will find the money in the operating budget.

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee McLaughlin the following Resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees authorize the Village Manager to sign the grant contract from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$34,000.00 to support the purchase of a livescan and a mug ID system.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Peter Swiderski	X	
Trustee Jeremiah Quinlan	X	
Trustee Diggitt McLaughlin	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

58:06 GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION - NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Village Manager Frobel: This is a grant program that the county is offering cities and towns to apply for. We think we have a unique program. We are taking some money from a private contractor, taking part of a county project that is already in their plans for construction, and the grant itself, which would be \$300,000, for a total project of about \$520,000. What we like about it is it takes the work that the contractor is looking to do with the proposed pedestrian bridge, adds into it the creation of a parking lot of about 12 cars, which would also make available parking for users of the South County Trailway, and would dust off an old, existing trestle bridge that is already out there. It would need some improvement, but then bring a path to the existing trail.

Besides that, the hope is to create about a 500-foot path from that newly-created parking lot to Ravensdale Bridge. You heard briefly that there are some planned improvements for that bridge in the near future. So you have really taken several different entities, used some various funding mechanisms to put together what we think is a pretty attractive proposal. Naturally, the competition will be tough, but we are hopeful that they will see fit to fund this.

Trustee Apel: Who is supposed to maintain those paths, bridges, and whatever?

Village Manager Frobel: I do not know who would assume ownership when it is complete. Sometimes there is an agreement with the county or the state may that the responsibility would fall on our shoulders. The maintenance initially would be minimal, but it is something you should be aware of.

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Quinlan the following Resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees authorize the Village Manager to submit a grant application to the New York State Department of Transportation's Transportation Enhancement Program in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the Ravensdale-Saw Mill-South County Trail Bicycle and Pedestrian Links Project, and to sign any related required documents.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Peter Swiderski	X	
Trustee Jeremiah Quinlan	X	
Trustee Diggitt McLaughlin	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Swiderski with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Kinnally adjourned the Special Meeting at 8:45 p.m.